



CUF Links

Monthly Newsletter of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship
A Welcoming Congregation

- a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist association -

April, 2011

SUNDAY SERVICES

Held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.

4/3 Bill Sasso: "Where Do You Focus Your Energy?"

Where does our energy go? On this Sunday, we'll use a bit of that energy to track the rest of it down, and think about where we really want it to go. In preparation for our Fellowship's annual Stewardship Campaign, we'll examine the breadth of our own roles as stewards in our individual lives, and in this faith community.

4/10 Ken Starbuck: "Three Mentors for UUs of All Ages"

Ken will use the article "Reclaiming Krypton" (in the Winter 2010 issue of UU World magazine) to explore the importance of our wider legacy. Doug Muder, author of that article, suggests that the challenge of our particular faith community is to heal our own relationship with the past. Micah, Jesus and James Luther Adams will be presented as mentors relating us to the past and guides for the journey ahead. Bill Sasso and Ken Starbuck will co-preside at the service.

4/17 Bill Sasso: "Saving the Earth, One Day at a Time"

In recognition of Earth Day, we'll look at the importance of action today as we think about our planetary future, and our commitment to "respect the interdependent web of existence, of which we are a part." Our children will be with us in the opening of the service, and our social action offering will go to support the work of the Murphysboro Food Pantry!

4/24 Bill Sasso: "Rolling Away the Stone"

In recognition of Easter Sunday, we'll re-examine how the story of Jesus' resurrection can resonate with experiences in our own lives. Do the challenges in our lives ever bury us? If they do, how can we find the ability to "roll away the stone?" Join Bill as he buries himself in these questions, and help him dig himself out!

. . . and coming up . . .

5/1 Dave Christensen: "Creating Peace: A Humanist Perspective"

OPEN MINDS

8:45 a.m. each Sunday by the Fellowship Fireplace.

Contact Terry Elliot at elliott1@wildblue.net for more information on topics, TBA in this month's weekly bulletins, or if you would like to lead one of these Sunday discussions.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE



"Sharing Our Gifts"

What makes our Fellowship possible is the generosity that we share. In sharing so generously of our skills, our time, and our resources, we offer our gifts. As I see it, these gifts are not "taxes" that one has some legal obligation to pay. They are not even "dues," though some of us may think of them in that way. Nor are they part of some "transaction," in which people "pay tuition" for children to attend religious education, or we purchase "admission" to a service, workshop, conversation, or event. These skills, time, and resources are gifts, and this congregation exists because we, as members of this Fellowship, choose to make these gifts.

Think for a moment about why we have made these gifts. Why have we chosen to share our finite resources –not only our money, but also the time we spend here, participating in the activities of the congregation? Why have we shared these gifts?

I can't speak for you, but here are some possible responses that have occurred to me:

- We want to affirm and promote values expressed in our UU principles.
- We value the community that is present here.
- We appreciate the programs, activities, and ministries, within the congregation and beyond its walls.

- We feel a sense of identity with the Fellowship and UUism.
- We want to honor our sense of responsibility or commitment.
- We have a sense that something new will be able to happen if we offer the resources to help.
- We consider support for the Fellowship as part of a legacy we wish to leave southern Illinois and the UU movement.

This Fellowship has a self-renewing source of energy. We are that energy. To the extent that we are generous with our presence, our skills, our time, and our resources, this congregation can be generous, returning to others more than it has been given. It is in this spirit that we read together each Sunday, prior to the collection of the offering. We read to remind us of that our gifts are valued and make a difference. And in that spirit, I invite you to join me as we now read our offering words again:

"This Fellowship is made up of us. Its energy and resources are our energy and resources; its wealth is what we share. In contributing to the life of this community, we support our own growth, we affirm this Fellowship, and we make possible its efforts beyond these walls." (Mary Allen Walden, adapted)

As we begin our annual stewardship campaign, I ask that you consider what our Fellowship means to you, and what you hope to see it yet become. I thank you, in advance, for your generosity in its support!

