

SILENT ANNOUNCEMENTS Sunday 1/29/2012

If you are a first time guest today we're happy you joined us. Please fill out the white information sheet on the visitor's table (one with dark green cloth) in the gathering space. This way we can send you the UUCQC newsletter to inform you of coming events and also note your areas of special interest to make connections in the future.

SERVICE 11 a.m.

02/05/12 "What Dreams May Come" As we start our one on one stewardship campaign for the next fiscal year, what we are really talking about is what your dreams are for this congregation. I will share some of my dreams, and explore why I think the word "steward" has relevance to our effort in this community.

02/12/12 "It's an Agape Kind of Love" It is close to Valentine's Day. The topic of Love is in the air. The word Love means different things to different people. What does Love mean from a religious perspective? What does it mean to Love your Enemies, and why is it so difficult to do?

02/19/12 "Identity Crisis?" There has been much written in the UU World and online about what is our UU Identity. Should it change? Can it change? And if the answer is yes how can it change and what should it change into? I will explore just what is a Unitarian Universalist Identity? How does our identity as Unitarian Universalists shape our actions and our identities in the world?

02/26/12 "Can You Hear Me Now: Communication in the 21st Century" Twenty-first century communication has become simplistic and quick, but the big question is: What is social media's impact on the quality of communication? The evolution of communication also raises questions about the nature of interpersonal interactions, effects on society as a whole, and how it changes the spiritual aspects of our lives.

FORUM 10 a.m.

Feb. 5: Clayton Daughenbaugh: Clayton Daughenbaugh is Midwest regional coordinator for Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), a group dedicated to preserving the Redrock Wilderness areas and canyonlands in Utah. Several members have seen his presentation and say it is wonderful.

Feb. 12: Moselle Singh: The Redwood Movement: Mo Singh grew up in our church as daughter of Tony and Joyce Singh and is now a student at Augustana. The Redwood Movement is a movement of students who want to "pop" the Augie bubble in order to connect with the community. Mos will tell about this group and suggest ways we can support it.

Feb. 19: David Wolgin: Dr. Wolgin is a licensed clinical psychologist with specialties in trauma-related conditions and mindfulness-based stress reduction techniques. In his presentation he will explain the concept of mindfulness as a unique way of paying attention to our everyday experiences and will provide a simple framework and basic guidelines for brief mindfulness practices that can be used in everyday life.

Feb. 26: Cindy Kuhn: Habitat for Humanity ReStore: Cindy will discuss the mission of Quad Cities Habitat for Humanity ReStore and ways we can be involved.

Hospitality List

Feb. 5: Coffee: *High Coffee* (Mona McCray & team); Greeter: Janice Bybee; Usher: Sandra Evers
Feb. 12: Coffee: Nancy Huse & George and Barb Robinson; Greeter: Melody Griffin; Usher: Susan Theiling & Martha Harris
Feb. 19: Coffee: Molly Teigland & Jon Halladay; Greeter: Rik & Nina Slone and family; Usher: Elsie Anderson & Dee Oberle
Feb. 26: Coffee: Jill Schutts & Gary and LaDonna Anderson; Greeter: Jeff Mason; Usher: Bill Robbins

Caring Notes

CONGRATULATIONS to Norah and Abran Diaz on the birth of their baby girl, Emma Victoria, on January 23. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. Connie Barrett is the proud grandmother, Hugh Barrett pleased to be a great grandparent, and Margaret Thomas happy to be a great aunt. Norah and Abran's address, 1831 13th St. Moline, 61265.

GOOD HEALING WISHES to Sylvia Roba who underwent hip replacement surgery on Monday. She hopes to have been released on Thursday to her mother's home to recoup. Doris' address is 2221 10th St., East Moline, 61244 Sylvia would appreciate hearing from UU folks. She would welcome calls on her cell phone too. 309-271-0743.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Rev. Jay continues his class based on race every Wednesday at 7:00 in the Lounge during the month of February. Next week, Feb. 8, he reports that he'll show the "best" segment of the film. Discussion follows each film segment.
- To request childcare, call 48 hours in advance: 359-0816.
- Brochures about the current term are available in paper form in the gathering space and in the social hall.
- "Table tents" will be on display at coffee hour giving class titles, dates, and times.

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The quarterly meeting with the Committee On Ministries will be held Today after the Service In the Lounge. Come and get your questions answered.

Jim Kelley, Chair

The Annual Budget Drive

HUGE THANKS to all those who volunteered to participate in visiting stewards orientation this weekend. You are helping to build the bonds that tie us together as a congregation and strengthen our ability to have impact on each other and on the world around us.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? Over 40 members have volunteered to be visiting stewards! That's one member in every five. Huge thanks to all who said "yes" when called.

TODAY WE WELCOME MARK EWERT, UUA STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANT. Mark has been invaluable to helping our Annual Budget Drive Team prepare for this year's campaign.

