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SERVICE, 11 A.M.

Sunday Mornings

- Forum, 10 a.m.
- Service, 11 a.m.
- Children's Church, 11 a.m.
- Coffee time takes place in the lounge on the lower level following the service.

Newsletter (QCU)

The newsletter (QCU) is published the first and third Mondays from August to mid-June and once during July. The QCU is free to pledging members and friends. Others are requested to pay \$25/year for the hardcopy QCU, but the electronic QCU is free to all

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is

**MONDAY
FEBRUARY 8
BY 9 A.M.**

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Calendar

See www.qcuu.net

FEBRUARY 7

"From Peoria to Australia – Travelers to Parliament of Religions Share Their Stories"

UU Rev. Michael Brown and 7 other members of the Peoria, IL UU Congregation who are just back from attending the Parliament of Religions in Melbourne, Australia will be sharing their once-in-a-lifetime experiences with UCD.

We'll have the opportunity to hear from them about the keynote presentations and about a few of the workshops they attended (out of over 600 which were offered,) to see some of the images which they brought back with them, and to learn of their reflections upon the Parliament.

Others present at the Parliament of Religions were the Dalai Lama, President Jimmy Carter, Thich Nhat Hanh, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Prof. Dr. Hans Kung, Jim Wallis, and more!

FEBRUARY 14

National Standing on the Side of Love Day

Join us and celebrate a Valentine's Day re-imagined. With so much fear and hatred permeating the fabric of our communities, this will be a day when we reestablish our communal bonds by demonstrating love for our neighbors. We will celebrate with readings, songs, poetry, and a social action event which connects our congregation with the social justice work initiated by the Unitarian Universalist Association, an action which demonstrates our love for our neighbor.



FORUM, 10 A.M.

FEBRUARY 7

Megan Conrad Sczygielski: What's New in Stroke Rehabilitation

Dr. Sczygielski is a researcher at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago studying post-stroke hand rehabilitation. Come hear her discuss and show us some of the current trends and strategies in helping stroke patients regain use of limbs. Megan is the daughter of our friends Molly and Gene Conrad and has recently completed her PhD. in Biomedical Engineering.

FEBRUARY 14

Lisa Killinger: The People, Politics and Culture along the Pakistan/Afghanistan Border

Dr. Lisa Killinger will share her experience of living among the villagers and Afghan refugees near the Khyber Pass in Pakistan. Her presentation will include a glimpse into the way of life, religious values and culture of the Afghan and Pakistani tribes. The session will also focus on current events in Afghanistan examining the challenges and ramifications of armed conflict in tribal regions. A way forward towards peace-building in Afghanistan will be proposed with time for audience questions. Dr. Lisa Zaynab Killinger is a Leadership Council Member, Muslim Community of the Quad Cities and founding Board Member, Progressive Action for the Common Good.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Regular classes resumed Sunday, January 10

Preschool - 6th grade, 11-12 a.m.

ROPE (Jr. High) - Sr. High, 10-11 a.m.

Nursery (6 mo.-3 yr.), 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Winter units of the Preschool-6th grade curriculum "Holidays and Holy Days" include:

Our New Year, Huichol Indian Day, Martin Luther King Day, Chinese New Year, Chinese Dragon Celebration, Powamu, Susan B. Anthony Day and Mardi Gras.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Junior and Senior High Youth Group would like to thank the church for contributing to their Cocoa Fundraiser. They sent \$200 to the Youth Homeless Shelter in Rock Island coordinated by Churches United.

PROGRESSIVE FAMILIES NETWORK

As the Youth Religious Education Program continues to grow, we want to offer families opportunities to connect through various gatherings such as: educational classes, play groups, meal exchanges and social gatherings. If you are interested in participating or helping to coordinate any events or if you have any suggestions then please let us know. Our next event will be February 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Unitarian Church social hall. Ashley will give us information about an upcoming seminar that she will lead on "Nurture Shock" and then we can enjoy pizza, games and conversation at Game Night. We hope to see you there!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HOW CAN YOU HAVE THE HEART OF A GIRAFFE? LEARN HOW IN FEBRUARY.

