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Vespers ~ December 24 ~ *Angel Voices*

Preludes 4:30pm; Celebration of Life begins at 5:00pm

The Christmas stories are filled with accounts of encounters with messengers and messages. What do we hear? How do we respond? The choir, organ, strings, and trumpets will provide some of the heavenly music, including selections from Handel's *Messiah* and Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. Join us, and experience the transcendent. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman; William Plummer**, Music Director; **Phillip Morgan**, Organist; Choir, and member and guest instrumentalists.



Yuletide Fare, Saturday, Dec. 8
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Luncheon served 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come and do your Christmas shopping at the Yuletide Fare: holiday jams, breads, candies, cookies, handmade crafts, and much more, all at First Church! Be sure to tell your friends, family, and co-workers about this fun and festive event, which is an important fund-raiser for our church's many programs.

Once again the Fare's elegant luncheon will include Tomato-Basil Tart, West Indian Pumpkin Soup, and Green Salad with Pears and Pine Nuts, plus beverage, for \$8.00.

Remember: This year we will NOT mark down prices the day after the Fare! And, we've adjusted our quantities and product mix, aiming to sell out of nearly everything. To be sure you get the items you want, come to the Fare on December 8!

To help with cooking, sales, setup, or cleanup, sign up in the social hall after the Celebration of Life or contact **Tiffany Taylor**, xxxxx.xxx@xxxx.xxx or xxx-xxxx. Be part of this wonderful event!

Love is the spirit of this church...

From Your Interim Minister

Isn't Unitarian Universalism wonderful? Don't you wish it were a larger faith? Would not the world be better off if the core values expressed in its principles were diffused more widely? If more people acknowledged (as we do in our six named sources) an openness to revelation, respect for diverse traditions, the value of reason and science, and faith in the transforming power of love?

In my few years as a UU minister, I have met a number of people who were excited (and truth be told, almost miffed) to discover that a religion which they felt they had invented, already existed. They just had not heard our Good News.

This is not new. Norbert Capek, the extraordinary Czech minister who created the Flower Communion ritual, came to the United States during the time of the First World War, and discovered that the religious movement he was seeking to create already existed in the form of American Unitarianism. By 1921, he was seeking support from the American Unitarian Association, as he sought to bring Unitarianism to Czechoslovakia.

Until recently, Unitarianism and Universalism have existed primarily in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, and Transylvania. But thanks to the Internet and other forms of global communication, our Good News is spreading. In Latin America, Asia, and especially Africa, people are discovering that there already is a religious movement offering hope rather than damnation, love rather than fear, respect for the inherent worth and dignity of each person, and a commitment to a free search for truth and meaning.

The International Council of Unitarians and Universalism plans for an Africa Leadership Training Conference this coming February. Groups from Burundi, Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, Congo, Uganda and Tanzania are very

interested in participating.

Your fellow Heartland District congregations are holding special collections to help fund this Conference. Your Mission and Outreach Ministry Team agreed this initiative is important. So, proceeds from the collection at Vespers will be donated in support of this Conference. In this season that celebrates new light and new life, First Unitarian Church will be helping to birth new Unitarian congregations, bringing the light of our religious movement to places in the world where it is needed most.

Wishing you the blessings of the Season: Joy, Peace, and Love,

Betsy

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.

Search Committee



by **Doug Taylor**

The Search Committee has been working on many tasks this fall. Our Congregational Record was put online for ministerial candidates in search by November 1. The record is a document that has both some general and specific information about the church. Some sections include a brief description of the Louisville area, our church, congregational life and issues. Ministers can log on and read over this description of our church. If they are interested in more conversation they will reach out to us.

A second item was our “Beyond Categorical Thinking” Workshop. It was facilitated by two UUA trained facilitators. We had a good-sized group attend the workshop. The major areas of discussion focused on issues and perceptions related to race, disability, and sexual orientation. We had a lot of conversation and reality testing by the facilitators. I walk away with confidence in our collective ability to discuss concerns around these issues respectfully and listen fully to each other.

