



**September, 2011**

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

### **9/4 "The Sharing of the Waters"**

With Labor Day signaling the end of summer, we hope that you will have saved some water from your summer adventures to share as part of this intergenerational Sunday Service! Weather cooperating, our Fellowship's annual beach outing to Cedar Lake Beach will follow after the service, so feel free to wear beach attire if you'd like to do so! Bill Sasso and Roy Sumner will coordinate this service.

### **9/11 Bill Sasso: "Ten Years and Eleven Days"**

As organizations in Carbondale, including both the Interfaith Council and our own Fellowship, organize a series of events to challenge us to create 11 days of peace even as we recognize the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic terror of 9/11/2001, we'll begin the process together. Be present as we explore how those events have touched our lives and shaped our society over the past decade.

### **9/18 "Why I Became Unitarian Universalist"**

Three members of the Fellowship – David Christensen, Dona Bachman, and Christy Flores – will share their stories of connection with our faith and Fellowship. Our Social Action offering will go to the Fistula Foundation, which assists women suffering from obstetric fistula, a devastating childbirth injury. All are invited to a special Fellowship Potluck and Activity Fair following the service. Bill Sasso will coordinate the service, and Janet Harris and the Hospitality team will coordinate the potluck!

### **9/25 Bill Sasso: "A Religion for Progressives"**

Our various histories – Unitarian, Universalist, and UU – all suggest that a good way to understand our faith is as a religion for progressives, for those who believe in progress! If many religious movements attempt to evaluate the present by the standard of the past, we seek to understand the past and the present in order to improve the future. If you have ever wondered how to explain UUism to someone else, this Sunday might offer the key!

**and coming up on 10/2**

Paul Kent Oakley: Our Student Minister will return from his summer chaplaincy program, to speak on a topic to be announced!

# OPEN MINDS

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

Contact Terry Elliot at [elliott3443@gmail.com](mailto:elliott3443@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 MINISTER'S MESSAGE



### Eleven Days of Peace

In only a few days, we will arrive at the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. The tragic events of that day continue to reverberate through our society and our world. The global reach of their impact includes the grief and injury of thousands, two wars, an unknown amount of torture, widespread suspensions of civil liberties, social distrust, economic uncertainty, and far more. In recognition of this tenth anniversary, and in response to these impacts, the "Nonviolent Carbondale" program of the city's Human Relations Commission has invited organizations throughout the area to help create "Eleven Days of Peace."

The eleven days begin on Sunday, 9/11, and continue through the International Day of Peace, Wednesday, 9/21. On each of these eleven days, some open, public "peace event" will be held. The schedule is already too full for me to try to share here, but here are a few that our Fellowship has a direct role in.

- On Monday evening, 9/12, we will host the Ralph Andersen Interfaith Dialog featuring Imam Osama Bahloul of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, leader of the Islamic community that overcame religious discrimination in its efforts to construct a house of worship.
- On Thursday evening, 9/15, we will host a panel dialog on the Charter for Compassion and its implications for our community, featuring Father Joseph Brown, City Councilperson Corene McDaniel, Pastor Sonja Ingebritsen, and others.
- On Wednesday evening, 9/21, a sunset candlelight vigil by the Peace Pole at Friendship Plaza sponsored by the Fellowship will help conclude this series of events. I'm pleased that City Councilperson Chris Wissman has agreed to speak at this event.

There are plans for other events as well, and some of them may also take place at the Fellowship, so stay tuned for more information!

I hope that you will want to participate in this community-wide initiative. The many events present different forms of activity and perspectives, from children's craft projects to music, dance, dialogue, and worship. When the schedule is set, we'll make sure that it is available at the Fellowship.

I ask each of you to attend at least one of these many events. I ask you to make a conscious, intentional promise to act with peace, to the best of your abilities, over the course of these eleven days. I hope you will determine, for yourself, how you can best do that! And I ask you, after these eleven days end, to ask yourself if you can continue your personal actions for peace.