Yours in gratitude, Bill Sasso

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR



I was talking with some high school students a few weeks back, and I was saddened to hear that in our schools taunting and bullying is present and a problem. Expressions such as “That’s so gay” seems to have become common, and is used to describe any uncool behavior, thought, or item. The good news is that our own high school students do not stand idly by - they speak up and point out the hurt and discrimination that taunting and bullying present. I suspect they do this because of their families, and the social justice atmosphere of this Fellowship, and through their classes and interactions they have acquired tools and confidence.

One of the latest efforts of the Rainbow Café was to survey all the local schools to see what written policies they have that address bullying behavior. Though some of the verbal comments and opinions of administrators and counselors were less than supportive of GLBT students, they all did have policies in place as a result of federal mandates.

Reading the current issue of UU World, there it was again, in the Families Weave a Tapestry of Face section, “Studies suggest as many as half the youths in the United States have experienced cyberbullying.” On page 43, “Ministers speak out on bullying of gay youth.” And the article on page 48, of Commander Zoe Dunning’s persistent efforts to defeat Don’t Ask Don’t Tell. But I want to note at this point, that my focus is not only on GLBT issues, but bullying and taunting in general.

While Skyping with a friend in south America, she told me how distraught she was that her daughter had been viscosly attacked on facebook by a

school classmate, and that the school’s reaction was that these things happen and there is no solution. Bullying, whether on the playground, through computer, or cell phone texting, seems to be a problem not just for GLBT youth, but any youth or child anywhere.

As I mentioned in my first paragraph, it is really gratifying to hear that our youth are among those willing to be active and vocal, and to not be silent when they see hurtful and discriminatory behavior. Their response is not isolated to just this group of high school and middle school students, for we have a long history of our students being out front on social justice issues. And I’m sure it’s a multitude of factors that play into youth taking a stand for respect and dignity, from parents and siblings, to friends, and to the influence that this Fellowship has, as well as the particular character of each of these young people.

And your presence makes a difference, but only if you are actually present. We, as a community of faith, represent a celebration of diversity, welcoming with open arms, just as we together fight against injustice, oppression, and hateful language and behavior. But you have to be among us to share your gift, your insights, and your wise words. Our children and youth are the future of a liberal religious presence not only in southern Illinois, but in the larger communities of life.

When invited into our classrooms on a Sunday morning (you are always welcome), or to lead a Sunday with the kids during the summer, or to help out during the Annual Stewardship Dinner, your gift of time and talents will assist our children and youth in forming a foundation for their future.

Together we will grow and learn, and support each other.
Sincerely,

Roy Sumner

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE – April 9th, 2011!

Put it on your calendar, your phone and/or whatever electronic device that you use. It is the date of the Fellowship's Stewardship Kickoff Event. There will be food, entertainment, special activities for the children and a good time for all. We come together as a community and kick off our annual Stewardship Campaign. It is our way to do fun' raising.

We are rapidly approaching the annual Stewardship Drive. The theme of this year's Stewardship Drive is "Deepening Our Relationships, Growing Our Future". It is happening at the same time as the congregation is asked to define our future with a new Strategic Plan. We are envisioning our future and we are asking the congregation to support it.

We are a really dynamic congregation. We have so many activities/services in so many different areas that everyone can find at least one that appeals to them/meets their needs. How many of the following affect you?

Sunday Services, Religious Education, Supper Club, Intergenerational Pot Luck, Carol's Lunch Bunch, Mindfulness Meditation, Awakening Heart Dharma Group, Evensong, Nonduality Satsang, Pastoral Friends, Psi Symposium, Dreamworks, Open Minds, Science in Society, Video Circle, New Humanist Forum, Roundtable Readers, Choir, UFO, Unitarian Recorder Ensemble, Fellowship Dulcimer Society, Drumming Circle, Sisterhood of Stitchers, Video Circle, International Student Coffee Hour, UU RSO, Owning Our Religious Past, Our Whole Lives, Homeless Awareness Project, Trick or Treat for UNICEF, Easter Baskets, Suicide Grief Support Group, Women's Gathering and Retreat, CUF Men's Alliance and Retreat, AIDS/Africa Partnership, New Day (Prison) Ministries, Health Ministry, Rainbow Cafe, Social Action Sunday Offerings, Welcoming Congregation, Red Ribbon Congregation, Green Sanctuary Candidate, Feed

My Sheep, Spirit of Christmas, Yard Sale for Social Action, Canned Food Drives (Carbondale Food Pantry/ Muslim Food Pantry), and many more - past, present and future.

