

# STEEPLETALK

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### Easter Morning Festivities!

Please join us for these annual First Unitarian Church Easter traditions...



- Senior High Youth Group will serve a delicious Easter Breakfast on March 23, Easter Sunday morning, 9:30 – 10:30. All ages are welcome and donations for the breakfast will be cheerfully accepted.
- From 10:30 – 10:45 our Middle School Youth Group will host Easter Egg Hunts for younger children: toddlers and preschoolers in the courtyard at 10:30; Kindergartners – 5th graders around the church grounds

immediately following. All participants, meet in the Social Hall by 10:30. Bring your baskets! (Our Middle Schoolers will be grateful for your donations of treat-filled plastic Easter eggs beginning now through March 9. **No nuts please!**)

- After the breakfast and egg hunts, there will be a multigenerational Celebration of Life. Childcare will be provided in the Preschool Room for very young children.

### The Giving Church: Generous Hearts, Committed Lives

The Canvass Committee and the more than 60 people who have volunteered to help with the canvass are looking forward to sharing a night of fun and fellowship with all members and friends on **Saturday, March 8**, as we gather for our annual **Fellowship Dinner**. By now you should have received your invitation to the dinner and returned your RSVP to the church office.

Most captains and canvassers have made their pledges by now, and you may have already set up a time with your canvasser to make your pledge. If you have not yet been contacted by your canvasser, you should be called soon. Please contact **Rose Stevens** (xxx-xxx-xxxx or xxxxxx@xxxxxx.com) or **Claudia Runge** (xxx-xxx-xxx or xxxxxx@xxxxxx.com) if you are not called by a canvasser by March 15.

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

## From Your Interim Minister

Despite the recent ice storm, spring is coming. Days are lengthening. Birds are returning. New growth is appearing. *You who have an eye for miracles*, wrote the poet Diego Valeri, *regard the bud now appearing on the bare branch of the fragile young tree. It's a mere dot, a nothing. But already it's a flower; already a fruit, already its own death and resurrection.*

In bud at First, as I write this column are:

- the pledge drive, lifting up the generosity and the commitment of First members and friends;
- the search process, moving towards the selection of a candidate to present to the congregation;
- the hirings of a Church Administrator and a Membership Development Director; and
- a voluntary covenant of right relationship.

Meanwhile, the ministries (Resources, Member, Mission and Outreach, Worship, and Religious Education) have been very hard at work, even as we continue to clarify and fine-tune the new organizational structure. So many people are giving so generously of their time, their talent, and their money. Incredible staff, incredible volunteers, and incredible youth are making miracles happen. (Have you seen the article on the “We Love Mountains” concert in the online edition of the *UU World*?!)

Other miracles at First include: children that thrive in the religious education program; elders who are celebrated; adults who find a place of hospitality and acceptance and spiritual depth; extraordinary music; generous giving to the Kenyan Crisis Fund and the Ugandan orphanage; the grace of weekly fellowship over Tiffany’s wonderful food; the caring for folks

who have suffered losses; winter coats donated and collected just as the thermometer plunged.

Already there are flowers, already there are fruits. Already First is helping to heal lives. More buds, more flowers, more fruits are coming.

Blessings,

*Betsy*

P.S. In addition to Sunday morning worship, there will be a CUUPS celebration of the vernal equinox Sunday evening, March 16; a Tenebrae service Thursday night, March 20 (see below); and a Spring Celebration (co-sponsored with Cultivating Connections) Saturday evening, March 22.



### **Tenebrae Worship Service *In the Garden, In the Dark* Thursday, March 20, 8pm**

Usually worship is a celebration: an affirmation of light and of joy. Yet in our psyches are shadow sides that we need to name, acknowledge, face. In our lives, too, are times of torment. This worship service is focused on the dark night of the soul. Featuring special music, it draws upon the story of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane—but that story has applicability for us all. “Tenebrae,” by the way, is Latin for shadows.  
**The Reverend Betsy Scheurerman.**

## Board BIZ

The Board of Trustees met on Sunday, February 17 for our regular meeting.

