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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
JANUARY 11
BY 9 A.M.**

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Calendar

See www.qcuu.net

SERVICE, 11 A.M.

JANUARY 10

"Resolutions and a Roadmap for the Congregation"

Rev. Mary Moore

At this time of making New Year's resolutions, and as UCD approaches the completion of the first quarter of this Interim Period, on this Sunday we'll be taking a brief look at where the congregation is currently and what might be on its roadmap going on into the future.

JANUARY 17

"Reflecting on the Life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Rev. Mary Moore

FORUM, 10 A.M.

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Alta Price: Perspectives on Proposed Health Care Legislation

Our own Alta Price has used her expertise as a physician and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Scott County Medical Association to help bring about health care reform. She will discuss her experiences with this work and give us her perspectives on the legislation as currently proposed.

JANUARY 17

Bob Thomas: 2009 Retrospective/2010 Prospective

Bob Thomas, a favorite forum leader as well as forum facilitator, will lead us in considering what was most important about the past decade and what we can expect from the next.

IMPORTANT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS AND TOWN HALL MEETINGS FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday, January 10, Congregational Meeting, Vote on 2010 Budget
Sunday, January 17, By-Laws Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, January 24, Congregational Meeting Vote on By-Laws
Sunday, January 31, Congregational Meeting Vote on Alan Egly as Minister Emeritus

View from the 'Rim

On January 31, folks in this congregation will have the opportunity to attend a Sunday morning service led by the Rev. Alan Egly, who was minister of UCD from 1979 to 1987. Immediately following the service, there will be a congregational meeting where members will vote on designating Alan as Minister Emeritus at UCD.

A publication of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (the professional association of which Alan and I are members) states that, "The relationship between a congregation and a minister emeritus/a is personal and unique. The individual and the institution have already had a meaningful and often extended relationship upon another basis. Now that relationship is altered and it will have meaning not only for the minister emeritus/a and congregation, but also for the settled minister who follows and his or her ministry. "

"Although customs vary, in general ministers emeriti/ae have no official role in the life of the congregation. The title should be honorific, being a recognition of a significant past and of the affection and esteem in which this former minister is held.

The relationship between a settled minister and a minister emeritus/a should be one of mutual honor, respect and caring. The settled minister endeavors to make the other welcome and valued in the life of the congregation. The minister emeritus/a publicly honors the call of the settled minister and doesn't offer solicited or unsolicited advice or criticism to the members of the congregation.

The lives of the congregation, the settled minister and the minister emeritus/a may be enriched by the continuing participation of the emeritus/a in congregational life. The relationship among these parties should be discussed early in any new settled ministry and a covenant should be agreed to and published. The constructive services of ministers emeriti/ae have proved of great value to the settled minister and to the congregation."

A UU minister receives the designation of Minister Emeritus/a by a vote of the congregation. When this takes place, a transition has been effectively achieved, a new and complementary ministry begun. In the past, this congregation voted to designate the Rev. Charlotte Saleska, minister of UCD from 1988 to 2000, as Minister Emerita. I believe that the congregation should designate the Rev. Alan Egly as Minister Emeritus. It's time!

I have known Alan since 1974. To me, he has always been a true colleague in the deepest sense. So many times he has been a minister's minister; in so many ways he has already been acting as a Minister Emeritus to this congregation.

An Interim Period for a congregation can be seen as being a time of tidying up some loose ends from the congregation's past. Alan was one of those honored this past June at a prominent worship service which I attended (at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly) which celebrated the 50th anniversary of their ordinations. I would very much like to see another service of celebration sometime this spring – at UCD – one at which Alan would be installed as Minister Emeritus of UCD.

I urge everyone to attend the January 31 service which Alan will lead and vote at the congregational meeting which will follow.

With warmest regards, as always,

Your interim minister, Mary

CALL AND WARRANT

By Direction of the Board of Trustees of the
Unitarian Church, Davenport,
a Congregational Meeting
will be held on January 10, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.
The meeting will take place in the Unitarian Church,
3707 Eastern Avenue, in the sanctuary,
to hear and take such action on the following items as recommended
by the Board of Trustees:
vote on 2010 budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy, Clerk

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Regular classes resume 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.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING, JANUARY 10

Come to the meeting after church to discuss, change, and vote on the budget. We need you to tell us what's most important to you! We will e-mail out the budget ahead of time to the "From Staff" list and will post it at church and on the web in the member's section. .

Religion is Love is Action

As the year winds up it seems appropriate to thank all those who have made sure we were all welcomed each week. On the following page is a list --possibly an incomplete list of all those who have greeted, ushered, and made coffee this year. Listed below this paragraph are the names of Board of Trustees who were responsible for welcome and lock-up. The board also needs to thank all those who were drafted to help with the offering. Accept our apologies if we missed you. We tried our best to get a complete list.

Marcy, Ellen, Lloyd, Allen, Ken, Wayne, John, Larry, Cindy, Martha, Elaine, LaDonna, Gary, Emily, Nancy, Scott, and Julie.

"I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives." Tracy Chapman

A special thank you to the "treasurer's team" George, Steve, Roberta, Melanie, Bernie, and Treasurer LaDonna.

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

"The everyday kindness of the back roads more than makes up for the agony of the headlines." Charles Kuralt

Especially true for us this year.

Please remember to volunteer!



Save the Date
April 23 - 25, 2010

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

The annual membership and human rights fund drive in support of the UUSC is coming to its completion. We will collect Guest At Your Table boxes on Sunday, January 17, 2010, -- that's the weekend of Martin Luther King Holiday.

If your family includes children, please feel free to include coins, so they have the experience of giving something tangible. Otherwise, please convert your contribution to a check made out to "UUSC" or "Unitarian Universalist Service Committee," not to the church. Boxes and pre-addressed envelopes are available in the church foyer.

HUMILITY OF MARY SHELTER THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who brought things for the CHM Shelter. In a recent letter it was stated that they provided 31,700 nights of shelter to 1,137 men and women during the first year of operation. These clients worked closely with the Service Coordinators to access mainstream or self-enrichment resources, worked on employment goals and housing. 125 volunteers provided the Shelter with 3,151 hours of service. We're glad to be a part of the community's overwhelming support for the CHM Shelter.

PIZZA AND GAMES NIGHT FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Join us for a meal and games on Friday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the church social hall.

- * Bring your new Christmas games and we'll try them out!
- * Also bring a dish to share, if you like.
- * We'll provide the pizza.

See you there!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The Art Wall space is available now for anyone who would like to display their work for a four to six week period.

Please get in touch with me if you have interest:

HEARTLIGHTS

Joyous news events can be reported to our church office by calling 563-359-0816 or by sending an e-mail to qcuu@mchsi.com.

TIMELINE FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN SETTLED MINISTERS

The Timeline is now posted on the wall to the left in the entryway. Please check it out at your convenience. And anticipate that even closer viewing access will be gained when the security camera is eventually moved and mounted elsewhere. The Timeline will also be available on the church website. As always, the Transition Team invites your comments and questions about the Timeline or other Transition issues.

JANUARY CIRCLE SUPPER

The next potluck dinner will be Saturday, January 16th. Circle suppers are potlucks held in church members' homes. All adults are welcome. It is a great way to get to know others in the church community. You do not have to host to be able to attend. Please consider attending in January. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.