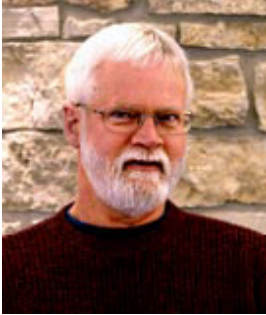
You may be thinking that eleven days of peace is not enough. If so, please know that I agree with you wholeheartedly! When our eleven days of peace end on 9/21, we know that they will not have solved the problems of the world, the United States, the state of Illinois, or any specific community. But they will demonstrate a commitment to change the tone of our response to this deep tragedy. They will offer us time and space to pause, to open ourselves, and to reach out to and connect with others in a spirit of trust and compassion. They will plant acorns of peace that, I hope, will grow into mighty oaks, sheltering all of us with peace and justice in the decades to come.

Yours in peace, *Bill Sasso*

# FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

One of the things I like about our Fellowship is that we're friendly. I like friendly, and I always hope that our visitors feel welcomed.

So, how do you start a conversation with a visiting adult or child? You do make an effort to speak to visitors, right? My method is to just walk right up to them and state the obvious, with something like, "hey, I don't know you!" Or if it's a child of say 8 years old or so, I can usually get them to open up with, "so, did mom let you drive today?"



Of course, the important thing is to engage them, to make them feel that you are happy they are spending some time with us. I'll tell you another secret...visitors like it when they come back in a few weeks and you still remember their name. Yep, you can see their eyebrows rise as they realize they've made an impression. And I'll tell you how I remember their names – I write them down, along with the names of their children. Then I carry these little lists with me for a few weeks, and when I get to church in the morning I review the names just in case someone comes back. Ha, I can't remember what I ate for breakfast, but visitors think I have this wonderful memory, and that they are special enough for me to remember them. Works pretty good, and soon I do remember their names.

Another thing I do when I'm talking with a visitor is I make introductions. I grab the first person that walks by and introduce them, then the same with the next person, and frequently after about 4 or 5 introductions the visitors might recognize a name and suddenly they're feeling a little connected. Or I find out what they do for work, or a hobby or interest, then I hook them up with a member with similar interests.

And I do the same thing with children who are with us for the first time. Though often shy at first, they do like being acknowledged, and made to feel special. They also love it when you remember their name. I love the expressions on their faces, when I ask an obviously 7 or 8 year old if they're 16...gets them every time! And you can always tell the little girls that are allowed to dress themselves. Trust me, when they dress themselves they LOVE compliments about their, umm, "creative" choices. I am just as intentional with children as I am with adults, about greeting and making them feel welcome, safe, and special.

As we begin a new, busy, and exciting year, let's always remember that every person that walks through our doors, adult or child, is special. I like to imagine that visitors are simply friends I haven't met yet. Welcome back, and bring your friends next time you come!

Looking forward to seeing you, *Roy Sumner*

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"A Perspective on Simple Living."** Bill Sasso will lead this four-session exploration of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's insightful work *Gift from the Sea*. This work relates to both the Voluntary Simplicity movement and our Green Sanctuary initiative. It is a lyrical and easily read exploration of the stages and needs of human life in relation to the cycles of nature. We'll meet from 7:30 to 9 on the following Monday evenings: September 12th, 19th, 26th, and October 10th. Participants will need to have access to a copy of the book. For more information, or to register for this program, please contact Bill Sasso at [bsasso@juno.com](mailto:bsasso@juno.com) or 618-529-2439.

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**Canned Food Drive!** Over the month of September, the Social Action Committee will sponsor a canned food drive, with donations going to the Good Samaritan Ministries Food Pantry! Food items that would be helpful include dry beans, instant potatoes, Rice-A-Roni, pork & beans, tuna, Spam, ravioli, pasta (elbow mac, spag., etc.), mac & cheese, soup, cans of chili, instant coffee, jelly, cooking oil, sugar, dry milk, eggnoodles, oatmeal, Ramen Noodles, canned chicken, laundry soap, dish soap, trash bags, etc.

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**Interfaith Sharing Service** on Sunday, 9/11, at 6:30 pm at the Carbondale Civic Center. We will share words of hope and healing from our various sources of wisdom to recognize the 10th anniversary of September 11th and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Carbondale Interfaith Council. All are encouraged to attend!