Points of interest in the meeting were:

- **Jill Sampson** reported that the Ministerial Search was going well and that the committee is scheduled to hear at least 3 candidates in neutral pulpits.

- The Personnel Committee is conducting interviews for the new Church Administrator and the Member Development Director. There were strong candidates for both positions.

- The Board Task Force looking at the progress of the reorganization reported. While findings are not final, one clear need was to communicate the new structure more clearly and thereby answering the question “Whom do I contact?”

- The Board will hold a working meeting on a Saturday morning in March to address planning and goal setting.

- Nominations for Leadership School are being considered. There is a new model this year. Ideally, we would send a team to the one week session rather than individuals.

- The Board approved the first reading of a proposal to establish a non-profit foundation (501C(3)). This would make the First Unitarian Foundation eligible for certain grants that require this structure. The second reading will be at the March meeting.

- Draft changes were suggested to the Constitution as we prepare for presentation to and consideration by the congregation. Those proposed changes will be published and then discussed in small group meetings – perhaps fish bowls before the congregational meeting that will vote on them.

- The structure of the Resources Ministry was discussed – especially the Finance / Fund Raising tasks. **Beverly Moore, Brian Daly** and

**Betsy Scheuerman** (and others) have been working to define where certain tasks belong in the structure.

- The challenge of staffing the ministries was discussed. More to come.

The March Board meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 6pm in the library. Board of Trustees: Brian Daly (president), Kathy Drehmel (vice-president), Ron Zorn (treasurer), Joan Beal (secretary), Carol Uebelhoer, Kathy Rogers, John Grossman, Penny Nader (members at large).

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### HELP Needs Our Help!

Our church is a partner in the downtown community ministries' support of the HELP office. HELP supplies the most essential needs for the minimum comfort of the **homeless and the poorest of the poor**. We urgently need the following: deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper and soap.

**Please leave donations in the special box in the entrance hall off Library Lane.**

Someone asked me today how I was feeling about the most recent report of campus violence and destruction. I realized that I've thought about it almost not at all, which kind of shocked me. I realized that I almost *can't* think about it - with so many young people I care deeply about currently living on college campuses, with a child of my own not too far from entering college himself, it just feels too close, too personal. On reflection, what *can* one feel about it?

It occurs to me that I've written on this theme before, which makes me sad. What I wrote then and what I still believe is that acts of violence spring from feelings of isolation and alienation. No one who feels invested in human society - who feels a connection to others - could express even the deepest hurt or anger in such a violent and final way.

What a salient reminder of the importance of human connection. I don't believe it's overstating it to say that our survival depends upon it. On that note, I want to thank each and every one of you who participates in the business of creating meaningful community for all of our First U children and youth. To all of you who teach R.E., mentor in the Coming of Age program, lead OWL, offer first hour or other special programs, provide meals and transportation and overnight chaperoning, welcome our young people during multigenerational services and play with the preschoolers... thank you. Thank you for your time and talent and energy and for working with our young people to create a safe and supportive faith community, even within the context of a world that can be unpredictable and dangerous at times. As a congregation, we can all feel great about those powerful gifts and energized to continue that important work for our children and for our world.

Peace, *Lisa*

✓ Announcing a very special first hour program throughout March: **Taoist Tai Chi for all ages** led by **Mary Griffin**. Mary has taught tai chi for many, many years, and we're delighted to have her share her gifts and expertise with us throughout this month. No prior experience needed. Dress in loose clothing and comfortable shoes. March 2, 9, 16, and 30 (no tai chi class on Easter), 9:45 – 10:45 in the Open Classroom.

✓ **Call for Easter candy!** Our Middle School Youth Group will host an Easter Egg Hunt for younger children on Easter Sunday, March 23. Your contributions of filled plastic eggs (candy without nuts, stickers, very small toys or erasers, etc.) will be gratefully accepted through March 9. (You may also bring candy or toy items, and the Middle Schoolers will stuff the eggs.)