A third item, our congregational survey, has been tabulated by Ralph Moss and will be analyzed and shared with the congregation. We hosted a survey preview during the November 14 Chalice Night. We had a very respectable level of congregational participation. The survey will be included in the Congregational Packet.

Fourth, our Congregational Packet is being collated by Kay Woodworth and published by **Holly Hogue**. We have studied several other church packets for layout ideas. Kit Willihnganz is currently working on a video for inclusion in the packet. You may have seen her father filming segments at our church over the last month. The packet is to be ready by the first of December.

Search committee members include: **Jane Martin Buckley, Ralph Moss, Jill Sampson, Doug Taylor, Kathy Thackeray, Kit Willihnganz, Kay Woodworth**. Please reach out and contact us if you have any questions or comments for the Search Committee.

Remember Vespers When You Bake!

As sure as Christmas is coming - have you been in a store recently? - can our Christmas Eve tradition of Vespers be far behind? One of the many shared moments and memories of Vespers is the heartfelt offering of baked goods to be shared after the service.



Your contribution can be left in the kitchen in the days before the 24th or delivered before the festivities begin. Because of allergies, please include a note as to whether your offering includes nuts.

And speaking of nuts, if you would like to be a Vesper Facilitator, please contact **David Runge** at xxx-xxxx.

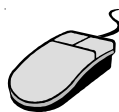
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Reviews

Congratulations to our newest group of OWL graduates! **Sean xxxxx**, **Nan xxxxx**, **Sophia xxxxxx**, **Jack xxxxxxx**, **Lydia xxxxxx**, **Jeremiah xxxxx**, and two friends from Clifton Unitarian Church, **Lilia xxxxx** and **Sarah xxxxx**, have just completed the 4th/5th Grade level of the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program. The eight-session curriculum is designed to help children gain age-appropriate and accurate information, life principles, and skills they need to “express their sexuality in [healthy and] life-enhancing ways” (Introduction, Our Whole Lives for Grades 4-6). In all of our OWL offerings for children and youth, we also reinforce a central principle of the OWL program -- that parents are their children’s primary sexuality educators. While children are getting excellent information in their actual OWL sessions, the parent-child conversations that take place beyond the classroom are just as important.

Special thanks to our 4th - 5th Grade OWL leaders, **Carol Uebelhoer** and **John Grossman**. Both have shown an extraordinary commitment to the OWL program and both were instrumental in bringing the 4th/5th Grade level of OWL to our congregation. Carol has taught the program at this age level all four times we have offered it (in addition to teaching OWL at the adult and senior high levels), and John has taught it all but once. Luckily for our younger children, both have made an ongoing commitment to our OWL program and are interested in continuing their teaching partnership.

Last week, I had the opportunity to talk about the OWL program while serving as a panelist at the KRCRC (KY Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice) sexuality education conference. Among the others on the panel, the OWL program was both well-known and well-re-

spected. The conference’s keynote speaker and author of Faith Matters: Teenagers, Religion, and Sexuality, Rev. Steve Clapp, described the Our Whole Lives program as “the Cadillac of all sexuality education programs.” Bani Hines Hudson, a community development specialist and sexuality educator, acknowledged the OWL program as the most comprehensive and bias-free sexuality education program available, and she commended First Unitarian Church for its commitment to offering these programs on a consistent basis. Many of the conference attendees were ministers looking at ways to begin bringing sexuality education programs into congregational life. Panelist Courtney Renee Avery, Midwest Regional Coordinator for the National Black Church Initiative, held up our congregation as the endpoint in sexuality education that many other congregations are striving to reach. It was discouraging at times to hear of the obstacles that other congregations face in addressing issues of sexuality, but it was also good to be reminded of the value of what we are able to do here.

Recognizing the sexuality education is a life-long process and that different stages in the life-span are associated with different questions, concerns, and ideas about sexuality, the First U R.E. Ministry has made a commitment to offering all five age levels of the OWL program on a rotating basis. Coming up in January and February, we will be offering the **Senior High OWL** program with adult leaders **Kyle Ellison**, **Seana Golder**, **Stan Mudd**, **Carol Uebelhoer** and TJ’s **Deb McChane**.