LAUNCH SUNDAY for our Annual Budget Drive is next Sunday, **February 5th**. Come to hear how we can transform beloved community inside and outside our walls with generosity. Hear the choir

sing special music and enjoy a celebratory morning including specialties of some of our great pastry chefs at **HIGH COFFEE**.

NOT YET A MEMBER BUT INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH A VISITING STEWARD? Contact us (info below) to schedule a visit!

QUESTIONS: Contact Mona McCray (rgmccray@gmail.com), Barb Robinson (barb.robinsonuu@mediacombb.net), or Amber Laughead (aleigh2004@hotmail.com)

Pizza and Games Night—

February 10 (2nd Friday), 5:30 p.m. 'til 8:30 or so

Bring in your new games and we'll try them out. Old favorite games also welcome. Chicken Foot, anyone? Friendly opponents! Lively conversation! Great pizza, including vegetarian. Bring a dish to share, if you like. Let the games begin! George Robinson, 563-381-3561

New Member Class Approaching!

The Welcome Team would like to invite anyone who is interested in membership to attend the next New Member Class. If you have been attending the church for a while, and would like to consider becoming a member, the class is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the church. If you aren't sure yet, that's okay - all are welcome! There is no obligation or expectation to join at the conclusion of the class.

The class will cover various topics, including UU theology, our individual stories, the meaning of membership, and more. Led by Rev. Wolin and members of the Welcome Team, it will be an informal discussion about what it means to be a member of UUCQC.

The class will take place on Saturday, February 11th from 9:00am to 1:00pm, with a light snack provided around 11:00am. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Tyson Danner (TysonDanner@gmail.com).

ART WALL GALLERY

Lucia Auman has graced the Art Wall with her photo display of "Faces" - Let Your Eyes Meet Theirs." Take a look, you may see someone you know, or would like to know. At his time, the Art Wall is reserved through March. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the list for an opportunity to display your creative work (309-788-8167 or stengel.jm@mchsi.com). Judy Kasper

Green Sanctuary Update Meeting - Thurs. Feb. 16th - 6:30 PM

The four Green Sanctuary Focus Groups* are developing plans and putting them into action. If you have already signed on or are interested in participating in a project, please come to an update and planning session on Thursday, Feb. 16th at 6:30 PM in the downstairs lounge.

We will update you on what steps the Green Sanctuary project has taken over the past several months since we launched it last September, which projects are in the planning phase, and what areas are still in need of leadership.

Healthy snacks will be provided. Please let one of us know if you can make it. Hope to see you there!

Green Sanctuary Project co-ordinators: Ellen Kelley (cembra041@mchsi) and Kathryn Allen (kasavelie@aol.com)

*The four Green Sanctuary Focus Groups are: Worship and Celebration, Sustainable Living, Adult and Youth Religious Education, and Environmental Justice.

February 2012 Pass the Plate Recipient

Carelink is a faith based program and ministry through Churches United. There are 4 Carelinks in the Quad City area. The concept of Carelink is as follows: Carelink is serves people in their respective communities who are in need of emergency assistance such as rent, utilities, mortgages or special needs such as work uniforms and other items needed to assist individuals who are trying to sustain independence and to attempt to prevent homelessness whenever possible.

Clients can utilize Carelink onetime per year with a limit of no more than \$250.00. Churches pool their funds together so that they can reach impact far greater than one church alone. We contract with a social service agency to help the client with the best of use of these funds which elevates the "social work" piece from the local church. The first Carelink was started in 1997 with the most recent Carelink beginning in 2009.

PSD Conference Promises to Be Rewarding on Many Levels

This year's Prairie Star District Annual Conference will be held in Bloomington on **April 13-15** at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel. The theme, *Lessons From War and Peace*, will be addressed by two phenomenal speakers--the Rev. Jim Eller, who will talk about his years of experience with reconciliation, and Tom Weiner, who has written about the Vietnam War draft. In addition, you will have a choice of 30 workshops that reflect many other types of battles as well--for justice, for inner peace, for marriage equality, for immigration rights.

Other highlights include the traditional banner parade, children's activities, and the youth-led worship service Saturday evening. Friday night ends with a cash bar and jazz band, while Saturday night closes with a "HUUtenany" hosted by the White Bear UU Church. Sunday features the conference choir and a sermon by the popular White Bear minister, the Rev. Victoria Safford.

Middle and high school youth will be attending their own Con within the conference-- "**ConScience**," which will explore the way UUs make moral decisions, especially as they relate to war and peace. The conference, which is designed to be multigenerational, but will have many age-specific activities throughout for youth and younger children.

I think you will find the opportunities rich and rewarding on a personal, spiritual, and community-building level. Please check out the website, and if you can join us, please register as soon as possible! **Registration cost goes up after March 14th**, and rooms may no longer be available at the discount rate. Although you can register at the conference, the cost will no longer include any meals. Don't let that happen to you!

<http://www.psduua.org/AnnualConference2012>

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