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*Join the First Unitarian Church
and the UU Partner Church Council
for an
Intergenerational, International
Potluck Party and Dance*

February 22, 2008 at First Unitarian Church

Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm ~ Please bring a labeled dish from any UU country. (ICUU countries: Finland, Denmark, Britain, France, Poland, Japan, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Czech Republic, Italy, Ireland, Congo, Nigeria, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Bolivia, Canada, United States)



6:30 ~ International Chalice Lighting



7:00 ~ Video and Introductions of special UUPCC guests.



7:30 ~ International Folk Dancing with **Rose and David Stevens**

All Evening ~ Games and artifacts from UUs from all over the world

**Building Our Future:
Creating a Covenant--Second Phase
Saturday, February 2 ~ 9:30am to 2:30pm**

Our consultant, the **Rev. Barbara Child**, returns to assist us in developing covenants around right relationship. Lunch will be served. More details will follow shortly. If at all possible, please plan to come for the entire time. Spending the time now will pay off huge dividends, in First's future, building confidence, trust, fruitful communication, and zest.

Love is the spirit of this church...

From Your Interim Minister

“I’m cranky,” my friend reported. She is a Presbyterian minister; we met in chaplaincy training. “I’m tired of dealing with all the stuff of church—budgets and personnel and meetings. I love God, I love people, but I don’t know that I love Church. Where is the Holy?”

By any measure, my friend has been (I remind her) incredibly successful. Membership has grown by 50% or so, in her four years there; pledges have nearly doubled. Still, what she says is: “There’s such a gap between what I preach—you know, love, and hope, and joy, and compassion—and who I am—this cranky, grouchy person, who always feels not good enough, not patient enough, not kind enough, not loving enough.”

“That’s OK,” I tell her. “Even Jesus got cranky, and tired, and frustrated. Why, even I have my moments.”

I don’t know why so many of us are shocked, SHOCKED!, to discover that churches—and the folks in them, including the staff—are imperfect. They, are not always at their best. Church life, like the rest of life, can be messy and exhausting and wearing.

We lose sight that the Holy may be found not just in those moments of transcendent ecstasy, but in the work of doing dishes, and paying bills, and taking out the garbage. The poet Marge Piercy writes, *The work of the world is common as mud*. Which reminds me, that the second chapter of Genesis tells a story of humankind being created from earth. The Gospel of John tells a story of Jesus healing a blind man’s blindness with a mud paste made from the dirt and Jesus’s spit. Cosmologists tell us that our planets are created from cosmic dust.

In another poem, Marge Piercy urges, *Keep tangling and interweaving...Live as if you like yourself, and it may happen. Reach out, keep*

reaching out, keep bringing in...For every gardener knows that after the digging, after the planting, after the long season of tending and growth, the harvest comes.

As imperfect as we are, there are times that we say the right thing—or something close enough. There are moments when we have the wisdom to keep silent—or nearly so. Out of the dust and the mud and the spit, come life and healing and good.

Blessings,

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.

Canvass Corner

The Giving Church: Generous Hearts, Committed Lives

SAVE THE DATE! Members and friends of First Unitarian are invited to join our *Fellowship Dinner*, which serves as our Pledge Drive Kickoff Extravaganza. You will receive an invitation in the mail for dinner and entertainment on

Saturday, March 8, 7:00 pm, at First Unitarian Church
Doors will open at 6:15 with wine available for donation.

Once again, we'll cover the tables in linen, enjoy a buffet full of food, and settle in for some good old fashioned entertainment. Be sure to **turn in your RSVP card** to the office by **Thursday, February 28**, so we can reserve your spot at the table. There will be a box in the volunteer area where you can drop your RSVP card. We need everyone's card returned even if you are unable to attend to ensure we have an accurate count.

Please mark your calendar to join us for an evening of community, fun, and sustenance!

2008 Canvass: Everything You Need to Know but Didn't Know How to Ask

from **Claudia Runge**, Canvass Director

On **Sunday, March 9**, the every member canvass begins. Prior to the March 9 service your canvasser will contact you by phone to remind you of the service and to make plans for a canvass visit. Please be your most gracious and cooperative self to help your canvasser complete the tasks that s/he has volunteered to do.