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**Interfaith Dialogue** on Monday, 9/12 at 7:30 pm at CUF. Dr. Osama Bahloul, Imam of the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, will be our guest speaker. The struggle of the Islamic community in that city to build a new Mosque became international news this past year, and Imam Bahloul will be telling us some of that story. Follow-up discussion will continue the next morning, Tuesday, 9/13, at 9:30 am at the Longbranch Coffeehouse, creating an opportunity for those who wish to become more personally connected with, or involved in, that story. For more information, contact Ken Starbuck at [cubrads@frontier.com](mailto:cubrads@frontier.com).

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**The Charter for Compassion** will be the subject of a dialogue featuring community leaders on Thursday, 9/15, at 7:30 pm at CUF. Watch for more details! For more information about the dialogue, contact Bill Sasso at [bsasso@juno.com](mailto:bsasso@juno.com) or 618-529-2439. For more information about the Charter for Compassion, visit <http://charterforcompassion.org/>

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**"Ideas for Growth!"** Wednesday evening, Sept. 7th, join Bill Sasso and other CUF members at 7:30 pm to view a presentation and discuss how we might use its insights here to help strengthen our congregation and its sense of community! For more info, contact Bill at [bsasso@juno.com](mailto:bsasso@juno.com) or 6180-529-2439. All are welcome to attend!

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**CUF Office Staff Position** ads are running this week in *The Southern Illinoisan* and *Daily Egyptian*. We are primarily looking outside CUF for candidates, so if you know of someone who might be a great candidate for the position, please encourage her or him to apply! For more information, contact Personnel Committee Chair Miriam Link-Mullison or Bill Sasso.

# LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS GATHERING

Are you the chair or co-chair of a committee? Are you the leader of a group, program or activity?  
Are you a committee member, a volunteer, a participant in a group, program or activity at CUF?  
If so, MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND THIS GATHERING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, AT 7:30 PM.

This meeting will help you understand the goals and charge of work for our committees, groups, programs and activities, and to find out what is expected of your committee as we work together to achieve the goals of our 5 year Strategic Plan.

Interested in volunteering for a committee? Interested in becoming a leader? Just curious? THIS MEETING IS FOR YOU!

Contact Bill Sasso, Minister or Cathy Kline, BOT President, if you have questions or desire more information.

## NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!

After nearly four years of being CUF Links Editor, Cheryl Robinson would like to pass along this position to a willing CUF member beginning in **January** of next year.

Although a good working knowledge of computer skills is necessary, the new Editor will have creative license to change the format, add more clip art, or make other similar changes, as often as you would want to! The Minister, R.E. Director, and other members send the Editor the articles that need to be put into the newsletter that month, and the Editor works with these articles to work things into a cohesive whole and readable, appealing layout. Some editing of articles is sometimes involved, but surprisingly little of it.

This volunteer job only comes due once a month, and you can set your own deadline, so that you can work on it over several days if you would like. People are very good about respecting the deadline. A member usually serves in this position for about two years. Most months, a total of anywhere from about six to nine hours is needed to get it ready to send off to the Office Manager, and Yo Presley, who take care of the rest of the process – getting it up on the website, sending it out to members via email, and making some hard copies for the visitor's table. The new Editor will get plenty of support and what little training is needed from Cheryl and from Yo Presley.

So... if you like to work at home on your computer, would enjoy composing our monthly publication, AND would like to perform a valuable volunteer service to the Fellowship as a bonus, please contact Cheryl Robinson at 364-6499 or [cherrob1@msn.com](mailto:cherrob1@msn.com) with any questions and/or to volunteer!

## LADIES, WANT TO PARTY?

Some interest has been expressed in a group of us women going to the Little Black Dress Benefit to be held Friday Sept 9. 5:00 to 11:00 pm at Walker's Bluff. This annual food and wine event benefits the Carbondale Women's Center.

General admission tickets are \$30, and can be purchased online at [SouthernTicketsOnline.com](http://SouthernTicketsOnline.com), by phone at 618-453-6000, or in person at several locations.

We can drive or travel by bus from Buffalo Wings.

Ladies, let's get a group together and go, please contact Cathy Kline or Kathy O"Laughlin if you are interested. (Sorry guys, Walker's Bluff says the event is for women only – like a special "women's night out"!)