Adult Religious Ed Class :

Nonviolent Communication and Us

Sundays 10:00 Room A Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

This **workshop** will be facilitated by **Barb Johnson** and **Ashley Francis**. They will be using material from Marshall Rosenberg, author of Nonviolent Communication, A Language of Life. Rosenberg created a method that helps both parties meet their needs at the interpersonal level. The workshop will give practice in communicating observations, feelings, needs, and requests. Rev. Mary bought a few copies of the Rosenberg book to loan out. If you would like to borrow one of those, please contact the office at 563-359-0816. You can also obtain the book in a local library, or online.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION--AN OFFERING FOR THE GRAY MONTHS FEMININE IDENTITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: WHAT DO WOMEN WANT?

This will be a fun, interesting discussion group open to women of all ages and backgrounds to explore women's liberation (from what, from whom, why) and contemporary roles in the family, community, religion, culture, politics, sexuality and other topics of interest to the group. Meeting times will be the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The group will meet from **February 28 through April** in the Community Room, 6:00 to 7:30. If you are interested, but that time doesn't work for you, please call the church office (563-359-0816) as the meeting time may be flexible. The group facilitator will be Lori Yoshi Newman, Ph.D., Educational Psychologist, Senior Director of Counseling, Palmer College, Davenport.

INFORMATION

RELIGION IS LOVE IN ACTION

"We are the ones we've been waiting for" from a sign at a senior center.

Local social action is not only very important to the members of our congregation; it is where you all work hard and shine. With that in mind, let me quote from a small part of the Social Justice Job Description written and approved in 2006.

VOLUNTEER POSITION: Social Justice Liaison

PURPOSE: To promote involvement in the various social justice activities engaged in by our membership. Budgeted funds will be will used for activities generated by members and friends of the church and are not to be used as donations to outside causes or groups.

I have volunteered to accept this position temporarily in order to create a data base of contacts and concerns.

Unitarians win 1st and 2nd place at Trivia Night

Sign up to join the team again in March!

Sandra brought us word that she supports the Handicapped Assistance Dog training group. These dedicated people, buy raise and train dogs to assist the handicapped. We see one of these trained assistance dogs every time Ross brings Ted to church. What a wonderful cause and what a good time we had playing trivia and visiting with the dogs and helping to buy a new one.

Twelve people signed up under our UU "flag" to attend the fundraising trivia night and won! They took their winnings and donated them on Sunday to Kids for Hunger. Yet another worthwhile project that member Ann Hailey is spearheading giving us an opportunity to be involved.

Many of you signed up on the clip board to help with the community meal. That list has been forwarded. If they don't call you, feel free to call them. Serving the meal takes time and effort. It also takes money ----- roughly \$150 a month. If you can't give time or effort, please consider giving money. Just write Community Meal in the memo on the check to the Unitarian Church.

Thanks to all who labor so diligently to keep the church going in addition to all you do in the community!

If you would like your particular Labor of Love brought to our attention, please get in the "I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives." Tracy Chapman

THE ANNUAL ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION

The Annual All Church Birthday Party Celebration will be Sunday, February 28 after the service! For those of you who don't know, there will be tables for each month of the year, complete with decorations and birthday cake. Find your table and enjoy cake and conversation with adults and children who share your birthday month. This is a fun multi-generational event that helps build a sense of community within our church.

If you'd like to be in charge of a table, please let me know and you can pick whatever month you like. Doing a table includes bringing cake, plates, napkins, and any decorations you wish for your month. But hurry if you want to get your first choice!

Come celebrate with us!

INFORMATION

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world, working through four focus areas:

- Rights in Humanitarian Crises
- Civil Liberties
- Economic Justice
- Environmental Justice



On Sunday, January 17, 2010, we collected \$1,362.94 for Guest at your Table, including 24 memberships. Some people send their membership donation directly to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), so their contribution is not reflected in this total. I will let you know as soon as I find out whether or not we reached our goal of 25% membership in the UUSC.

We also collected checks totaling \$1,040.00 and cash of about \$550.00 for the UUA/UUSC Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort, total \$1,590.00.

Guest at your Table is more than a request for funding -- it is an opportunity for all of us to learn about the human rights work of the UUSC. Thank you to everyone who listened, read, learned, or shared.

My appreciation to Sarah Moulton and children from the RE program who distributed and collected boxes; Rev. Mary Moore for telling us about Rev. Waitstill Sharp and the early days of what grew into the UUSC; Ann Reese for the many silent announcements, etc; Gary Anderson for assistance in counting numerous coins; and LaDonna Anderson for swiftly converting currency to a check so that we could complete everything and get it in the mail on Sunday.