Here's the timeline and what you can expect:

- In mid-February receive by mail a canvass letter and invitation to the Fellowship Dinner.
- Before February 28, receive a phone call from a host, who will personally invite you to attend the Fellowship Dinner and ask you to RSVP for seating as well as for child care, if needed. There will be no canvassing or soliciting of pledges at this event. It is purely for fun and fellowship.
- By March 7, receive a phone call from your canvasser, who will remind you about Canvass Kickoff Sunday and ask you to determine when you will make plans for a face-to-face visit from your canvasser so s/he can receive your pledge

to support the church.

- **Between March 9 and March 30**, meet with your canvasser to make your pledge, sign the pledge card, and receive an updated church directory.
- Before July 1, finish paying the pledge that you made for 2007-08.
- Starting July 1, adjust your personal budget to accommodate the pledge commitment that you made to support First Unitarian during the 2008-09 church year that begins July 1.

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REviews

First Unitarian Church's R.E. Ministry is involved in several special events in February. Our Senior High Youth Group, in partnership with local musician Cari Norris, will sponsor a benefit concert to raise funds and awareness to stop the practice of mountaintop removal. Please tell your friends about this exciting event! For more information, contact **Lisa Willner**, **Kathy Gapsis**, and **Roger Ohlman**.

I Love the Mountains Benefit Concert to Be Held February 2

On Saturday, February 2, the Senior High Youth Group and Mission and Outreach Ministry of First Unitarian Church, along with local musician Cari Norris present the "I Love the Mountains Benefit Concert."

The concert will raise funds to increase awareness around the issue of mountaintop removal in Eastern Kentucky. All proceeds will be donated to Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC), a social justice and environmental lobbying group. At the event, you can also learn more about "I Love the Mountains" Lobby Day in Frankfort on February 14.

The program will feature:

- Renowned Kentucky author **Wendell Berry**
- **The Reel World String Band**, traditional and old-time music with a touch of country, swing, blues, and jazz;
- **Rich Kirby and the Po Folks**, old-time string band from Whitesburg, KY;
- **Randy Wilson**, storyteller, musician and activist from Leslie County, KY;
- **Cari Norris**, local artist whose music stems from the traditions of her grandmother, the late Lily May Ledford
- **Nora Ben & Eli**, local teen trio who play

an eclectic mix of jazz, Celtic, Appalachian, old-time, and original tunes.

The concert will be held at First Unitarian Church, 809 S. Fourth St. (Louisville) on Saturday, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.

There is no charge for admission, but donations are gratefully accepted. Suggested donation: \$15.

Also in February, to honor Partner Church month, the R.E. Ministry will co-host two special events with the Partner Church Council. The first will be an International Potluck and Dance Celebration on February 22. (See page 1.) And there will be a special Sunday morning Partner Church Workshop for all ages on February.

Friends and Partners Around the World

February 24, 9:45 – 10:45 ~ Open Classroom

A workshop for children and youth of all ages, parents, R.E. teachers, future R.E. teachers, and all interested others

Minister of Religious Education **Ruth Gibson** will lead this Religious Education/Partner Church Workshop. The Rev. Gibson is a member of the UU Partner Church Council Board and has been very involved with two Partner Churches in Romania. Serving as chaplain, she recently accompanied a Partner Church Pilgrimage to the Kashi Hills UU Churches in India.

She has also developed and implemented numerous international R.E. curriculum resources. In this special workshop, Rev. Gibson will model a learning session in which students participate in a variety of activities about global partners. She will also provide teacher materials and resources for future lessons.

Finally, our Youth Adult Committee will sponsor the **Heartland UU District's Leadership Development Conference** for senior high youth, to be held at First Unitarian Church **February 15 – 17**. Volunteers for "Night Watch" and help with meals are needed and will be much appreciated. To volunteer or for more information, contact **Rhonda Green-Barron** at XXXXXXXX@XXXXXX.XXX.

I look forward to celebrating and learning with you throughout this month!

Peace, *Lisa*

Lisa Willner

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Endowment Reminder

I don't believe in an afterlife, although I am bringing a change of underwear.

Woody Allen

Help First Unitarian in your afterlife by remembering the Church in your will.

Call **Joe Kremer**, Chair, Endowment Fund Board of Trustees, at xxx-xxxx for more information.

✓ The Youth Adult Committee meets Sunday morning, February 3, 9:45 – 10:45 in the Open Classroom. The R.E. Ministry will meet Monday, February 3, 7:15 – 9:15 in the Open Classroom.

