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Shower for The Center for Women and Families (CWF)

As we have several times in the past, our Women's Alliance will have a "shower" for the CWF. This year we will supply the Sexual Assault Nurse Examination (SANE) facility. This is a service offered by the Center in conjunction with Jefferson County Court and UofL's Nursing School. SANE was started to assist these women, who have already had a terrible experience, by providing a place other than a hospital emergency room to wait and possibly a more caring, experienced staff to make the process less traumatic. More can be read at the CWF website. The clothes the women are wearing are considered evidence so replacements are needed. Often times, there are children that needed to be occupied during the process.

The items for this year's shower are:

- Sweat sets--all sizes and colors
- Pajama bottoms--all sizes and colors
- Sweat shirts and T-shirts--all sizes and colors
- Flip-flops and slippers--all sizes and colors

For the children:

- Washable markers, sketch pads, washable paints and brushes, colored pencils, storage tubs with lids (both large and small are needed)

The CWF has a monthly "wish list" with July's being: under wear for woman and children, bras and socks. July's "wish list" is for school supplies. Any of these items would help fill the need expressed by the Center.

➔ **Date and time for the shower: July 12, 11:30 am**

➔ **Place: Linda Parry's house**

Bring your gifts for the Center, a dish to share, an appetite and an appreciation for an opportunity to build and nurture our community while helping our neighbors. It doesn't get much better than that!

Call or contact **Linda Parry** at xxx-xxx or **Kathy Thackeray** at xxx-xxx for directions.

Love is the spirit of this church...

Meet Betty Vernon, Office Manager



I was born in this wonderful city (at least 30 years ago). My birth certificate shows my name as “Mary Louise.” My grandfather nicknamed me Betty Boop. Thankfully, only the Betty part has stayed with me since I was a baby (at least 30 years ago).

I spent most of my prior work history in the legal arena as a business litigation paralegal. The last several years, I “specialized” in electronic case and document management.

I have two truly fantastic, beautiful daughters who have blessed me with two wonderful sons-in-law and eight grandchildren. Seven of the grandchildren are girls—one boy. The oldest is 13 and the youngest is 2.

I have lived on the other side of the track (Churchill Downs) for almost 20 years. Needless to say, Derby week around my neighborhood is “interesting.”

I am very happy to be a member of the First Unitarian staff. I know I am working for a kind, caring and compassionate organization—a good feeling to have at the end of a work day. To be able to say that is the dream of my lifetime (at least 30 years). You can reach me by email at xx@xxxx.xxx.

Rebecca Dimon

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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
On July 27

12:15 pm in the Church Parlor

We look forward to getting to know you!

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Board BIZ

by **Carol Uebelhoer**, Board of Trustees

At the Annual Meeting of First Unitarian Church, the congregation elected a slate of officers to the Board of Trustees. The Secretary and Treasurer for church year 2008 - 2009 are **Holly Hogue** and **Maureen Taylor**, respectively. **Bernie Schweickart** was elected to serve a three year term, and **Kathy Drehmel**, who was filling a one year vacancy, was elected to a three year position. At the last monthly meeting, it was decided that **Brian Daly** would continue as President of the Board of Trustees and **Kathy Drehmel** was re-elected Vice President.

The congregation will meet again on June 30 at 6:30pm to discuss and act on the budget for the next church year which begins July 1, 2008. The church currently has a shortfall of nearly \$90,000.00. The month of June will be spent with the Board holding several workshops to address the shortfall and develop a plan to deal with it. The budget workshops already held have been exciting and full of ideas that congregants have about how to raise the money this church needs to live its vision in the Louisville community.

The constitutional changes proposed at the Annual Meeting regarding the quorum required to do business and the signatures required on the petition to call a Special Meeting were tabled. The Board was charged by the congregation with finding out how other congregations deal with the issue of having the attendance at meetings to do business. **Jasmine Walston** presented the Board with a proposal on this important issue. If you are interested, it is filed with the minutes of last month's meeting. The Board will do further work to present the constitutional changes to the congregation.

The Board of Trustees is in the midst of tran-

sition. We are saying farewell to the current Interim Minister, **Betsy Scheuerman**, who has guided this congregation for the last two years and to Board of Trustee members **Joan Beal** and **Penny Nader**. We are waiting to welcome the **Rev. Alma Crawford** who will be here July 1. With Rev. Crawford in the pulpit in July, we are truly becoming the year-round church that we want to be.



Just among ourselves...

The last few weeks of their 3-month stay in NYC didn't go exactly as planned for **Wayne** and **Linda Givens**. Wayne has spent a couple of weeks in the VA hospital with some serious infections, but he was improving at the time of this writing. Linda expected the doctors to release him soon and give him the "all clear" to make the van trip back to Louisville. Their daughter, Mandy, and her husband Mike live in the area and have provided support and relief for Linda. Linda wanted everyone to know that she and Wayne have really enjoyed the cards, flowers, email messages, and phone calls from his church family.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to join the 12 other folks who are donating their "economic stimulus" checks to First U, it's not too late. Just make out a check for the extra amount that you wish to contribute and mark "**Bush Bucks**" in the memo line. We'll send Mr. Bush a "thank you" card for supporting our liberal faith-based initiatives.