How does a Fellowship our size sustain such a large volume of diverse activities? Is it luck? Is it a very generous benefactor? Is it a large contingent of highly skilled and competent staff? While we have a few dedicated and highly competent staff, the reason lies within us.

We are a community of talented individuals who freely give of their talent and time to make things happen. How many of our current activities rose out of one person's interest and leadership and caught fire with several more. Over time new leadership arose within the group to sustain the activity for years. I think of the New Humanist Group. It was nearly dead one year ago and is now as vibrant as ever, with new members leading and attending.

This generosity of time and talent is critical for all these diverse activities. But the supporting infrastructure is necessary for all of this activity. I am talking of the beautiful building in which all this takes place and the professional staff who provide guidance and support.

You will soon receive a Stewardship Companion to explain the Annual Stewardship drive. Please read it and understand the needs of the Fellowship and the pledging process. In addition to this written material, we strongly encourage you

to attend a Stewardship Conversation to explore what the Fellowship means to you, and others. Armed with this information, you should be ready to make a pledge, acting on your sense of stewardship for this Fellowship.

You will be able to pledge at the annual Stewardship Kickoff Event on April 9th, at the end of a Stewardship Conversation, through an individual visit by a visiting Steward or by email. Whatever venue you choose, we ask that you be thoroughly familiar with the needs of the Fellowship and you pledge consistent with your sense of stewardship to the Fellowship.

This year, we are conducting a Talent Survey in conjunction with the pledge. As mentioned above, we have so many activities taking place because of the generous contribution of time and talent of our members. Through this survey, we are hoping to identify talents that leadership can

match to the needs of the Fellowship. We invite you to participate in this vibrant community and act on your stewardship, beyond your pledge.

One more thing! Share this experience with a friend. We know how well this Fellowship meets our needs. We know how much talent and energy is available to make a difference in the community, locally, regionally and globally. But, how many do not know of us and what potential this Fellowship has to enrich and transform their lives? Who knew how many potential UUs were in Cape Girardeau or Mt. Vernon areas until someone started a Fellowship in each town.

Watch for more information. Ask questions. Be generous in spirit, in talent, in time and in financial support.

Jerry Molumby,
Stewardship Chair

CUF VISION STATEMENT

In a nurturing and democratic atmosphere of openness, mutual respect and friendship, the Carbondale Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a welcoming, diverse congregation of individuals who share values and seek to celebrate life, support each other in our inward and outward search for spiritual meaning, provide a religious presence, and strive for compassion and justice in our community and our world.

CUF MISSION STATEMENT

Create a spiritual home for our congregation to be:

- A light to welcome the community
- A space to amplify the value of all activity within
- A center to celebrate life in all its diversity, richness and sorrows

Empower our congregation to:

- Educate one another, both young and old
- Enlighten and challenge one another to grow spiritually, intellectually and socially
- Discover and create a caring, supportive and healing environment endowed with a sense of religious roots and wings

Encourage our congregation to:

- Share our beliefs with others
- Become an active presence in our community for the common good

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Celebrate New Day Prison Ministries! On Wednesday evening, May 11th, we'll recognize and celebrate those who have participated in our Fellowship's prison ministry programs over the past five years. Ms. Sheryl Thompson, Warden at Dwight Correctional Center, a women's prison that we have worked closely with, and Ms. Jane Otte, of Lutheran Social Services in Marion, who works in several prison ministry roles, will participate as guest speakers. We will revisit the work of our Fellowship's New Day Prison Ministries, offer appreciation to those who have led these efforts, and learn about new possibilities in this area of social justice work. All are welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Bill Sasso at bsasso@juno.com or 618-529-2439.

RECENT SOCIAL ACTION OFFERING

Our March **Social Action Offering**, to benefit the UUA/UUSC Japan Relief Fund collected \$1,677! Thanks to one and all for helping our Japanese brethren.