✓ **More CANDY!** Members of our 4th/5th Grade R.E. class will assemble **Easter baskets for children currently residing at the Volunteers of America family shelter**. Your donation of items for these baskets - especially chocolate rabbits and chocolate eggs - will be much appreciated. Each year we are told that if it were not for the generosity of First Unitarian Church, the VoA children would receive no Easter treats. We will assemble the baskets on March 9.

✓ The **R.E. Committee meeting regularly** scheduled for April 7 has been rescheduled. The Committee will meet March 31, 7:15 – 9:15.

✓ **Classroom snacks needed!** Parents and generous others - please help re-stock our R.E. cupboards with nut-free boxed snacks and bottles of real juice.

✓ There will be **no regular children or youth R.E. classes on March 16 or on Easter Sunday, March 23**. Services on both days will be multigenerational: March 16, Youth Sunday presented by the Senior High Youth Group; March

23, Easter Sunday. (For more Easter information, see “Easter Festivities” announcement, p. 1.)

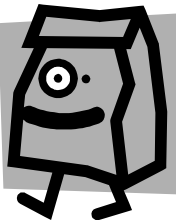
✓ Congratulations to our **Middle School youth group** for its fundraising on behalf of the UUSC/UUA Kenya Crisis Fund. And thanks to Highland Coffee for supporting their efforts – when you go to Highland Coffee, please be sure to let Natalie know how much we appreciate their donation of Kenyan coffee. And congratulations to our **High School youth group** for a very successful benefit concert for Kentuckians for the Commonwealth that raised nearly \$6,500.00 and mustered a lot of enthusiasm for I Love Mountains rally day. Visit the UU World on-line magazine and the KFTC website for some great stories about the event.



### Brownbaggers

At **noon, March 17**, come to the church library and listen to our own Prophets and Seers. See Mark 6/4 and John 4/44). Between now and the 17th peruse a bit in our hymnal, our text. Pick out a verse, a line, a paragraph, a reading (responsive or otherwise), a life-guide either from the ancients or possibly from one who will be there assembled, maybe sitting next to you. There are hundreds of such gems in that wonderful book. Pick, read, and discuss the one(s) most meaningful to you.

On arrival, you will find a hymnal on each tabletop. Be assured that your choices will be heard and respected.



### Join Other UUs at District Meeting Right Here in Louisville!

Would you like to connect to other UUs? Would you like to get re-excited about Unitarian Universalism? Would you like to have a taste of GA, without having to travel? Would you like to get inspired, with a sense of possibility? Now is your chance.

The Heartland District Annual meeting will be held here in Louisville at the **Marriott East, from Friday, April 4, through Saturday, April 5**. Registration opens at 3pm; the banner parade and opening worship are at 7:15. Keynote Speaker is **Wayne Clark**, the UUA stewardship guru; Saturday workshops range the gamut--go to [www.heartlanduu.org](http://www.heartlanduu.org), to see the offerings.

If you are interested in being a First U delegate, please contact your board president, **Brian Daly**, [xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx). **The early bird rate (\$125) ends March 5.**

If we have eight people going, the cost would be about \$110 per person; that rate is open until March 19, BUT all 8 registrations must be sent together, with a single check. Please contact **Betsy Scheuerman**, [minister@firstulou.org](mailto:minister@firstulou.org), if you are interested--preferably by March 5.

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# Reorganization News

## Who Are You Going to Call?

by Brian Daly

The Church year is moving forward with gusto. One question has arisen about reorganization that needs to be addressed – “Who do I call when I need....?”

