

CUF Links



A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

June 1, 2011

SUNDAY SERVICES

Held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM

6/5 Rabbi Randy Fleisher: "Creating Peace: a Jewish Perspective"

We continue our exploration of "Creating Peace" as a religious task, welcoming Rabbi Randy Fleisher of St. Louis' Central Reform Congregation, who will share his personal insights concerning the ways in which Judaism can support the creation of peace, and the ways in which it may counter that creation. Bill Sasso will coordinate this service.

6/12 Graduation and Affirmation

To honor the achievements of all of our graduates, we dedicate this Sunday to consider graduation as one of our society's major rites of passage. Parents of those graduating from 8th grade will "affirm" their children, while several of those graduating from high-school will speak for themselves. Bill Sasso will coordinate this service.

6/19 Bill Sasso: "Treehouse Theology"

In recognition of Father's Day, Bill will share from some of his own learning in relation to a particular experience of parenthood: the construction of a treehouse over a period of years. He'll try to make sense some of this modest adventure, and offer insights into how this process has changed his relationship with his child.

6/26 Christine Bauer and Paulette Curkin: "Gay Pride Sunday"

As a "Welcoming Congregation," we have committed ourselves to celebrate the lives of all people and to welcome same-sex couples, recognizing their committed relationships and to work to promote justice, freedom and equality in the larger society. Christine will lead us in a special recognition of Gay Pride Sunday, with Paulette as our guest speaker.

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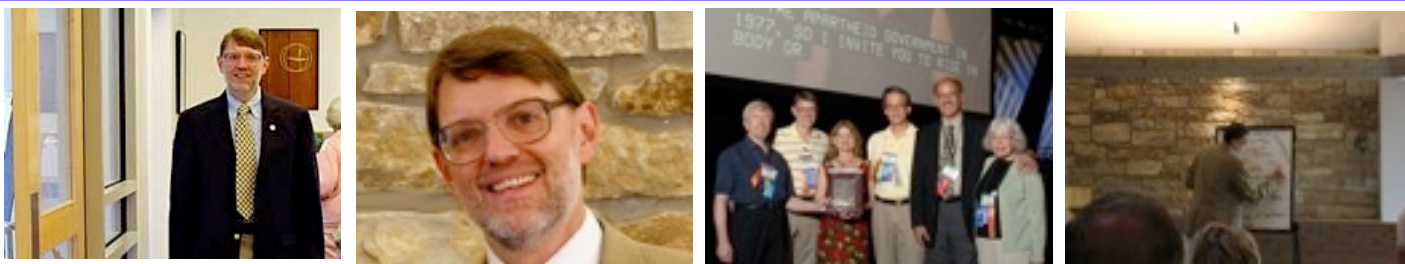
7/3 Bill Sasso: "The Ideals of a Nation"

OPEN MINDS

8:45 AM each Sunday by the Fellowship Fireplace

Contact Terry Elliot at elliott3434@gmail.com 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 Ministers Message



“And the winners are . . .”

This past Sunday, we elected four new members of the Fellowship to serve in positions on the Board of Trustees, and re-elected two others to continue for another term. Newly elected to serve as Secretary is Jesslyn Jobe, and our new trustees include Al Babbitt, Pamela Jacobini, and Chris Lant. Those elected to continue in positions in which they currently serve are Lois Stewart as Treasurer and Trustee Janet Harris. Those continuing their terms are Cathy Kline, Miriam Link-Mullison, and Karen Gallegly. I am confident that you share the appreciation that I feel for these Fellowship members, who have accepted the responsibilities of service on the Board.

The work that our Board of Trustees performs is quite significant. In many ways, the Board holds responsibility for the health of the Fellowship as an institution and its wellbeing as a physical entity. The tone that the Board sets echoes throughout the Fellowship, and it models the levels of energy, commitment, and respect that we hope to see in every Fellowship group and program. Over the past twelve years, I have often been impressed with the leadership that our Boards have offered. They have led us in the accomplishment of significant achievements, including the transition to professional ministry and the construction of our building. More than that, they have done so in a way that has strengthened the bonds of our community.

The Nominating Committee’s responsibility is more focused, but no less important. It has the critical task of identifying and recruiting nominees for the elected Board positions. If you have ideas about who you would like to join the Board as a Fellowship leader a year from now, I encourage you to contact a member of the Nominating Committee with your suggestions! Newly elected to serve on the Nominating Committee are Ed Phillips and Yo Presley, who join continuing members Vennie Anderson, Rob Gallegly, and Bill Rose.