Session dates:

- ✓ January 16: Parent Orientation 7:00 - 8:30
- ✓ January 19: Session One for Senior High and Parent Session Two

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R.E. Announcements

- ✓ January 26, February 9 : Sessions Two and Three for Senior High
- ✓ February 24 (a Sunday) Session Four for Senior High and Youth/Parent Celebration Exact session times are still being negotiated, but will be late afternoons and evenings.

Thanks and congratulations to all our OWL families, OWL leaders, the R.E. Ministry, and our congregation for supporting Our Whole Lives programming. OWL is yet another gift that this congregation shares with its young people.

Peace,

Lisa

Lisa Willner

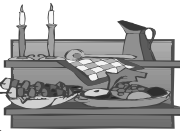
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Circle Suppers Are Back!

On the fourth Sunday in January, February, March and April we plan to have Circle Suppers. If you would like to meet fellow UUs in a small group (8) and share a meal, please sign up before



December 23. You will be asked to host one of the four months and bring a contribution to the meal on the others. If you are unable to host, sign up to be an alternate when one of the regular participants cannot make it. For further details, see **Penny Nader** after church or e-mail xxxxxx@xxx.xxx.

- The monthly **R.E. Ministry meeting** will be on Monday, December 3, 7:15 - 9:15. The December YAC “virtual” meeting will take place by e-mail.
- **Choir for All Ages** continues to rehearse on Sunday mornings, 9:45 - 10:45 through December 16.
- Our Annual **Religious Education Holiday Celebration of Life will be Sunday, December 16**. All children and youth, kindergarten and older, please arrive promptly by 9:30 that morning. Preschool parents, please check with your child’s R.E. teacher for instructions about arrival time. Through December 16, all classes will be working on preparations for the holiday service - please plan to attend R.E. classes regularly so that every child and youth can have a role in that service.
- **No first hour or regular R.E. classes** for children and youth on **December 23**. **Barbara Schweickart** will host “Alternate R.E. Activities” in the Open Classroom for children of all ages, 10:55- 12:00. No children or youth R.E. programs on **December 30** - enjoy a brief R.E. winter break!
- For our **December R.E. Social Action project**, we will be collecting stocking stuffers for adult in-patients at Central State Hospital. Each year we hear that if it were not for the generosity of our congregation, many patients would receive no holiday presents. Items especially appreciated: small games, decks of cards, small beanbag animals, inexpensive wrist-watches, gloves, mittens, warm socks and slippers, individually wrapped candies (regular and sugar-free), small craft or stationery items, activity and puzzle books.
- Senior High OWL is coming up! See the REviews column for more information.

Just Say "Yes" to Support First U

by **Claudia Runge**, Canvass Director



The gears are already turning for the 2008-09 Every Member Canvass!

The canvass team is in place: **Rose Stevens & Rita Sasse**, Captain(s) of Captains; **Trish Packowski**, Special Event Coordinator; **Holly Hogue**, Publicity Coordinator; and **Claudia Runge**, Canvass Director. Dates have been set: Fellowship Dinner, March 8 and Pledge Sunday, March 9. And best of all, nine people have already agreed to serve as canvass captains this year.

Now it's time for you to say "yes" when you are approached about filling a role during canvass. If you're asked to serve as a canvasser, an actor in a skit, a pledge "testimonial" speaker during church service, or a table setter upper, please remember that it takes all of us to say "yes" and ensure that these important tasks are accomplished. We depend on many people taking part in this effort so as not to shift too big a burden onto a few.

The canvass provides all of us with an opportunity to show our giving spirits and to support our religious home. Don't miss it!

Order Your Poinsettias for Vespers!