ZAMBIA AIDS PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

This month I would like to introduce you to a very special woman named **Betty Kafula**. I first met Betty on my trip to Zambia in 2004. She was working as volunteer caregiver in the hospice and had recently found out that she was HIV positive. Her husband had died from AIDS, and she had not known what caused his death. She had tremendous guilt for unknowingly passing the virus onto her son, Michael, whom she was pregnant with. She is from a remote village called Kongombe. Since her diagnosis, she has become a major leader in her village, helping to bring clean water, health care, education and many other services to the village. They have a garden providing food for the village and a school, which the villagers built using handmade bricks. She is truly an inspiration to all!!



Betty working as a Hospice Caregiver in 2006.

Betty at Literacy/Library Training in 2010.

Betty and 2 of her sons, September, 2010.



Betty helping out at Kongombe health clinic.

Betty overseeing the garden at Kongombe.

At World AIDS Day Celebration at Ranchhod.

MEET ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Meet Rhonda Kosmicki!

Rhonda Kosmicki and her family moved to Carbondale in the summer of 2000, when her husband began an internship at the SIUC Counseling Center. As soon as they arrived, it felt like home. She hoped that they would put down roots here, and they did!

Indirect connections with the Fellowship began soon after Rhonda's arrival. As a LaLeche League leader, she soon connected with Joyce Shepherd and Candy Davis, and her son became friends with Andy Johnson, connecting her with Tom and JoAnna. It wasn't long until she and her family met Amy Weber, Kathy Bell, Karen Puharich, Matt Sronkoski, Sandy Charlson, Shari Sweeney, and their children at summer beach outings and other gatherings. By the time that she managed get herself to the Fellowship on Sunday mornings this year, she almost felt like she was part of the Fellowship already!

Rhonda describes her children, who range in age from 24 to 11, her husband, and her extended family and friends, as the most important aspects of her life. Throughout her life, she has hoped to instill values akin to our UU principles in her children. For instance, the Kosmickis compost and have created an organic family garden. It gives her a deep sense of fulfillment when she sees her children make choices that reflect the values she has tried to share with them. Her family responsibilities interrupted her undergraduate studies, but now that her youngest is 11 years old, she has returned to college part-time at SIUC, where she is working on her psychology degree.

Now that she is here at the Fellowship, Rhonda values the sense of community she has found. She enjoys connecting with people across the generations – both to those younger and those older than her -- and finds a bit of calm and peace in her Sunday mornings. She looks forward to becoming more involved in the Fellowship as her children grow older. Her youngest daughter, Brynn, is an active member of our middle school group, and will participate in the April 2nd Cardboard City sleepout.

EASTER SUNDAY! EASTER SUNDAY!

If you would like to bring some finger food for Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 24th, please feel free to do so. I will have dyed hard boiled eggs for adults to keep or eat, and would welcome any veggies and dip or what not! The RE children will be out chasing eggs full of candy and treats. Let's make sure we have fun too!!! - Kim Asner-Self at kasner@siu.edu.

CUF REGULAR PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

CUF MEN'S ALLIANCE *This group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at CUF.*
Meets this month on April 14. Emphasis is on men supporting each other through life's milestones and ongoing challenges. For more information, please contact Bill Rose at 351-1474, or Charles Ruffner at 687-2819.

WOMEN'S GATHERING *This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at CUF.*
Meets this month on April 20. Join us for this wonderful fellowship of women! Contact Cathy Kline at klinejc@earthlink.net for more information.

New Humanist Forum *This group meets on the third Sunday of each month at 12:15 in the sanctuary.*
Meets this month on April 17. Program this month: "What are the Economics of Corporate Media?" presented by Eileen Meehan. Eileen's research looks at the intersection of mediated entertainment and corporate ownership, especially the very profitable and popular Star Trek franchise. She will trace the connections between the television series Star Trek and CBS, as well as between Paramount Pictures (which produced the last Star Trek film) and Viacom. Meehan then looks at the connections between Viacom and CBS, tracing back the lines of control to National Amusements, which is ultimately owned by Sumner Redstone. Eileen presented her research paper on this topic in March 2011. Eileen Meehan is currently a Professor in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts at SIUC. She is a recognized political economist, specializing in media industries and commercial culture. She is author of "Why T.V. is Not Our Fault" and is co-editor of "Sex and Money: Feminism and Political Economy in Media" and "Dazzled by :The Global Disney Audience" Formerly teaching at LSU, she was holder of the Lemuel Heidel Chair of Media. All are welcome. For additional information, contact JoAnn Nelson at joannnelson1928@gmail.com or Bob Camp at terrinina@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD OF STITCHERS *This group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Commons area.* All are welcome, from persons learning knitting or stitching crafts to those well practiced and knowledgeable. Come to work on your projects, learn from others, share your ideas, and enjoy the camaraderie! For more info, contact Pam Jacobini at PJacobini@siumed.edu or Gloria Smiley at smileyspins@yahoo.com.