Like these incoming Board members, I have recently been elected to serve in a leadership role in our Central Midwest District. The district is a regional body of 80 UU congregations, stretching from Michigan’s upper peninsula south through Wisconsin and Illinois, and then west into mid-Missouri. At the annual District Assembly on April 29th, I was elected to serve as Ministerial Trustee. The district board meets about six times a year, with winter meetings conducted using virtual meeting technologies. I will take this responsibility to our larger movement seriously, in the same manner that our newly elected and continuing board members will work on behalf of our Fellowship.

In closing, I would like to thank those whose terms on the Board will end on June 30th: Samir Aouadi, Phil Beck, Kris Juul, and Christian Moe. I also extend my gratitude to Jan Eisenhard and Kim Asner-Self, whose terms on the Nominating Committee are now completed. Please join me in thanking these members for their service!

Electorially yours, *Bill S.*



From the Religious Education Director

“Everything changes. This is a fundamental truth of life and a central spiritual lesson. Yet it is a lesson we all resist learning. I find myself trying to keep things the same, to freeze time. We cause ourselves so much suffering when we resist the passage of time, when we try to hold on to a past that is gone. Resisting change brings suffering. Embracing possibilities together brings joy, meaning, and fulfillment.” ~ Peter Morales, President, UUA.

My youngest daughter just graduated college, wow, the youngest. My high school is having our 40th reunion this summer (maybe I'll make this one, but then again...). Children grow, our friends move away, new neighbors move in, and updates keep pouring into our computers. Maybe Peter Morales is talking about accepting progress in how things are done, about letting go of past practices that no longer hold as much value. I know in our religious education program we are always trying to be relevant, to offer what our children and youth need now so they can be fully engaged adults later. Peace making, and addressing bullying, these are timely topics that need attention, so we as educators must constantly grow and learn, and change in order to offer a valuable experience.

At the same time, I have witnessed how some things do not change, even over thousands of miles and across differences in language and culture. While in Argentina recently, I attended a presentation of a documentary about a village in the Peruvian Amazon. An Amazon tradition says; “I see my soul only when I see myself reflected in the pupil of the other person. My soul exists for this relationship, if I do not see myself in the pupil of the other person, I do not exist.” To me, this speaks of the unchanging need we have for each other, that our journey is to be shared. As Unitarians we accept that it is our personal responsibility to find our own truth, but the journey for that truth is shared and experienced with many others.

So, I accept the wisdom of Peter Morales words on change, and I can also embrace the constancy of unchanging human traits that also bring fulfillment, like honesty, tolerance, sharing, caring, and being in community. I would say that within our religious education program, at least since I have been attending, that we are unchanged in our mission to provide an environment where children and youth can freely speak their opinions and ask questions on any subject. Where they learn to respect differences of opinion, and value learning together. But, of course, how we offer those opportunities to our children and youth changes continually. There is value in both, in valuing the traditions and practices and traits that provide meaning and growth, and in accepting and valuing that how we get there changes.

Sincerely, *Roy Sumner*



From Our Student Minister

MY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

When I was in school, summer was an almost totally unstructured time. After my brothers and I had weeded in the garden, harvested the vegetables that were ready, mowed the yard, cleaned our room, and helped with tasks my mother assigned us that day, we were free!

I would get on my bicycle and ride it with some fear past the neighbor with the German shepherd that sometimes nipped at my bare heels, up a dirt road through abandoned fields to a creek where I would skinny dip. Or I'd bike a mile up gravel roads to the nearest neighbor anywhere near my age, and he and I would play in the woods. Or I'd stop to talk religion with an old man and woman who lived in a shack with newspapers and magazines piled waist deep through the whole house, a whole lot of cats, and an unmowed yard. They were a little mysterious and (shhh!) Jehovah's Witnesses. Summer was a time for exploration and unstructured growth.



Cardboard City our RE Homeless Awareness Event

Like most of you, my summer will not be like that this year. But it will involve a major change of activities, exploration and growth. Since last September, when you all opened your hearts to me and happily took part in helping me learn about ministry, I've attended and presided at services, observed and participated in committee and board meetings, joined in social action with Fellowship volunteers at Feed My Sheep, slept in a box on the ground during the Cardboard City homelessness awareness event, participated in the Stewardship Campaign and the Strategic Planning process. I've preached, and you've given me helpful feedback. But on the day after Memorial Day, my activities will shift into summer mode.