**1. Information about Church policy?** – Church Administrator (TBA), Minister, Board of Trustees (Brian Daly)

**2. My pledge balance?** Church Administrator, Treasurer (Ron Zorn)

**3. Upcoming activities?** Church calendar (online), *Steepletalk*, Church Administrator, Volunteer at Desk, Bulletin Board

**4. Social justice issues/activities?** Mission & Outreach Ministry (Debra Gilbert)

**5. Membership care issues?** Member Development Ministry (Julie Hiipakka and Bev Daly) and the Minister

**6. Church Tours and history?** Member Development Ministry (Julie Hiipakka and Bev Daly)

**7. Church maintenance issues?** Resource Ministry (Beverly Moore), House & Grounds (Kathy Kremer)

**8. Church Rental?** Church Administrator, Resource Ministry (Beverly Moore)

**9. Worship Topics?** Worship ministry (Katy Brown) or the minister

**10. Steepletalk?** –Member ministry

**11. Need for a press release?** Mission & Outreach Ministry (Debra Gilbert)

**12. Denominational Affairs?** Mission & Outreach Ministry (Debra Gilbert)

**13. Budget questions?** Board of Trustees (Brian Daly), Treasurer (Ron Zorn)

**14. Pledge Drive?** Resource Ministry (Beverly Moore), Pledge Drive Chair (Claudia Runge)

**15. Fund Raising questions?** Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Finance (Trish Packowski)

**16. Concerns about music?** Worship ministry (Katy Brown), Minister, Director of Music (Will Plummer)

**17. Concerns about the minister?** Board of Trustees and Committee on Ministry (under construction)

**18. Religious Education issues?** Religious Education Ministry (Ward Wilson), RE Director (Lisa Willner)

**19. Chalice Night programs?** Member Development Ministry (Julie Hiipakka and Bev Daly), Holly Hogue, Member Development Director (TBA)

**20. Childcare issues?** Chairperson of the group who will be having the meeting, Member Development Ministry (Julie Hiipakka and Bev Daly), Member Development Director

**21. Personnel issues?** Personnel Committee (Cassandra Culin), Minister

When in doubt, call 585-5110 and ask or go to [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org).

## Yuletide Fare Redux

The left-overs are long forgotten. The decorations are put away for another year. The date for the Yuletide Fare has been set, and this year we’re starting to recruit early. In order to continue this annual tradition, everyone must be part of the game. If you’re reading this, we need you. If you’re interested in making the 2008 YTF a success, please contact Troy “Jack”son at xxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.com..

### Free Yourself: Donate to Book Sale

If your house is like that of many UU bibliophiles, you are being nearly run out by piles of books, CDs, DVDs, tapes and VHS films that you have enjoyed, but which are making it impossible to bring in anything new. If the choice at your house is divorce (if the state allows you to marry) or arson, take a deep breath and read on. April 19, 2008, the Board is sponsoring a used book sale at First Unitarian Church.

Your job is to spend the month of March collecting and boxing these items to transport to church early in April for sorting and selling. The April *Steepletalk* will have more information about when and how to bring these items to church. If you have questions or need more information, contact **Carol Uebelhoer** (xxx-xxxx or xxxxxx@xxxxxx.com).

### New Church Directory for Members and Friends

The latest church directory will be given to you by your canvasser during the pledge drive. Check your information carefully for corrections, additions and deletions. The next directory will be a photo directory. During March on Sundays after the Celebration of Life and on Wednesdays before the centering service, someone will be available in the social hall to take your family and individual photos.

The Member Ministry has appointed **Holly Hogue** to spearhead this project and she will use the PowerChurch software to create the directory. Our goal is to have the new photo directory ready toward the end of April. It will be available in the "Members only" section of the web site for you to print yourself or you may ask for a black and white printed version from the office. We'll let you know when the new directory is available. Contact Holly if you have questions (xxx xxx-xxxx or xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx).

### What's up with ..?

*(Some answers from House & Grounds)*

... **the new stair steps next to the platform in the Sanctuary?** Harry Tobe made the beautiful movable steps and handrail to provide easier access. These steps are the latest piece Harry has made for the church. The others include the pulpit, chalice table, and sculpture stands in the Sanctuary; the pamphlet rack and bench in the main entrance; a library ladder for the minister's office; the stand presently for the quilt book; the magazine racks in the library, and the folding screen in the Social Hall.

... **the "No Parking" sign taking up a parking spot on Sundays?** By keeping this parking space open on Sundays, our church members, friends, and visitors have an unencumbered access to the church entrance without having to squeeze between cars.