CUF DRUMMING GROUP *This group meets on the third Saturday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Commons.* **Meets this month on Mar. 16.** For more information, contact Debbie Czarnopys-White at bdcw@frontiernet.net, or call 787-2929.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION *This group meets every Saturday in the Fellowship Commons from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.* If there are other activities scheduled in the Commons, we meet in the RE area. For more information, contact Joy Price at 457-2405 or joyfully2356@yahoo.com.

THE AWAKENING HEART DHARMA GROUP *This group meets every Sunday in the Fellowship Commons at 7:00 P.M.* Insight Meditation, study, and discussion in a free flowing format. Everyone welcome. For more info, visit www.shawnee-dharma.org or contact Jo Kilmer at kilmer@shawneelink.net.

DREAMWORKS *This group meets the first Sunday of each month in 06 (RE wing) at 12:00 noon.*
Meets this month on April 3. In DreamWorks on April 3, Bob Camp will present a brief overview of dream yoga, which emphasizes deep similarities between the waking state and dreaming, while acknowledging significant differences. As with lucid dreaming, in dream yoga we recognize we are dreaming while we are in the dream state. Some dream analysts/interpreters recognize the tremendous potential of this ancient

method, taught by the Buddha, to help the dreamer fully awaken to the nature of experienced reality. Dream yoga allows us to explore the nature of dream reality by transforming the contents of the dream. Later stages of this practice lead to fearlessness in the dream state and experiential exploration of the "substrate consciousness" out of which all dreams emerge. Bob will guide us on a brief exploration using insight meditation and guided visualization as a simile of a dream state. Discussion will follow. Contact cadfael07@yahoo.com or jelizah1949@yahoo.com for more info.

ROUNDTABLE READERS *This group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month after the Sunday Service at Noon.*
Meets this month on April 24. The book to be discussed to be announced in weekly bulletin.

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY *This group meets some Fridays of the Month in the Fellowship Commons at 5:00 PM.*
Contact Gina Paul at 351-1064 or rpaul@siumed.edu if you have questions.

VIDEO CIRCLE *This group meets on the third Friday of each month in the Fellowship Commons at 7:15 PM.*
Meets next on April 15. For more information, contact Amy Weber at amyweber1@msn.com.

UNITARIAN FOLK ORCHESTRA *practices at 10:00 a.m. Saturdays, at the Fellowship.* For info contact Judy Aydt at aydt@siu.edu.

GROUP/PROGRAM/COMMITTEE LEADERS

AIDS/Africa Partnership: Carla Feldhamer
Awakening Heart Dharma Group: Martha Shum
Building and Grounds Committee: Tom Robinson (bldg) & Al Babbitt (Grounds)
Bulletin Board: Lois Lembcke
Campus Unitarian Universalists: open
Caring and Sharing: Cheryl Robinson
Carol's Lunch Bunch (women's lunch group): Mariann Douglass
Chalice Lighters (Fundraisers): Bill Sasso
Chalice Lighters (Sundays): Roy Sumner
Choir: Geri McKee
Committee on Ministry: Natalie Trimble, Yo Presley and Matt Sronkoski
Covenant Group: Cheryl Robinson
CUF Links (monthly newsletter): Cheryl Robinson, Editor
Denominational Affairs: Bill Sasso
Dreamworks: Janet Harris
Drumming Circle: Debbie Czarnopys-White
Earth Spirituality: Carrie Vine
Endowment Committee: Jerry Molumby
Fellowship Connections: Melanie Bray
Finance Committee: Lois Stewart
Green Sanctuary: Deb Czarnopys-White & Nick Eastman
Greeters & Coffee Hosts: Joyce Webb
Health Ministry/Congregational Nurse: Vennie Anderson, RN
Hospitality Committee: Janet Harris & Patsy Maxwell
Humanist Forum: Bob Camp & Joann Nelson
Interfaith Council: Ken & Kathy Starbuck
Intergenerational Potluck: Roy Sumner
International Student Coffee Hour: JoAnn Nelson & Nillofur Zobairi
Library Committee: Amy Larson