It's that time of year again to start thinking about ordering poinsettias for our annual Vespers service. Order forms will be in the volunteer area or can be mailed to church. If writing a check, please make it out to First Unitarian Church with word "Poinsettia" in the memo line. If you have any questions, please call **Barbara Coles** at xxx-xxx-xxxx or e-mail xxxxxx@xxx.xxx.



by **Brian Daly**, President, Board of Trustees

The process continues and more changes in the Church structure are occurring. Here are the latest steps:

- The Member Development Director is now open for applicants. It is a 25 hours per week position and includes member ministry functions, childcare coordination, and other duties as assigned by the minister. This position was approved by the Congregation at our June meeting.
- A new Church Administrator position is also open. It will include more of the administrative functions including maintaining the Church technology. The current office manager position is being replaced and Cathy Kaiser is eligible for this new administrative position.
- In line with Church policy, both positions give a hiring preference to external applicants (non-First U members). Descriptions are posted on our website (www.firstulou.org).
- A "Right Relations" process with the Rev. Barbara Child is scheduled for January 19 and a workshop is scheduled for February 2. This will be an interesting event as we strive to resolve conflicts. Members will be asked to attend a 45 minute meeting with Rev. Child.
- The new Ministry Council has been meeting and the five ministries are getting well-organized. Reports are that essential Church tasks are being done more effectively and the number of meetings has been reduced.
- The new Board structure (a reduced number of members) is working well and the Board has adopted a new Board Covenant.
- A Reorganization Evaluation Team is collecting data and helping tweak the process.
It is an interesting time at First Unitarian.

Wreath-Making Workshop Planned

The Partner Church group is having its annual Wreath-Making Workshop on **Sunday, December 2, from 12:30-2:30** in the social hall. Cost is \$17.00 to be paid at door. We will provide greenery, form, bows, music and refreshment to all. So come and join the fun and make a beautiful wreath.



If you should have any greenery with berries to spare or donate to the event, could you please drop them off at the church by December 1 or call **Carol Findling** to make arrangements? Her number is xxx-xxx-xxxx or e-mail to xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.

UUCF: The UU Christian Fellowship will meet December 14 from 6-7:30pm. Topic: Personally meaningful Bible verses. Call **Geneva Fry** at xxx-xxxx or e-mail her at xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.

Interweave



➔ Monday, December 10 -- Polyamory and Religion. An update on recent events. Diverse viewpoints are welcome. Contact Jasmine, xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx, to arrange childcare or request a topic. 6:30pm

➔ The Friday, December 21, Interweave Holiday party has been cancelled.

For more information, or questions about Interweave, please contact **Jo Ann Dale** at xxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx or **Angela Klueber** at xxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.

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/.

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

- **Dec 2 -- *Stories of Our Own Theological Diversity***. What gives us strength in the dark? **Jasmine Walston**, facilitator.
- **Dec 9 -- *Harry and the Hero’s Journey***. Why do millions want to take the journey with him? Bring books and other Harry Potter items. **Nancy MacPherson**, leader.
- **Dec 16 -- *Worship: How Do We Celebrate?*** Openness, interdependence, and the “Risky Venture of Worship.” Chapter 6, Engaging Our Theological Diversity.
- **Dec 23 -- *Stories of Our Own Celebrations***. These are a few of our favorite things. **Janice Molnar**, facilitator.
- **Dec 30 -- *Reflections and Resolutions***. Stories of your year; wishes for the next. Janice Molnar, facilitator.

Curricula meeting to be arranged. For more information or to suggest a program, contact Lisa Willner at 585-5110 or Jasmine Walston at xxx-xxxx.



Chalice Night

from **Holly Hogue**

December's Chalice Night schedule is full of fun and merriment! The delicious meal begins at 5:30pm (cost \$4 full; \$2 half; and free for children under 10). Chalice Night provides opportunities for spiritual, theological and intellectual growth as well as community building and social action. Child care is provided from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

➡ On **December 5** the menu is: baked spaghetti; garlic toast; tossed salad; and spice cake. We have a new program: Jammin' with **Malcolm Turner**. Bring your instruments, voices and/or ears as we celebrate and prepare for the Yuletide Fare. Partner Church - making Christmas cards with **Carol Findling**. Or bring your sewing, knitting, or crafts with you for Those Liberal Sew and Sews. All three programs will be in the social hall so that nobody misses out on the fun. Also on the 5th, the interactive book review (*Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*) continues with **Penny Nader**.