... **the missing downspouts?** Unfortunately, we joined the ranks of other local churches when thieves stole the copper downspouts off our building. They are being replaced.

... **the "Inside Scoop" newsletter on the church bulletin boards?** This semi-annual bulletin will provide information and ask for everyone's cooperation in taking care of our church.

The house and grounds committee holds monthly work meetings.

If you want to help the church but you're not too keen on committee meetings, check us out and come to our next session on Saturday, March 15.



# Chalice Night

from **Holly Hogue**

Join members, friends and visitors at 5:30pm for a wonderful meal prepared by **Tiffany Taylor** (cost \$4 full meal; \$2 small portion; free for children under 10). 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 sessions and find community and growth through meeting with others who have similar interests.

## March Programs

➔ On **March 5**, the program are Those Liberal Sew and Sews; Harry Potter - Our Own 21st Century Hero - Moderated by **Nancy MacPherson**. Come and share your views on the themes carried throughout the series, your favorite characters and episodes and the resurgent popularity of mythological stories and heroes. In addition to the Harry Potter books, we will be exploring the writings of Joseph Campbell and Carl Jung on mythologies and archetypes.; Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation, **Rev. Betsy Scheuerman** facilitating this closed group; and For Mortals Only: Death, Dying, Grieving, and Making Sense of Our Mortality. Discussion of Jessica Mitford's American Way of Death Revisited facilitated by **Doug Taylor**.

➔ The programs for **March 12** are Telling Our Stories - Journey Toward Each Other - **Janice Molnar** is coordinating this series. "Controversies and Solutions" Check in: Ever discover you'd become controversial? Speaker **Bob Reed**, 20th Century at First UU.; CUUPs - Oстера class; and For Mortals Only: Death, Dying, Grieving, and Making Sense of Our Mortality. Discussion

of Jessica Mitford's American Way of Death Revisited facilitated by **Doug Taylor**.

➔ On **March 19** the programs include Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation, **Rev. Betsy Scheuerman** facilitating this closed group; Localvores - book discussion (*The Omnivore's Dilemma*) with **Kathy Rogers** and local information with **Rick Hogue** who is finding a speaker on Hydroponics is a method of growing plants using mineral nutrient solutions instead of soil.; and For Mortals Only: Death, Dying, Grieving, and Making Sense of Our Mortality. Facilitated by **Jo Ann Dale**, with help from others. Topic: "End of Life Care - Exploring the Hard Choices Ahead of Time."

➔ The **March 26** programs are Telling Our Stories - Journey Toward Each Other - **Janice Molnar** is coordinating this series. "Ministers We've Known & Loved" Check in: Stories of influential leaders in our past. Speaker **John Findling**, 20th Century Ministers at 1st UU.; For Mortals Only: Death, Dying, Grieving, and Making Sense of Our Mortality. Facilitated by **Jo Ann Dale**, with help from others. Topic: "What Papers Do I Need? - Exploring Advance Directives, Surrogates, Wills, and Special Bequests"; and Backgammon Bonanza with **Rita Sasse** - bring in your backgammon set and challenge others!

If you have questions about Chalice Night or would like to suggest a service or a program, please contact **Holly Hogue**. Please check the web site often because Chalice Night scheduling sometimes changes.



## 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](mailto:memberministry@firstulou.org).

**First Unitarian Church  
Information Session  
On March 23 (Easter)  
12:15 pm in the Church Parlor**

We look forward to getting to know you!

## Just among ourselves...

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Rita Sasse** and her family. Rita's sister, **Nancy Sasse**, passed away recently. Please keep Rita and her family in your thoughts.



Best wishes to **Anne Miller** for a speedy recovery after undergoing surgery to correct carpal tunnel syndrome. Anne will probably undergo the same surgery in her other wrist/hand soon.

## Sunday Morning Adult Round Table

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

Please join the Sunday Morning Adult Round Table at 9:30am each Sunday for programs on a variety of topics. Youth are invited to participate. "Engaging Our Theological Diversity" will wrap up this month. This UUA report is available online at <http://www25.uua.org/coa>.