To be fellowshiped as a Unitarian Universalist minister, one must do a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). This is a full-time chaplaincy training. Although it can be done in various settings, many ministers do this training in a hospital with an accredited program. I will be doing CPE this summer at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. I will go through the training with a cadre of peers from other religions and denominations. We will engage in training but will also serve as real chaplains to patients and families in extreme situations, facing pain and even death after a trauma or as the result of disease. Everyone I know who has gone through the experience of CPE testifies that it is a life-changing experience, and I'm looking forward to it.

In order to save time and energy, I have rented a studio apartment in the West End about a 30-minute walk from the hospital. I will be in St. Louis for about 11 weeks. But I will still be receiving e-mail at poakley0615@charter.net and can be reached by phone at (618) 214-0340. I will keep up on what is happening at the Fellowship by reading CUF Links and the weekly announcements. I will be busy, but I will miss you all!

I will return to Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship in mid-August in time to participate in the start-up activities of our campus ministry at the university. I look forward to seeing you all and growing with you all again soon thereafter.

Many blessings for an enjoyable summer of growth!

Paul Oakley, Student Minister



"MUSIC CAN UNITE PEOPLE!" The Fellowship hosted a successful fundraising concert to provide relief for the victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan on Saturday, April 30th, 2011. Supporting musicians from SIU, together with local piano/violin teachers and their students, performed. Members of the Carbondale High School Japanese Society made 1000 Paper Cranes to be sent to Japan.

News from Zambia

Straight Talk from Stephen Lewis

By Laura Lopez Gonzalez

April 11, 2011

Laura Lopez Gonzalez, a reporter for IRIN/PlusNews, interviewed Stephen Lewis in Johannesburg during a March 2011 meeting of activists who gathered to discuss a new, civil society-driven framework for global health. Ms. Gonzalez is one of 11 journalists who were awarded fellowships in 2011 by the International Women's Media Foundation. The fellows will jointly produce between 30 and 40 investigative reports on HIV and AIDS in South Africa, through a MAC AIDS-funded project that seeks to "increase global coverage of women's issues and to support women in the media."

JOHANNESBURG — A former politician, diplomat and aid worker, few people have witnessed the fight against HIV from as many international vantage points as former UN Special Envoy for AIDS in Africa, Stephen Lewis. Now co-director of the international advocacy organization, AIDS-Free World, Lewis spoke to IRIN/PlusNews about the direction of the international response to HIV.

Question: Reduced funding, a lower donor profile, and arguments against AIDS exceptionalism — has the fight against HIV lost momentum?

Answer: The fight against HIV is at a very difficult moment, there's no question and for two reasons.

First, the decline in funding could be truly catastrophic by or before the end of this year. Western governments, which are reducing their contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the United States, which is flat-lining the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, do it all on the ostensible rationale of the financial crisis but that's just utter nonsense. There's never a financial crisis when you have to bail out the banks or provide a stimulus package... there's only a financial crisis when you're dealing with global public health and putting people at risk.

We have 10 million people who require HIV treatment urgently and there is no guarantee we'll be able to roll out the drugs fast enough to keep people alive. There are already many projects in Africa that cannot enroll new patients. This is preposterous. It's happening in Malawi, it's happening in Uganda, it's happening in Zambia, and there are drug stock-outs. It's becoming increasingly clear that the hazard of cutbacks financially is putting more and more lives at risk.

The other factor: there is a determination to expand the portfolio of health interventions in a way that is prejudicial to the work on HIV and AIDS. HIV is possibly the worst pandemic in human history — 30 million people dead, 33 million people infected... 15 million orphans — how in God's name is [this] not exceptional?

That doesn't mean that other things should be prejudiced by AIDS... no one who works on HIV and AIDS would deny funding for maternal and child health or for non-

communicable diseases... You have a moral obligation to enlarge the pie to encompass all the requirements of health and what [funders] are doing in a kind of Pavlovian, unthinking way is to fail to analyze the overall needs.

Q: What is the hardest truth about the fight against HIV that we are not facing?

A: The recognition that there are HIV prevention interventions that would work if only the world would galvanize around them.