✓ The Coming of Age group will continue to offer Sunday Morning doughnut sales at least through mid-March, 9:15 – 10:45. Proceeds will help defray expenses for the Coming of Age UU Heritage Trip to Boston.

✓ A warm welcome to our in-coming Religious Education teachers for winter/spring semester! **Fran Fargen** will be joining **Mary Griffin** in the Preschool Class; **danielle rogers-candee** joins **Rae Cobbs** in K/1; **Carol Tobe** joins **Rhonda Green-Barron** in 2nd/3rd Grade, and **Kent McDaniel** joins **Janice Molnar** in the 4th/5th Grade Class. Middle School and High School leaders **Kendra Calvert**, **Nancy MacPherson**, **Jim Schweickart**, **Jon Free**, **Kathy Gapsis**, and **Roger Ohlman** have all signed on to continue teaching for a second semester. We appreciate you and your commitment to Unitarian Universalism and our young people!

✓ On February 2 and 3, our Middle School Youth Group will attend a Heartland UU District Youth Conference in Cincinnati. We wish you safe travel and a wonderful time with fellow UUs around the region.

✓ Senior High "Our Whole Lives" sexuality education class in partnership with Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church is underway. Thanks to our First Unitarian adult OWL leaders **Kyle Ellison**, **Seana Golder**, **Stan Mudd**, and **Carol Uebelhoer** for their ongoing commitment to our youth and this important program.

Ministry News

News from the Mission and Outreach Ministry

Locally:

- In **February**, we are collecting gently used linens (towels, sheets and blankets) to be given to the animal shelter and other animal care organizations. Most of these animals sleep on the floor while waiting to be adopted during the winter months. Take advantage of the season's white sales and donate to us your gently used items. Please put donations in the Mission and Outreach box in the social hall.

- The January warm clothing collection was a success. Thanks to all who contributed. Donations will be distributed to local shelters the first of February.

- A benefit concert for *I Love the Mountains* will be held on **February 2** (7:30pm) at First Unitarian. This is sponsored by the RE Ministry and Mission and Outreach. Proceeds will go to Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. (See p. 4 for more details.)

- Do you really love the mountains? Join thousands of Kentuckians; lobby your legislators in Frankfort on **February 14** in support of the Stream Savers legislation. Contact **Jessica George**, xxx-xxxx, or go to www.kftc.org and click on the heart. Cards to send your legislators will be in the social hall.

- Mark your calendar for the **Heartland District Conference** to be held here in Louisville on April 4-6, 2008. If you are interested in being a delegate, contact the church office by February 29, 2008. There is a brochure in the volunteer area or visit the website at www.heartlanduu.org/

Nationally:

- The Guest at Your Table boxes raised in excess of \$300 (and still counting); moneys sup-

port the UUSC.

- The **UU National Conference for Large Congregations** is being held in Louisville on March 13-16, 2008. To see the exciting workshops and the nice words about Louisville visit the website www.uua.org/events/31308.shtml or check out the brochure in the volunteer area.

- We agreed to support the UUA study action topic: *Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice*.

- The UUA Draft Statement of Conscience will be the topic at SMART on Sunday, February 3 at 9:30am.

Globally:

- The Vespers collection in support of the Emerging African Congregations raised over \$1000.

- The **Partner Church National Meeting** is being hosted by First Unitarian on February 22-24. There will be a potluck and international folk dancing on Friday evening for church members to get acquainted with the conference participants. See page 1 of this newsletter for more details.

- On Sunday, February 24 there will be a special collection to support our Partner Church efforts.



Member Ministry Update

by **Bev Daly** and **Julie Hiipakka**

Been wondering what the Member Development Ministry group has been up to? The answer is "a lot." Due to the reorganization that started this church year, this ministry group is now responsible for attracting and retaining members. Included under that umbrella is Chalice Night, *Steepletalk*, congregational care, coffee after

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church, memorial receptions, social activities, greeting, visitor information sessions and much more. The ministry team of **Lois Allen, Barb Coles, Gary Drehmel, Holly Hogue, Anne Miller, and Monica Turner** have been terrific. With relatively few people and so much to do, we hope folks will continue to be receptive when we call or ask for help!

While we can't list everyone who has helped in this space Member Ministry owes special thanks to **David Runge** for coordinating the Vespers reception, **Holly Hogue** for overseeing Chalice Night, **Linda Parry** for handling memorial receptions, and **Jo Ann Dale** has recently agreed to schedule meals for members and friends who need temporary assistance.