✓ **March 2 -- Justice & Community in Action.** What roles have justice and community played in our past? How do they continue to play out in our day-to-day lives? **Janice Molnar**, facilitator.

✓ **March 9 -- Engaging Our Theological Diversity. Chapter 9, Conclusions and Recommendations.** Protecting, promoting, and engaging our theological diversity. **Jasmine Walston**, facilitator.

✓ **March 16 -- Communion.** A discussion about observance of this ritual by UUs. **Rev. Betsy Scheurman**, leader.

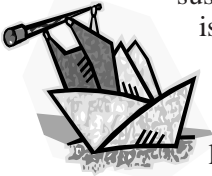
✓ **March 23 -- No Program.** Please join the Easter Breakfast, sponsored by the Youth Group.

✓ **March 30 -- Search Committee Update and Progress Report.** The Ministerial Search Committee will provide an update. Ask your questions and discuss next steps. Learn about the pre-candidate process and what goes on at candidating week.

Curricula meeting at 6:00pm on Monday, March 3 & March 31. For more information or to suggest a program, contact **Lisa Willner** at 585-5110 or **Jasmine Walston** at xxx-xxxx. For information about child care, contact Lisa.

by **Doug Taylor**

Your First Unitarian Search Committee covenant: We covenant to be fully present, both physically and mentally, to support one another, to speak truthfully and listen respectfully, to maintain confidentiality, to work toward consensus, in order to find the best minister for our church at this time.



This keeps us focused on the larger picture and the charge placed in our hands last summer to find the best minister for our church at this time. By the print date and your reading of this article, we will have had 2 of our 3 scheduled pre-candidating weekends. The Search Committee held phone interviews and completed preliminary reference checks prior to our weekends with any candidates. As is the usual practice, we have arranged neutral pulpits and a lot of interview time to get to know each candidate better. Candidates also spend some time with a realtor to tour housing arrangements in the Louisville area.

The UUA timeline calls for us to continue reference and background checks and make our final decision on a proposed candidate in March. The negotiating team will work out the details of the ministry agreement during this month. Our candidating week is scheduled to encompass April 18 to 27.

Confidentiality is a very important part of the process. We have made arrangements to protect the confidentiality of our candidates, their references, and the neutral pulpits. We have not advertised when our neutral pulpit weekends are scheduled.

FYI – The First Unitarian Congregational Packet is available for review in the volunteer area. Please check it out!

from **Kathy Thackeray**

## **First U Women's Alliance hosts Pizza Party for the Center for Women and Families**

- Valentines, pizza, and face painting were just some of the features of a party at First U when the Women's Alliance invited the mothers and children currently residing at The Center for Women and Families for an evening out on February 8, 2008.

- The Center provides housing and services for victims of domestic or sexual violence. Through education and advocacy, it works with the community to eliminate this violence. For more information about the Center please call toll-free 24 hours a day: 1-877-803-7577.

- Thanks to lots of generous church members, our guests feasted on pizza and a salad bar. The children had their faces painted, decorated valentine cookies, and crafted valentine cards to give to their moms. Some of them joined their moms and played bingo for prizes.

- The Alliance is grateful to so many who helped.

## **Gee's Bend Quilt Exhibit**

- Twelve Alliance members enjoyed the docent-guided tour of the Gees Bend Quilt Exhibit on January 26 and a nice lunch afterwards.

## **Roe v Wade Dinner**

- First U Alliance Members were noted by their numbers, almost filling two tables, at the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) Celebration of the Roe v. Wade Decision held at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church on January 26.

- The Alliance sponsored an Escort to attend the Dinner.