Prevention of mother-to-child transmission — it should be called vertical transmission — that should have been the easiest. Instead, for the past 10 years, we have been stagnated by the lack of urgency in the response. Countries like India and Ethiopia continue to use single-dose Nevirapine. Everyone now knows that single-dose Nevirapine has the possibility of inducing drug resistance in the mother and the child, and therefore puts their lives at risk. [Agencies and governments] still put single-dose Nevirapine into the percentages of success when they say, extravagantly, that we have 53 percent of the women who are HIV positive and pregnant on drugs, they include single-dose Nevirapine, which covers roughly a third of those women. That's completely irresponsible, that's not an intervention. It's incredible that there hasn't been a single-minded crusade to get everyone off single-dose Nevirapine.

Look how long it took us to implement male circumcision. We knew in the 1990s that male circumcision was a way of reducing HIV infection for men. We waited until we had a plethora of studies and didn't get going until 2005. Paula [Donovan, AIDS-Free World co-director], in the year 2000, suggested circumcision [should] coincide with immunization for babies. If that had been done, we would soon be receiving the benefits of that but everybody laughed it off.

It isn't one item, it's just item after item after item in which the international community is failing. If I can make an obvious observation, recently UNAIDS and WHO [World Health Organization] put out a joint press statement saying, "We're worried about the funding. We're very, very worried we're not going to have the funding, people are going to be put at risk, there will be great calamities."

UNAIDS in its epidemic update report last year said that we'd turned the corner, had all this success, we can see that the virus is in retreat. Well, you can't on the one hand tell the donors that everything is moving along nicely, and then expect them to take you seriously when there's not enough money. There's just not enough thinking about what is said and what is done.

Q: HIV activism has moved from Act-Up in the United States in the 1980s to South Africa's Treatment Action Campaign in the 1990s — both groups have had to scale back due to funding problems. What does that mean for the future of HIV activism?

A: I think HIV activism has been stalled momentarily, and I emphasize "momentarily," because of the crises around funding and the retreat from the serious responsibility

around the pandemic on the part of many, western, governments in particular. [Activists'] voices aren't being listened to as they used to. TAC is sort of the spiritual leader of [HIV activism] and if TAC feels compromised, in any way, it's a great pity because they are — for all of us — the beacon of activism.

Q: How much time do you think countries have until they have to fund the bulk of their HIV responses?

A: There is no way of avoiding the international responsibility, this is an international pandemic and no country escapes it... There will always have to be a significant component of international aid, these countries are so poor; the majority of people in most of the beleaguered countries are living on less than US\$1 a day, how can they be expected to handle the costs of treatment, prevention, care and support? It's just not realistic. It is necessary for them to put more and more money into the fight against AIDS and necessary for them to achieve the 15 percent national budget allocation for health [set out in the Abuja Declaration] but there will always have to be an international component.

Q: If donors do not want to give, what can the HIV/AIDS community do?

A: We just keep fighting. I think of the Global Fund getting \$11.7 billion when really what they needed at minimum was \$17 billion, and for the best trajectory of getting to

those extra 10 million people, they really needed \$20 billion, so they're way down. What is even more worrying of course, is that for obvious reasons, Japan will probably not fulfill its financial commitments [to the Fund]; the right-wing in the United States will, to some extent, cut the American contribution; and Germany and Sweden still have not committed to their funding. In Japan's case this is understandable; in everyone else's case this is reprehensible.

One grinds one's teeth and one doggedly continues to hammer away at the injustice, the inequality, at the misogyny because women suffer most, at the insensitivity and irresponsibility because race is involved. The [withdrawal from the fight against HIV] violates all the basic moral principles of the struggle for social justice so you make the arguments as strongly as you can and you document them. You do the research and show the shortfalls and the consequences in human terms, and one day the pendulum swings. The pendulum has swung in the wrong direction but one day it will swing back and more money will become available.

(Link to Article: <http://www.aidsfreeworld.org/Newsroom/AIDS-Free-World-in-the-News.aspx>)



Nurse Janet

Nurse Janet Mwansa Mumba is one of the most dedicated and selfless people I have ever met. She has worked for Ranchod Hospice long before I had the pleasure of meeting her. Her experience encompasses not only vast medical knowledge but also

compassion in dealing with people of all ages.

Janet is truly a master in so many fields. She works with family planning, HIV/AIDS testing, heading up a large group of Home Based Caregivers, and working in the hospice wards. I truly do not know if she has a day off though I do believe she tries to fit in some time to worship on Sundays.