Mailing List Manager: Melanie Bray
Membership Committee: Phil Beck
Men's Alliance: Bill Rose & Charles Ruffner
Mindfulness Meditation: Joy Price
Music Committee: Alan Christensen
Nominating Committee: Bill Rose, Jan Eisenhard, Vennie Anderson, Kim Asner-Self, Rob Gallegly
Open Minds: Terry Elliott
Order of Service: Russ Trimble
Outreach & Visibility Committee: Miriam Link-Mullison
Pastoral Care: Bill Sasso, Coordinator
Personnel Committee: Miriam Link-Mullison
Press Release Coordinator: Melanie Bray
Prison Ministries: Lois Hayward & Karen Swenson
Program Committee: Janet Harris
Religious Education Committee: Jodi Ruffner
Round Table Readers: Janet Levie
Shawnee Fiber Arts Group: Gloria Smiley
Sisterhood of Stitchers: Pam Jacobini
Social Action Committee: Bob White & open co-chair
Stewardship Committee: Jerry Molumby
Sunday Services Committee: Darren Sherkat
Supper Club: Janet Banerjee
Unitarian Recorder Ensemble: Judy Aydt
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee: Amy Weber
Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office: Dave Christensen
Unitarian Folk Orchestra: Judy Aydt
Video Circle: Amy Weber & Bob White
Website /New Media: Yolann Presley
Women's Gathering: Cathy Kline
Women's Retreat: Debbie Czarnopys-White

Cousin Andy's Spring Schedule April 2011

Since so many CUF members are regular attendees at Cousin Andy's Coffeehouse, we are publishing the April schedule for your convenience:

Look at this, folks! A month where we actually have FIVE concerts! Come on down!

April 1 – Patchouli

<http://www.patchouli.net/>

Songwriter Julie Patchouli and master guitarist Bruce Hecksel light up the air with sparkling acoustic sounds and their powerful contagious chemistry. Famous for that smiling voice that instantly turns a bad day into a good one, Patchouli's down-to-earth, hopeful songwriting is "New American Folk" blending elements of folk, pop, flamenco and jazz with world beat rhythms.

April 8 – Rick "Summer" Droit

<http://www.rickdroit.com/>

A unique and compelling combination, full of positivism that isn't grating, reminiscent of early Crosby Stills & Nash and Santana, Rick reveals rare talent and love for the music. His songs are romantic and winsome and he shares them with laid back professionalism making his performance a welcome escape from a hectic week.

April 15 – Amy Speace

<http://www.amyspeace.com/>

Listening to Amy Speace's music is akin to sipping wine with a good friend and sharing secrets. She takes us on intimate journeys such as exploring past loves while analyzing a new one, and coming to terms with oneself. Speace smartly mixes her tempos so that fast-pace tunes to bring the listener out of the blues.

April 22 – Laurie McClain

<http://www.lauriemcclain.com/home.html>

Laurie has got to be from another planet, so open-hearted and full of love for humanity, yet she appears to experience life on a different plane than everybody else. Her music is as innocent as it is informed by experience, as playful as it is rooted, and as detail-oriented as it is grand in scope. Lucky for the rest of us, she's translated her Earthly experience into music.

April 29 – Andrew Calhoun

<http://www.andrewcalhoun.com/>

A Special Show Sponsored by the Southern Illinois Irish Festival

Andrew Calhoun writes with a paradoxical combination of incandescent intellect and unstudied magic. He is a lightning rod for "the unconscious rightness of intuitive connection" with deep respect for both tradition and innovation. On stage he is disarmingly unpretentious, spontaneous, insightful and darkly witty, as he weaves a tapestry that includes not only his original songs, but Scottish ballads that he has translated from dialect.

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Deadline for May CUF Links: Monday, April 25.

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The Rev. William Sasso, Minister

*"Joy is what happens to us when
We allow ourselves to recognize
How good things really are."*

- Marianne Williamson