Notes from House and Grounds

by Kathy Kremer

• **AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCHYARD FRIENDS:** Help us maintain our beautiful churchyard! Last June, we invited WFPL's "Home Grown" co-host Jeneen Wiche to visit and suggest things we could do to rejuvenate the churchyard. Twenty-one volunteers signed up to help rejuvenate the churchyard. We developed a loose plan for upgrading, planting, and maintaining the yard and courtyard. Thanks to experts like Jeneen, Bob Hill, and Dropseed Nursery's Margaret Shea, we have a plan that does not require a lot of time, money, or energy. If you'd like to become a Churchyard Friend, contact Carol Findling or Kathy Kremer, or stop by the House & Grounds' information table on Sunday, July 6.



Religious Education this Month

Join our one-room schoolhouse (i.e. the newly renovated preschool room) where children ages preschool to 5th grade meet for chapel, stories, crafts/activities and snack! This year we present "**Stories of Principle**" based upon an anthology titled **What If Nobody Forgave and Other Stories of Principle** collected and edited by Colleen M. McDonald.

- **7/6 *What if Nobody Forgave? The Story of Grudgeville*** What is the value of forgiving?
- **7/13 *How's that for Being Different!*** What does it mean to be different?
- **7/20 *If Christmas Eve Happened Today*** What makes any birth special?
- **7/27 *The Dream Machine*** How can we discover the truth?

Questions? Contact **Mary Griffin**.

• **LOST AND FOUND TABLE JULY 6:** Found items will be on display in the Social Hall during coffee hour. They include coats, sweater, umbrellas, and baking dishes. Leftover items will be donated to charity.

• **SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH CLEANUP SUNDAY AUGUST 24!**

"The best time for planning a book is while you're doing the dishes." ~Agatha Christie

Can you spare an hour or two to spruce up the church to prepare for the beginning of the church year? We need volunteers to stay after the Sunday service (and for a light lunch) to clean countertops, sweep and dust corners, clean and wash toys in the nursery and playroom, and dustmop the hardwood floors in the Heywood House. Supplies will be provided.

• **CALL FOR MEMBERS:** the House & Grounds committee is seeking new members! House & Grounds meets on the second Saturday of each month from 9am to noon to take care of odd jobs and repairs requested by members and staff throughout the year. Taking care of the church and the yard requires all kinds of skills, so everyone is invited to join! Stop by the House and Grounds information table on July 6 to sign up or for more information.

In Memoriam

Idell Bizer Rosen

September 7, 1918 - May 28, 2008

Building Use Calendar for July

Mon. June 30

6:30pm Special Congregational Mtg

Wed. July 2

5:30pm Chalice Night

Thurs. July 3

5:45pm Worship Ministry

Fri. July 4

7pm Drum Circle

Sat. July 5

5:30pm Private Evt*

Sun. July 6

9:30am Summer Conversations

9:45am YAC

10:55am RE for children

10:55am Celebration of Life

Mon. July 7

7:15pm RE Ministry

Tues. July 8

6pm Board of Trustees

Wed. July 9

5:30pm Chalice Night

Thurs. July 10

5:30pm Personnel Cmte.

Sat. July 12

9am House & Grounds Cmte

5:30pm Private Evt*

Sun. July 13

9:30am Summer Conversations

10:55am RE for children

10:55am Celebration of Life

Mon. July 14

6:30pm Interweave

Tues. July 15

6:15pm Ministry Council

Wed. July 16

5:30pm Chalice Night

Thurs. July 17

6pm Member Ministry

Fri. July 18

6:30pm Interweave

Sun. July 20

9:30am Summer Conversations

10:55am RE for children

10:55am Celebration of Life

Mon. July 21

11am Brownbaggers

Tues. July 22

7pm Finance Cmte.

Wed. July 23

5:30pm Chalice Night

Sun. July 27

9:30am Summer Conversations

10:55am RE for children

10:55am Celebration of Life

12:15pm Visitor Information

Wed. July 30

5:30pm Chalice Night

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

Garden Produce and Bake Sale Starts July 12.

After the Celebration of Life we will have a bake goods sale table in the social hall. If there is produce fresh from the garden, it will be offered also. Stop by the table. Proceeds go to the operating fund. Bakers are still needed. To help, sign up on the kiosk or call **Penny Nader**.

Summer Conversations

Lively chats and light-bulb moments will highlight this self-directed, first-hour Sunday gathering for adults. Swap ideas about current events from the newspaper, articles from the UU World, or whatever topic bubbles to the surface that morning.

Summer Conversations will meet from 9:30-10:45am beginning June 15 and ending the Sunday before Ingathering. Youth are encouraged to attend.

Attendees are welcome to bring children in their care. Child care for preschoolers must be requested in advance, by calling 585-5110. Contact **Jasmine Walston** for more information.

Endowment Reminder

Remembering First Unitarian in your will can be as simple as:

“I give (____%) of my remaining assets of any kind to the First Unitarian Church of Louisville, 809 S. 4th St, Louisville, Kentucky for its Endowment Fund.”

There are other ways to make a bequest. If you want help call **Joe Kremer** at **xxx-xxxx**.

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Celebrations of Life

Sunday services begin at 10:55 a.m.

- June 29** *Change.* Led by **John Wiggins.**
- July 6** *Patriotism Isn't a Dirty Word.* Led by **Kathie Johnson**
Service topic TBA. Guest speaker, **Homer Wilkins.**
- July 13** Service topic TBA. Interim Minister, **Rev. Alma Crawford**
- July 20** Service topic TBA. Interim Minister, **Rev. Alma Crawford**
- July 27** Service topic TBA. Interim Minister, **Rev. Alma Crawford**