Ladies come to Ranchod Hospice a couple of days a week. They line up in front of the new building constructed for the purpose of assisting with family planning. It literally looks like a village with all the mothers and their existing, sometimes sizable, families. The choices include getting a shot on a regularly recurring basis and getting a device inserted into an arm. As I recall, the shot is protection for about three months. A Jadelle is an implant system that provides effective, long-acting, reversible contraception for women. Two thin, flexible rods

made of silicone tubing and filled with a synthetic progestin, are inserted just under the skin of a woman's upper, inner arm in a minor surgical procedure. Protection from pregnancy is provided within 24 hours, when insertion is performed during the first week of a woman's menstrual cycle. The woman rapidly returns to her normal fertility when the implants are removed. Because Jadelle contains no estrogen, the most common side effects are changes in menstrual bleeding patterns. Most other common side effects are similar to those experienced by women who use other hormonal contraceptives. Jadelle is one of the most effective reversible contraceptives available. The cumulative pregnancy rate in clinical trials was 0.3 for three years and 1.1 percent for five years. Jadelle has a lower failure rate than the pill and most IUDs. Its efficacy is comparable to that of surgical sterilization. Women



are continually given education about methods of family planning. As time permits, we visitors are taught how to assemble the little kit used for each person wishing jadelle. Janet is very patient with each and every client, freely providing nurturing as well as education.

Janet is also in charge of a large group of men and women who comprise a Home Based Care unit. Knowing she cannot always be with them as they continue their regular rounds visiting patients in their home villages, she continues to train and encourage them. She also heavily relies on them when she

does her monthly visits to the multiple sites that Ranchod Hospice support with medicines and more family planning in the outreach areas. On the days when Janet is not traveling or providing family planning services, she works in the wards of the hospice, checking the health of the patients and providing encouragement and a kind word. Her quiet soothing words and warm smile help heal just as much as any medicine she may administer. When I think of true healers, Janet Mwansa Mumba will always come to mind.

New Member News

We are happy to report two new members joined the Fellowship on May 3rd!

Rhonda Curtis & Brenda Smith We hope to have more information about them soon. Meanwhile, please be on the lookout for Rhonda and Brenda, and offer them a warm Fellowship welcome!

Meet Amelia Robinson!

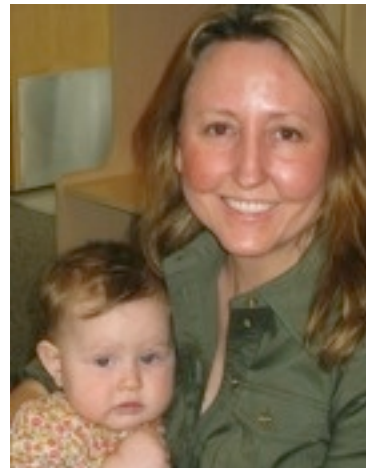
One of our newest members is Amelia Robinson! She arrived in Carbondale in September, 1992, when she entered SIUC as an undergraduate after a six-year stint in the Air Force, including service in the 1992 Gulf War. In 1998, she graduated with a bachelors degree in speech pathology, and earned her masters in that field in 2009, again at SIUC.

Before serving in the Air Force, Amelia had lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she worked for a "back to nature" renewable energy company. The year after arriving in Carbondale, she met her husband, Mark, here. Their marriage has been blessed with the safe arrival of their daughter Marlee, their first child, earlier this year. The transition to motherhood is still a work in process for Amelia, and is one of the factors that led her to join the Fellowship. If "it takes a village to raise a child," she hopes that we will become part of that village for

Marlee. She also sees the Fellowship as a source of spiritual strength for the two of them to fall back on, and values our commitment to the application of reason to questions of the spiritual.

Beyond Mark and Marlee, Amelia's life includes a love of nature and the outdoors that has led to her

avocation as an arborist. Her appreciation of the world, with its many amazing cultures and peoples, is a characteristic that she hopes to pass on to her daughter. She has only been sailing once, but loves it, and hopes to find more ways to explore nature while traveling through it in a gentle, peaceful, and quiet way. If you have been



looking for a companion for a helium balloon ride, a sailplaning adventure, or skulling lessons, please give Amelia a call!

Please be on the lookout for Amelia and Marlee, and offer them a warm Fellowship welcome!

Meet Michelle Cooper (Elle)

Elle (pronounced “Ei” like the “elle” at the end of Michelle) and her husband Rich moved to Cobden in 1996 when he began studies at SIUC. Rich loves fishing, and Elle loves southern Illinois, and they found it an easy decision to put down roots and stay. Both grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, and Elle’s family has been farming in northern Illinois for generations. In 2002, their daughter Kaya (rhymes with “Hiya!) was born.