On Jan. 13, the congregation provided a warm welcome to nine new members: **Michael ben-Avraham, Kendra Calvert, Michelle Church, Stephan Gearhart, Ben Luoma, David Smith, Drew Stawar, Maureen Taylor, Rocky Vanderford, and Allison White.** This is a great group of people, and we hope you will take opportunities to get to know them.

Current ministry activities include publishing a new member/friend directory complete with pictures, a brochure listing all church groups, and completing a database of member interests and activities. This spring, we'll be focusing on hospitality with the greeter program, and planning another social event or two. If you have questions, want to help, or just want to chat, feel free to contact us in person or at memberministry@firstulou.org.



In Memoriam

Sarah Rudolph

Born December 29, 1958

Died December 21, 2008

Brownbaggers

Our February meeting will be in the Church library at 12 Noon on the 18th. Mark your calendars! **Patricia "Trish" Packowski**, an Education Consultant, will speak to us on "The joys and concerns of education." This from one who is deeply concerned about the subject, having spent many years teaching and advising at various levels including the State Department, The University of Louisville, Jefferson County Public Schools, and Bardstown City Schools. Does the phrase "Through the prism of Lucy" mean anything to you? Come, learn a little and laugh a lot.

Interweave

- **Monday, February 11** -- Polyamory and Religion. What do they have to do with each other? Diverse viewpoints are welcome. Contact **Jasmine**, xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx, to arrange childcare or request a topic. Co-sponsored meeting 6:30pm
- **Friday, February 15** -- Interweave meeting. All are welcome. 6:30pm

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

Chalice Night

from Holly Hogue

◆ On **February 6**, the menu is Red beans and rice, Texas toast, Caesar salad, Bread pudding with bourbon and vanilla sauces. The programs include: Those Liberal Sew and Sews; “Harry Potter - Our Own 21st Century Hero,” moderated by **Nancy MacPherson** (in addition to the Harry Potter books, we will be exploring the writings of Joseph Campbell and Carl Jung on mythologies and archetypes); and “Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation,” **Rev. Betsy Scheurman** facilitating this closed group.

◆ The menu for **February 13** is Teriyaki noodles with stir-fry vegetables, General Tso’s chicken, Pork egg rolls and veggie egg rolls, and Valentine cookies. The programs are: “Go Solar? Fishbowl #2”: A progress update on installing solar panels on the First Unitarian roof with **Joe Kremer** and **Jasmine Walston**, leaders; and “Telling Our Stories - Journey Toward Each Other” - **Janice Molnar** is coordinating this series. “Coming to America” Check in: Religions of our melting-pot families & why they came. Speaker **Gary Falk** talks about Thomas Jefferson who brought Unitarian ideas to the forefront in America; SPECIAL EVENT: The Remnant Trust (housed in the old Carnegie Library of Jeffersonville, IN) is bringing a 1904 photographed copy of what is commonly called the “Jefferson Bible.”

◆ Chicken and dumplings or vegetables and dumplings, Corn, Green bean, Cucumber salad, Brownies is the menu for **February 20**. The programs include “Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation,” **Rev. Betsy Scheurman** facilitating this closed group; Localvores - book discussion (*The Omnivore’s Dilemma*) with **Kathy Rogers** and local information with **Rick Hogue**; CUUPs - Pagan

Book Review; and “For Mortals Only: Death, Dying, Grieving, and Making Sense of Our Mortality.” In this series we will discuss cultural and personal attitudes surrounding death, discuss ways in which the caring community can respond in times of such loss, explore body disposition options, learn how to plan for end of life care, and work through practical decisions (including legal) that can make the inevitable less stressful for ourselves and our loved ones. Each session can stand alone, but participation in all sessions is encouraged. Written information, planning sheets and personal exploration suggestions will be provided. Facilitated by **Jo Ann Dale**, with help from others who have specialized knowledge. The topic for the 20th is “We’re Going to Talk About WHAT? – Cultural and Personal Attitudes about Death.”