➡ The menu for **December 12** is: taco soup; corn bread; broccoli and red pepper salad; and brownies. We have another new program: Family Fun for Everyone - Join **Rita Sasse** and play Mexican Train Dominoes. In the Adult RE Series, "American HerStory: Reading Women into the American Story," with **Kathie Johnson**, December's book is *Masquerade: The Life and Times of Deborah Sampson, Continental Soldier* by Alfred Young. And CUUPs is teaching a Yule Class.



Social Responsibility

Environmental Tidbits

✓ Compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFL) contain trace amounts of mercury, so these bulbs should not be disposed of in your regular trash. They are long lasting, energy saving lightbulbs, but when they cease working, please return them to the Outreach Ministry. We will give them to **Rose Stevens**, who has graciously offered to see they are "detoxed" safely.

✓ Environmental Defense assures us that CFLs may actually lessen overall mercury in the atmosphere. "Because the bulbs use 75% less energy, the bulbs reduce the mercury released by coal-fueled power plants."

✓ Remember to use your Kroger card when purchasing your Thanksgiving Day food items. If you already have a card, refill it so the church receives the benefit of your purchases. If you don't have a card, we sell them at the Fair Trade table after church. The cost is \$20.00, and the card will pay for your first \$20.00 worth of groceries. Refill the card as needed, and the church receives a percentage of what you purchase.

Brownbaggers

**Meeting Monday, 17 December 2007
at 12 Noon at church**

Harken! All you Christmas Christians! (That's what Bill Mcglathlin used to call us.)

Christmas stirs up many wonderful memories for us; especially those way back when we were young and unsophisticated enough to relax and enjoy it without worrisome questions. So, meet with us, and tell us about YOUR Christmas(es). There were parties, snow, BigLittle books, meals, candies, bikes, sleds, carolling, games, snowmen. Of course, you can think of many more memories.

Come and share one or two with us, your critical Brownbaggers - from 4 to 6 minutes each.

Just among ourselves...

Doug, Tiffany, Chloe, and Will Taylor invite all their First Church friends to join them for their annual Holiday Open House! **Sunday, Dec. 16**, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come share cookies, warm cider, and friendly conversation in a festive atmosphere. xxxx xxxxxx Drive, New Albany. Directions:xxxxxxx, or call xxx-xxxx.



On **Saturday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.**, come enjoy a Celtic Christmas concert at church! Welcome in the holiday season with festive music performed by three Louisville bands:

- GUILDEROY BYRNE, with First Church member **Tiffany Taylor**
- NORA, BEN, ELI, and MEAGHAN, with First Church youth **Nora xxxxxxx** and **Ben xxxxxx**
- MY DARLING ASLEEP, with Thomas Jefferson UU Church member **Henry Austin**

Advance tickets: \$12.00, \$6.00 students. At the door: \$14.00, \$7.00. Buy tickets online at www.guilderoobyne.com, call xxx-xxx-xxxx, or see Tiffany Taylor at church.



Carol and Fred Lehman invite fellow UUs to check out an Elderhostel program on Thomas Merton to be held here in Louisville in February. The cost is less for Louisville folks since lodging won't be necessary. Go to this link to learn more: <http://www.elderhostel.org/programs/programdetail.asp?RowId=1%2BLY%2B1059&DateId=>

Join **Uwe & Kathy Eickmann** and **Kenton Atwood** at their home on xxxx xxxxxx Dr. in New Albany to celebrate a Japanese Bonenkai (forget the year party) on **Saturday, December 29**. Come anytime between 5 and 9 p.m., see the Christmas tree with real candles and toast the approaching year. Call xxx-xxxx if you need directions.



We are sad to report that **John Merklein**, a former member of First U, died recently. His wife, **Gert Merlein**, can be reached at xxxx xxxxxx xxxxx, Apt. xxx, xxxxxx, xx xxxxx. (xxx) xxx-xxxx. There will probably be a service here in the spring.

A Note of Appreciation

Many, many thanks to you who have either visited, sent cards, done favors for me, or even kept me in your thoughts, since March when I made this year's first emergency room trip to the hospital.

I can't begin to recall the sequence of events entirely, as I was moved from here and yon to still more places. Too many drugs; too many doctors! Yet, the members of this congregation managed to keep up with my transfers pretty well... and they followed me in their various ways.