If you missed the collection and wish to contribute, please see me for an envelope. If you made a donation below the level of membership (\$40 individual or \$20 senior) and wish to add the difference, please let me know. It's easy to take care of.

2010 PRAIRIE STAR DISTRICT MEETING

Have You Made Your Artist Trading Cards Yet....?

What are Artists' Trading Cards? They're the size of baseball cards, but the artist (you) creates the card. We will provide a variety of materials (fabric scraps, quotes, paper, stamps, markers, paint etc.) to help you turn a blank ATC card into a mini work of art. This is a fun activity for all ages. No art skills required!

We hope that lots of people will bring their Artists' Trading Cards to the Prairie Star District conference, *Roots and Wings, Weaving Multigenerational Dreams* and trade their ATC cards with each other and with YOU -- so you'll want to have cards to trade. Since our church is hosting the PSD conference in April, it is our dream that the members of our congregation will make enough cards so we can give one to each person who registers for the conference as a gift from Davenport UU's. **We need your help to make enough cards.** When you attend the conference, please look for the person who has your card on their name tag and introduce yourself. There will also be a "trading station" at the conference too and other congregations are making cards to trade with you.

You can make a Trading Cards at any of these events.

Game Night, February 12th - at the church

After the Brown Bag Lunch Meeting at the Church, 1 p.m., March 9th. (Adults only event).

Watch the "Art Wall" in February for samples of cards made by our congregation and more information about the Roots and Wings conference.

DO YOU SPEAK UU?

Recently you may have heard some strange UU words floating around. Sometimes it almost sounds like another language so we thought we should translate for you.

PSD - Prairie Star District.

PSD Conference - Every year Prairie Star District Members from all the UU Churches in our District get together, to sing, to worship, to learn, to have fun and to meet other UU's. On April 23 - 25th it will be here, in Davenport – our church is the 2010 conference host.

DavLAC - Davenport Local Arrangement Committee - This is the local planning committee for the PSD Conference this year, if you aren't on this committee yet, you will probably be asked to help with something soon. Please say yes!

Roots and Wings - This is the theme of the PSD Conference that is going to happen here next April.

Weaving Multi-Generational Dreams - This is the tag line for the **Roots and Wings** Conference. The theme and tag line were selected by the District with the goal of making this a multigenerational event and it is the hope of the PSD and DAVLAC planning committee that all ages will attend. It is in our backyard, so not only have we been able to reduce the registration fee to the conference for youth but you will all save travel expenses!!

Registration is now open. For more information and to register please go to:
<http://www.psduua.org/AnnualConference2010/AnnualConference2010>

The Unitarian Church, Davenport, Iowa invites you to

Roots and Wings

Weaving Multigenerational Dreams

**The Annual Conference of
Prairie Star District**
Unitarian Universalist Association

April 23 - 25, 2010
Radisson Quad City Plaza
Davenport, IA

**Family-centered workshops &
multigenerational activities**

**Saturday workshop & evening concert by
singer-songwriter John McCutcheon**

**Sunday worship at The Figge Museum
on the Riverfront**

**Registration
Now Open!**



Watch for announcements and visit
<http://www.psduua.org/AnnualConference2010/AnnualConference2010>

Art & Service Silent Auction
March 5th and 6th, 2010
Doors Open at 6 pm—Performers Start at 7 pm
At the Unitarian Church

The **ART & SERVICE SILENT AUCTION** is a major fundraiser for the Unitarian Church and is held at the same time as the **UNITARIAN OCCASIONAL COFFEEHOUSE** event this year on Friday, March 5 & Saturday, March 6. One-Hundred percent of the money raised with the Silent Auction goes to the Church.

The success of the Auction depends on your donations and attendance. Everyone has something to offer!

Donated Service Possibilities:

- Share your time and talent
- Catered dinners
- Baked goods
- Family Picnics
- Boat Ride
- Photography lessons
- Yoga Classes
- Homemade Candy and Jams
- Child Care
- Themed Gift Baskets such as “Coffee Lovers” or “Gardener’s Delight”
- Items for the Youth to Bid on

Donated Art Possibilities

- Donate a piece of original art work you have created
- Ask a friend to donate a piece of art work
- Hand-crafted jewelry
- Pottery
- Candles
- Stained glass
- Wood carving
- Knitted pieces

Please turn in your Donation Form no later than Sunday, Feb. 28, however as early as possible is best. Donation Forms are available on line, the fastest and most efficient method of communication. Forms will be included in each QCU, and copies are available in the church foyer.