◆ On **February 27** the menu is White chili, Corn bread, Coleslaw, and Chocolate chip cake. The programs are as follows: “Telling Our Stories - Journey Toward Each Other” - **Janice Molnar** is coordinating this series. “Coming to Louisville” Check in: What brought you or your family to KyAnna? Speaker **Jen Lavery**, Favorite historic glimpses: Unitarianism, Universalism, Women & Slavery. “For Mortals Only: Death, Dying, Grieving, and Making Sense of Our Mortality.” Facilitated by **Jo Ann Dale**, with help from others. Topic: “What Can I Say? – How to Be a Friend in Times of Loss”

Check the web site - <http://www.firstulou.org/re/chalicenight.html> - and FYI in your Sunday Order of Service for program additions or changes. February programs are still being added. Contact Holly Hogue (xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx or xxx xxx-xxxx) if you would like to suggest or facilitate a program.

Book Club Off to Good Start

from Lois Allen

The 1st U book club is off and running, with two very good meetings down and the next one scheduled. We read *My Sister's Keeper*, in December and *The Faith Club* in January.

Our next meeting is Monday night at 6 pm, on February 11, and we will be discussing *Water for Elephants*. Everyone is welcome - just read the book and show up for the discussion. Bring a snack if you're so inclined. Bring your discussion questions for this book, or highlight passages you'd like to discuss. Also, bring your suggestions for March's book. We have decided to alternate fiction and non-fiction reads.

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 memberministry@firstulou.org

**First Unitarian Church
Information Session
February 24
12:15 pm in the Church Parlor**

We look forward to getting to know you!

Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

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

Please join the Round Table at 9:30am each Sunday. Youth are invited to participate. "Engaging Our Theological Diversity" will be Round Table's focus for two more months. 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 www25.uua.org/coa/.

- ➔ **Feb. 3 -- Peacemaking.** Participate in First Unitarian's contribution to the development of a UUA Statement of Conscience on the timely topic of Peacemaking. Congregational Study/Action Issue. **Lori Martin**, facilitator.
- ➔ **Feb. 10 -- Community: How Do We Come Together?** "UUism summons us to pledge truthfulness and trust to one another, forging our individual religious journeys together." Engaging Our Theological Diversity, Chapter 8. **Jasmine Walston**, facilitator.
- ➔ **Feb. 17 -- Justice & Community in Action.** What role do justice and community play in our day-to-day lives? **Jasmine Walston**, facilitator.
- ➔ **Feb. 24 -- Stories of Impossible Loves in our Lives.** Love at first sight; families meeting or cleaving together; journeys of love against all odds. **Janice Molnar**, facilitator.



Search Committee Update

by Doug Taylor

Progress Report:

Your search committee has completed our congregational packet with many thanks to **Holly Hogue** for her help with the layout and publishing. Our congregational packet looks great! We will have one available for members and friends to review in the volunteer area.



We started our holidays in December with 11 ministerial records released to us for review. After intensive review of the ministerial records, we selected 7 candidates to engage in further conversation. We exchanged packets and held conference calls during January to get to know candidates better and ask questions. We plan to do thorough reference checks to help us choose pre-candidates for the weekend long interviews we have planned.

The Board appointed Negotiating committee has drafted a ministerial agreement to use as a starting place for our negotiations with the final minister-candidate. **Penny Nader, Carol Tobe, and Doug Taylor** are serving on this committee.

We are sincere in our efforts to find the best minister for our church at this time. Please ask any of us questions when you see us around. Communication can be sent to any member of the group.

Please remember that candidate confidentiality is very important to the integrity of the search committee process. We are following the UUA process for our search committee work.

Congratulations to **Calvin xxxxxx!** His original play, *Renata*, is included in Walden Theatre's upcoming Young Playwrights Festival, February 14-16. Calvin also has a role in another Walden Theatre production, *Dark of Moon*, a play based on the ballad of Barbara Allen. *Dark of the Moon* will be shown on February 28, 29, and March 1, 6pm-8pm. All performances will be at Walden Theatre, 1123 Payne Street. Tickets may be purchased at the door or call Walden Theatre at 502-589-0084.

The First U church community grieves with **Abby xxxxxxxx**, a member of our youth group; her sister, **Laura**; her father, **John**; and others in her family over the death of Abby's mother, **Sarah**, who was a member of our congregation. We were fortunate that Sarah's determination to live life to the fullest in the face of terminal cancer kept her among us almost to the end.

We are sorry to learn of the death of **Calvin Fitzpatrick**, brother of **Gerald Fitzpatrick**. Calvin died in the week prior to Christmas, with the funeral on Dec. 26. Our love and sympathy are with Gerald and **Marjorie**, longtime members of our church family.