## **Women's Alliance Retreat**

- The Retreat will be held on April 11, 12, & 13 at Hopscotch House. This event is open to

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# Building Use Calendar for March

## Sat. March 1

6:30 Coming of Age Trivia Night

## Sun. March 2

9am Search Cmte  
9:30am SMART  
9:45am YAC  
10:55am RE  
10:55am Celebration of Life  
1pm Youth

## Mon. March 3

6pm SMART curriculum cmte  
7pm Private Evt\*  
7:15pm RE Ministry

## Wed. March 5

5:30pm Chalice Night

## Thurs. March 6

5:30pm Worship Cmte  
7:15pm Choir

## Fri. March 7

5:30pm Rehearsal for  
Fellowship Dinner entertainment  
7pm Drum Circle

## Sat. March 8

8am Set up for Dinner  
7pm Fellowship Dinner  
(Doors open at 6:15)

## Sun. March 9

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

## Mon. March 10

6pm Book Club  
6:30pm Interweave  
7pm Private Evt\*

## Tues. March 11

6pm Board of Trustees

## Wed. March 12

5:30pm Chalice Night

## Thurs. March 13

5:30pm Personnel Cmte  
7pm Outreach Ministry  
7:15pm Choir

## Fri. March 14

6pm UUCF

## Sat. March 15

9am House & Grounds Cmte

## Sun. March 16

### NO R.E. Classes

9am Search Cmte  
9:30am SMART  
10:55am CoL (Youth Service)  
1pm Youth

5:30pm CUUPs - Ostersa

## Mon. March 17

12noon Brownbaggers  
4pm Women's Alliance  
7pm Private Evt\*

## Tues. March 18

5:30pm Partner Church  
6:15pm Ministry Council  
6:30 Private evt.\*

## Wed. March 19

5:30pm Chalice Night

## Thurs. March 20

7:15pm Choir  
7:30pm Tenebrae Service

## Fri. March 21

6:30pm Interweave



## Sat. March 22

5pm Vernal Festival-CUUPs  
6pm Sr.High overnight

## Sun. March 23

9am Search Cmte  
9:30am EASTER BREAKFAST  
10:30am Egg hunts  
NO RE CLASSES  
10:55am Celebration of Life  
12:15pm Visitor Information  
1pm Youth

## Mon. March 24

7pm Private Evt\*

## Tues. March 25

7pm Finance Cmte.

## Wed. March 26

5:30pm Chalice Night

## Thurs. March 27

7:15pm Choir

## Fri. March 28

5pm New Age Festival

## Fri. March 29

6pm New Age Festival

## Sun. March 30

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

## Mon. March 31

6pm SMART curriculum cmte  
7pm Private Evt\*

## Endowment Reminder

What were the last words spoken at the Last Supper? *Everyone who wants to be in the picture, get on this side of the table.\**

Put yourself in the picture for all time by remembering First Unitarian in your will. **Joe Kremer, Chair, Endowment Committee ~ xxx xxx-xxxx**

\*A Prairie Home Companion

members of the First U Women's Alliance. Please sign up for this event on March 23 or March 30 in the Social Hall after the Service.

### Women's Alliance Service

- March 2 will be the Women's Alliance Service. **Joan Uebelhoer** will explore Women's International Connections. Hope to see you all there.

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## Celebrations of Life

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

**March 2** *International Connections.* As we celebrate Women's History Month and International Women's Day on March 8, the First U Women's Alliance Service will feature **Joan Uebelhoer**, who will explore Women's International Connections.

**March 9** *The Giving Church.* Remember that old rhyme, said with fingers: "This is the church, and this is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people"? Despite the rhyme, what makes a church is not the building, and not the steeple—no matter how remarkable their architecture! This Sunday we will be celebrating the people of this church, especially, the generosity of your hearts. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

**March 16** *Food for Thought.* The **Sr. High class** presents today's service with ideas and inspirations they've been pondering this year. Come see and hear a youth perspective, enjoy some great music, and join the pondering.

**March 23** *Resurrection Tales.* "This is the truth that passes understanding...life springs from death and shatters every fetter." So go lyrics, written by Robert Weston, a past minister here at First Unitarian. Such a truth calls for joy and celebration. Come, celebrate Easter in this joyous intergenerational worship service. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**

**March 30** *The Choices We Make.* Unitarian Universalist congregations throughout this country will be observing Justice Sunday today, coming together in support of the work of our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. **The Rev. Betsy Scheuerman**