## LAST MONTH'S NEW MEMBERS REVISITED

Last month's CUF Links featured new members Lisa and Lacey Gibson. Since the Editor overlooked the fact that a picture was supposed to accompany the article, which helps so much in getting to know Lisa and Lacey, the Editor is printing this article again, along with the picture, to help you to get to know and recognize them more easily!

Meet Lisa and Lacey Gibson!

Two of our newest Fellowship members are mother (Lisa) and daughter (Lacey)! Lisa Gibson moved to Carbondale about 19 years ago, when her husband became a faculty member in plant biology at SIUC. Shortly after the Gibsons arrived here, their daughter Lacey was born. They first noticed the Fellowship through their neighbor, David Christensen, whom they knew was a member here. Since he was such a wonderful neighbor, they thought that the Fellowship must be a good place. After thinking about it for a while, they decided to stop by, and they like what they have found here!

Lacey has just graduated from Carbondale Community High School, and will begin to study physiology at SIUC this Fall term. She's getting a jump on her studies with her work in a physiology lab this summer. In addition to running cross country and track, and organizing the Grand Avenue Pumpkin Run for charity, she looks forward to joining some of SIUC's student organizations.

Lacey particularly values the commitment to service and the sense of community that she has found here, and has already helped with meal preparation at "Feed My Sheep." Lisa respects the diversity of beliefs and the acceptance of different systems of religious thought. They both hope to connect more deeply to the Fellowship as a community of care and concern, and to find opportunities to give back to Carbondale, southern Illinois, and beyond

Lisa's life revolves around her family. A stay-at-home Mom, she loves to organize family celebrations. She and her family love to travel, including annual visits back to her native Kansas and every other year to England, where her husband comes from. The entire family runs, and they have run together in races up to a half-marathon! Lisa also enjoys writing, and taking classes in subjects like human lifespan development.

Lisa and Lacey are very friendly, and they look forward to meeting you. Please look for them at the Fellowship, and offer them a warm welcome!

## CUF REGULAR PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

**CUF MEN'S ALLIANCE** *Not meeting during the summer.* 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 September 21.** Join us for our second Wise Women's program. Another group of our senior sisters will share with us their wisdom, joy and experiences. New members and friends are always invited, and may appreciate a ride or word of encouragement to come. Join us for this wonderful fellowship of women! Contact Cathy Kline at 559-7599 or [klinejc@earthlink.net](mailto: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 September 18.** For additional information, contact JoAnn Nelson at [joannnelson1928@gmail.com](mailto:joannnelson1928@gmail.com) or Bob Camp at [terrinina@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:PJacobini@siumed.edu) or Gloria Smiley at [smileyspins@yahoo.com](mailto: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 September 17. For more information, contact Debbie Czarnopys-White at [bdcw@frontiernet.net](mailto:bdcw@frontiernet.net).*

**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](mailto: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](http://www.shawnee-dharma.org) or contact Jo Kilmer at [kilmer@shawneelink.net](mailto: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 September 4. Utilizing Jeremy Taylor's techniques, we will continue to explore our dreams "with an eye to their deeper meanings". Taylor believes that "no dreams come to tell you what you already know. All dreams break new ground and invite you to new understanding and insights". For more information, please contact Nillofur at [cadfael07@yahoo.com](mailto:cadfael07@yahoo.com) or Janet at [jelizah1949@yahoo.com](mailto:jelizah1949@yahoo.com).*

**ROUNDTABLE READERS** *This group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month after the Sunday Service at Noon. Meets this month on September 25.*

**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](mailto: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 September 16. For more information, contact Amy Weber at [amyweber1@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:aydt@siu.edu).*

## **Green Home Health Festival, Missouri Botanical Garden SUBMITTED BY GREEN SANCTUARY**

The Green Homes & Great Health Festival on Saturday, September 24, merges the EarthWays Center's 10th annual Green Homes Festival with the Garden's Healthy You/Healthy Planet Festival. The event combines a celebration of sustainable living with the resources of Siteman Cancer Center, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and Washington University School of Medicine. Bring your home improvement ideas and talk with over 100 green product and service exhibitors. Discuss your health questions with BJC doctors and other professionals. Enjoy local foods, yoga and tai chi, live music, and solar car races. Take advantage of free health screenings and shop the Green Marketplace. Help paint a Metro bus, and explore the giant inflatable human colon! Learn from expert workshops and talks about the many ways that plants, air, water, soil, and energy sustain our homes, our health, and our planet. The Green Homes & Great Health Festival is included with regular Garden admission. Submitted by Green Sanctuary.