When Kaya commented that many of her classmates went to church and that she would like to do so, she became the catalyst for Elle’s decision to learn more about our Fellowship. When Elle encountered some members of the Fellowship community at a party, and heard them speak highly of us, she decided to bring Kaya and check us out. When they arrived, Elle was pleasantly surprised to realize that she knew other members of the Fellowship already! Her decision to become a member reflected her sense that commitment is an important dimension of religious community. She felt that one way to show Kaya how that was important was by accepting the responsibilities of membership.

She values the Religious Education program, and likes the fact that “I can have my own sense of higher power within the religious community.” She respects



our emphasis on social justice work, our diversity of perspectives, and our sense of fun.

Elle works as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Fellowship House in Anna, which offers rehabilitation programs for those who have abused alcohol or drugs. It can be an intense, “tough love” kind of experience at times. Elle also volunteers at Cobden

Elementary School, and enjoys activities with her family, including hiking and crafts.

Please keep an eye open for Elle and Kaya and offer them each a warm welcome when you meet them!

CUF Regular Programs and 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 May 12.* 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 May 18.* 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 June 19. **Dark Space Between Science and Religion**, Presenter Robert D. Filippis* Much of what we’ve tried to explain with religion and the supernatural is now revealing itself with the discovery of the quantum level of the universe. What we find at the quantum level is so strange that it challenges our existing scientific logic. In fact, physics has been torn from its moorings and no serious philosopher dare ignore its significance. It challenges the very foundation of western thinking; Aristotle’s excluded middle.

His new book titled, *Faith, Stirred Not Shaken*, will be published this fall. In it, he deconstructs religion and science and proposes a larger social construction that includes them both. In his presentation, he will explain even more recent discoveries about how our brains are interacting with the quantum level to form our very consciousness. We are on the verge of a paradigm shift of gigantic proportions. Hopefully it will be for the better. For additional information, contact JoAnn Nelson at joannnelson1928@gmail.com or Bob Camp at terrinina@gmail.com. *Invite your friends, especially newcomers. Bring a snack to share if possible. Also consider if and when we should add a second meeting each month. Jo Ann and Bob need your input.*

CUF Regular Programs and Meetings - continued..

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 June 18. For more information, contact Debbie Czarnopys-White at bdcw@frontier.com.*

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 June 5. We will share dreams, and discuss one or two, using Jeremy Taylor's techniques. Questions: Janet Harris at jelizah1949@yahoo.com or Nillofur at cadfael07@yahoo.com.*

ROUNDTABLE READERS *This group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month after the Sunday Service at Noon. Meets this month on June 26. Contact jmlevie@frontier.com for more information.*

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 June 17. 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.*



DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIPS, GROWING OUR FUTURE:
the skit from our annual Stewardship Event on April 9th

Special Announcements

Native American Spirituality and the Earth!

On Thursday evening, June 16th, the Fellowship will host a presentation by Marsha Forrest, a woman of Mohawk ancestry. Marsha will share about how she understands humans in relationship to the Earth, which she begins to describe in seeking "the balance of the spiritual, emotional, physical and mental aspects of one's own being as they grow towards their full potential." The event will begin at 7:30 pm. Mark your calendar today, and watch for more detailed information!

General Assembly Registration:

The UUA's 2011 General Assembly (GA) will be held in Charlotte, NC, from Wednesday, 6/22 to Sunday, 6/26. Registration information is available online at <http://www.uua.org/ga/registration/index.shtml>. This year's GA will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America!

Social Action Yard Sale - Volunteers and sale items needed!

Please bring items to the Library Room any time before Noon on Friday June 10th. Volunteers are needed to help in all aspects of our annual social Action Yard sale. Please try to set aside some time to help sort, set up, and price items, work the actual sale dates and/or cleanup and relocate left over items. This is a huge event and we need your HELP! Bob White is coordinating the sale.

Summer Office Hours

Beginning May 31, Bill Sasso's regular office hours will change! He'll be in the office on Mondays, 9-11 AM, and on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 3-5 PM. bill will take his weekly day off on tuesdays during the summer. this schedule is in effect through Labor Day weekend.



CUF LINKS HARD COPIES are available at the Fellowship on the visitor table.
Guest Editor for this issue while Cheryl and Tom transition: Yolán Presley

Deadline for July CUF Links: Saturday, June 25.

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