I am fortunate that my daughter Robin has been with me for some time now; she's an enormous help. It will be difficult for me to see her go home to Los Angeles, whenever that may be.

I seem to be doing a bit better now after about a month at home; I just hope the progress will continue. The people with Hospice are also a great help. Meanwhile, I do miss and thank you folks there at First UU. You're the best!

Love to all, Mike Watkins

Building Use Calendar for January

Sat., Dec. 1

9am Yuletide Fare prep
7:30pm *Guilderooy Byrne concert

Sun. Dec. 2

9am Search Cmte
9:30am SMART
9:45am Choir for All Ages
10:55am RE
10:55am Celebration of Life
12:30pm Wreath Making
12:30pm Yuletide Fare prep
1pm Youth

Mon. Dec. 3

6pm Yuletide Fare prep
6pm Congregational Services
7:15pm RE Ministry

Tues. Dec. 4

6pm Yuletide Fare prep

Wed. Dec. 5

2:30pm Village Play Group
5:30pm Chalice Night
6pm Yuletide Fare prep

Thurs. Dec. 6

5:30pm Worship Cmte
6pm Yuletide Fare prep
7:15pm Choir

Fri., Dec. 7

8am Yuletide Fare prep
3pm *Private event
7pm Drum Circle

Sat., Dec. 8

Yuletide Fare

Sun. Dec. 9

9am Search Cmte
9:30am SMART
9:45am Choir for All Ages
10:55am RE
10:55am Celebration of Life
1pm Youth
5pm * Private event

Mon. Dec. 10

6pm Book Club
6:30pm Interweave

Tues. Dec. 11

6pm Board of Trustees

Wed. Dec. 12

2:30pm Village Play Group
5:30pm Chalice Night

Thurs. Dec. 13

5:30pm Personnel Cmte
7:15pm Choir

Fri. Dec. 14

12pm *Steepletalk* deadline
6pm UUCF

Sat. Dec. 15

9am House & Grounds
9am RE Holiday Service prep
6:30pm *Private event
8pm *Private event

Sun. Dec. 16

NO R.E. Classes
9am Search Cmte
9:30am SMART
9:45am Choir for All Ages
10:55am CoL - RE Holiday Service

1pm Youth

Mon. Dec. 17

12noon Brownbaggers

Tues. Dec. 18

7pm Finance Cmte

Wed. Dec. 19

2:30pm Village Play Group
5:30pm Book Review Potluck

Thurs. Dec. 20

7:15pm Choir

Sun. Dec. 23

NO R.E. Classes

9am Search Cmte
9:30am SMART
10:55am Celebration of Life
1pm Youth
5:30pm CUUPs

Mon. Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE - OFFICE CLOSED

4:30pm Preludes for Vespers

5pm Vespers Service

Tues. Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Wed. Dec. 26

2:30pm Village Play Group

Thurs. Dec. 27

7:15pm Choir

Sun. Dec. 30

NO RE or YOUTH -- WINTER BREAK

9am Search Cmte

9:30am SMART

10:55am Celebration of Life

*Denotes outside group or activity not officially affiliated with First Unitarian.



~Steepletalk Deadline Change~

Please note that the deadline Friday for *Steepletalk* will be moved forward a week in December as follows:

December 14 - Deadline for Jan. edition

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

December 2 *Kwanzaa.* John Chenault from the UofL Libraries will speak. River City Drum Corps will play.

December 9 *A Long Way from Home.* What do we do, when we feel like a motherless child? When we feel we have no friend? When we feel we are almost gone? When we feel a long way from home? The subject of this Celebration of Life is living with depression. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

December 23 *Gifts of the Dark.* Do we fear darkness? Despise it? Avoid it? Ignore it? Conquer it? Is light better than dark? In this, the darkest time of the year, we'll look at the gifts of the season. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

December 16 *Winter Rituals.* Our Annual R.E. Holiday Celebration of Life will feature presentations by each of our children and youth R.E. classes, and special music by the Choir for All Ages and several young musicians.

December 30 *Make a Joyful Noise.* Come sing your favorite hymns to the accompaniment of our own **Bernie Schweickart**, who is prepared to take requests.