# SERENDIPITY RENAISSANCE

This group will have the first meeting of its rebirth on September 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. This Program Committee activity will begin the video series with Power of Myth (1) by Joseph Campbell. Discussion will follow.

Serendipity formerly was one of the most popular and well attended of our weekly peer led programs. Depending on the level of interest shown, we could have additional meetings on a regular basis, monthly at first, and perhaps morphing into a weekly or biweekly program. Come help us organize and brain storm additional programs. Email or talk to Bob Camp, Nillofur Zobairi, Janet Harris, or Jo Ann Nelson for information and/or your suggestions for video, movie, speaker or discussion topics.

# GREEN SANCTUARY PROGRAM

## New Co-Chair Joins Team!

The Green Sanctuary Program is proud to welcome a new co-chair joining Nick Eastman – newer CUF member Lacey Gibson! Lacey is a graduate of Carbondale Community High School and a new freshman at SIU-C. She is majoring in Physiology and pre-med. In addition to taking classes, she runs on SIU's track and cross-country teams, and is one of the organizers of community events such as The Earth Extravaganza and The Grand Avenue Pumpkin Run. The Grand Avenue Pumpkin Run charity event takes place on Sunday afternoon, October 30th, and all proceeds go to Green Earth Inc, a local preservation organization, and Active, a locally-operated non-profit organization that funds school-building projects in Zimbabwe. Debbie Czarnopys-White is becoming a Green Sanctuary team member, and will continue to provide support to the co-chair team. She has enjoyed the previous two-year effort to cover the following areas:

- Worship and Celebration
- Religious Education—adult and children's
- Environmental Justice
- Sustainable Living—grounds, parking lot, location, transportation, facilities, kitchen, food, recycling/ reuseables, office and cleaning supplies, energy use, investment policies, congregation policies, etc.

The process for re-accreditation is an on-going one, and continues from the time we received our initial accreditation. The requirements are listed below:

- Conduct an assessment of your current Green Sanctuary program. Assess how your congregation has continued to meet the Green Sanctuary program goals. Determine how your congregation has lived your Green Sanctuary commitment.
- Create a re-accreditation action plan that may address some of the things highlighted in your assessment. Choose projects that build on successes and/or fill gaps in your current program. Include a minimum of five projects from among the four focus areas.
- Areas of Action for Re-Accreditation Action Plans
  - \*1 Worship and Celebration Project
  - \*1 Religious Education Project
  - \*1 Environmental Justice Project
  - \*2 Sustainable Living Projects
- Action plan items should include new projects and/or past projects that have been *significantly* expanded. With approval of a Green Sanctuary review team, previously approved environmental justice projects can be continued.

- Apply for Green Sanctuary re-accreditation candidacy. Submit your application by email to [mailto:uua\\_greensanctuary@uua.org](mailto:uua_greensanctuary@uua.org).
- Review feedback from a Green Sanctuary review team. These teams meet via conference call once a month and review three to four applications at each meeting. After the review meeting, the Program Manager for Congregational Stewardship Services will draft a letter approving your application and providing feedback about your application.
- Based on feedback from a Green Sanctuary review team and changing circumstances, make appropriate modifications to your action plan. If you have any questions contact the Office of Congregational Stewardship Services.
- Complete your action plan. Apply for Green Sanctuary re-accreditation.

It is important that congregational members be aware of the very detailed process for the initial application for certification and that for recertification. The Green Sanctuary Program team is now reforming and all those interested in either remaining on the team or newly joining the team can notify Nick Eastman at [njeastman15@gmail.com](mailto:njeastman15@gmail.com) or Lacey Gibson at [laceyg92@hotmail.com](mailto:laceyg92@hotmail.com), or sign up at the Green Sanctuary board by the kitchen. They are looking for team members to take a very **active** role in embarking on an exploration of what it means to live today within a religious community on an imperiled Earth. Contact them now, as the first joint effort we can participate in, The Grand Avenue Pumpkin Run, is coming up soon!