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

Building Use Calendar for February

Fri., Feb. 1

7pm Drum Circle

Sat. Feb. 2

9am Building Future Reporting

10am BF Wkshp

2pm BF Wkshp

7:30pm "I Love the Mountains"

Benefit Concert

Sun. Feb. 3

9am Search Cmte

9:30am SMART

9:45am YAC

10:55am RE

10:55am Celebration of Life

1pm Youth

Mon. Feb. 4

7:15pm RE Ministry

Tues. Feb. 5

5:30pm SMART curriculum cmte

Wed. Feb. 6

2:30pm Village Play Group

5:30pm Chalice Night

Thurs. Feb. 7

5:30pm Worship Cmte

7:15pm Choir

Fri., Feb. 8

6pm UUCF

Sat., Feb. 9

9am House & Grounds Cmte

3pm SH OWL at TJ

Sun. Feb. 10

9am Search Cmte

9:30am SMART

10:55am RE

10:55am Celebration of Life

1pm Youth

Mon. Feb. 11

6pm Book Club

6:30pm Interweave

Tues. Feb. 12

6pm Board of Trustees

Wed. Feb. 13

2:30pm Village Play Group

5:30pm Chalice Night

Thurs. Feb. 14

5:30pm Personnel Cmte

7:15pm Choir

Fri. Feb. 15

5:30 SH Youth Con

Sat. Feb. 16

SH Youth Con

Sun. Feb. 17

NO R.E. Classes

9am Search Cmte

9:30am SMART

10:55am CoL

12:30pm Canvasser Training

1pm Youth

Mon. Feb. 18

8am UUPC

12noon Brownbaggers

Tues. Feb. 19

8am UUPC

7pm Canvasser Training

Wed. Feb. 20

8am UUPC

2:30pm Village Play Group

5:30pm Chalice Night

Thurs. Feb. 21

8:30am Partner Ch Bd

5:30pm Library Gang

7:15pm Choir

Fri. Feb. 22

8:30am Partner Ch Bd

6pm UUPC Potluck & Dance

Sat. Feb. 23

8:30am Partner Ch Bd

1:30pm SH OWL

Sun. Feb. 24

9am Search Cmte

9:30am SMART

10:55am RE

10:55am Celebration of Life

12:15pm Visitor Information

1pm Youth

1:30pm SH OWL

Mon. Feb. 25

7pm Finance Cmte.

Wed. Feb. 27

2:30pm Village Play Group

5:30pm Chalice Night

Thurs. Feb. 28

7:15pm Choir

Fri. Feb. 29

6:30pm Coming of Age Trivia

Reorganization News

by **Brian Daly**

Despite the colder weather, reorganization is warming up. A Board team is evaluating the process. The new Ministry Council is getting things done. The Mission & Outreach Ministry is firing up activities and bringing us back into social activism. Member Ministry is reaching out, helping and involving more members. RE is abuzz with energy. Worship services are vital and inspiring. Our Resources Ministry is realigning itself and working with new leadership. It is a

great time to become more active. Become involved - contact **Julie Hiipakka** or **Bev Daly**.

District Newsletter On-line



Heartline is now available electronically via email or on the Heartland website at www.heartlanduu.org, as a .pdf file. To have an electronic version emailed to you, contact the district office at

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

February 3

Opening to Awe. Most of us know the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism. But there are also Six Sources--the important tributaries that feed the river of our living tradition. The first source so named, is "direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder." At this intergenerational Celebration of Life, we will honor the elders of our congregation, continuing a beloved tradition. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

February 10

What Would Lincoln Do? A second Source is: "words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love." For me, Lincoln is one such person--born nearly 200 years ago, less than sixty miles from this church. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

February 17

Faith and Humanism. Like the word "God," "humanism" means different things to different folks. At this Celebration of Life, I will focus on the fifth named Source: "Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit." **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

February 24

Partner Church Sunday. This year, First Unitarian is hosting the UU Partner Church Council, formed in 1993 in the aftermath of the collapse of Communism in central Europe, home of the earliest Unitarian churches in the world. Connections among North American UUs, and Unitarians and Universalists in other parts of the world have widened our perspective, deepened our connection with our historical roots, and sown seeds for the future of our religious movement. Our guest speaker is past president of the UUPCC, and serves on the International Advisory Council. **Barbara Beach**