## News from Cousin Andy's Concert Series

– by CUF Member Candy Davis

### A Brief History

For those of you who are not familiar with us, Cousin Andy's Coffeehouse first began in 1993, as the brainchild of former Carbondale residents Vern Crawford, Lenore Langsdorf, and Jane Reh. Our first home was St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Vern suggested the name "Cousin Andy's" for the new venue after St. Andrew's, patterning it after "Uncle Calvin's," a Fort Worth, Texas coffeehouse held at a Presbyterian church. Later, our permanent home became the Fellowship Hall of Church of the Good Shepherd. Thank you, COGS, for your continued support! Although we meet in a church basement, the performers who play here come from diverse musical backgrounds and belief (or non-belief) traditions. Performance genres we have had range from acoustic folk Americana to Celtic, bluegrass, folk rock, Texas swing, jazz, Cajun, Afro Caribbean, spoken word poets, punk folk, and some eclectic musicians who defy boxing into any category. We have had musical instruments as diverse as classical harps, African finger-pianos, and even the Polish bagpipes! As you may have guessed, we have a lot of fun here. There is a musical genre for everyone, and the musicians who are hired are world-class, touring performers.

On Fri., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Cousin Andy's Concert Series will be beginning our 18<sup>th</sup> year with our kickoff benefit show, FALL FOLKSTRAVAGANZA, a quadruple feature of some of our finest professional singer-songwriters from Southern Illinois, who donate their time each year to help raise money so we can continue to bring you fine music each season.

### A Changing Landscape of Choices

For a while, Cousin Andy's Coffeehouse was one of the few places in our area where an audience could go to listen to folk music in a quiet, smoke-free environment. Our audiences were large enough to make having a weekly show sustainable, with enough money to pay our performers their minimum, plus extra money left over in the till. Now, of course, all public gathering places are smoke-free by law, so non-smokers have many additional choices of places to go on a weekend night for entertainment. In addition, Southern Illinois has had a boom in wineries and music festivals over the past few years, and people now have many different

choices of places to go to hear great music. We welcome these changes, as it gives Southern Illinois more places to hear great music. But as a result of these changes, Cousin Andy's has had to adapt.

### Changes

In 2009 and 2010, Cousin Andy's experimented with scheduling some of our concerts in partnership with the Yellow Moon Café down in Cobden, while continuing to have some of them at the COGS Fellowship Hall. This partnership has overall worked out well for both parties. As this is a time of austerity, this season, Cousin Andy's has decided to schedule just two shows a month instead of having shows every Friday night. The shows will be on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, except for November and December, which will be the first and third Fridays to avoid holiday weekends. We are trying this new schedule to see if it will help us to remain sustainable.

### How You Can Help

Traditionally, many singer-songwriters are not afraid to speak out in their songs on issues of peace and justice, fair labor practices, and the environment. Their voices are the conscience of America, and they inspire us all to be better people. You can help by telling your friends about Cousin Andy's and the incredible music we have to share. I issue a challenge to each of you to introduce at least two new friends a month to Cousin Andy's. In that way, we may keep this important music alive and our venue sustainable for many years to come!

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### **Cousin Andy's Fall Schedule - September 2011**

Friday, Sept. 9      **FALL FOLKSTRAVAGANZA!** at Church of the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall  
7 PM - 11 PM (Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Featuring:  
**PARSLEY & SAGEBRUSH (Candy & Fiddler Tom)**  
**CHRISTINA BAUER**  
**DERREN RASER**  
**CARTER & CONNELLEY**

Come support our Cousin Andy's 12<sup>th</sup> annual fall benefit and listen to some of Southern Illinois' finest local performing singer-songwriters! Proceeds will provide Cousin Andy's with equipment maintenance and a fund with which to help pay our performers!

Friday, Sept. 23      **JEFF & VIDA - Bluegrass Americana** - Opening Act: Dakota Cummins & Goin Family at Yellow Moon Café, Cobden

"JEFF & VIDA make music that is real and true. Theirs are the songs you long to hear late at night on the interstate, in pool halls and smoky whiskey bars." --New York Times Magazine. Come early and have a gourmet entrée at the Yellow Moon, cooked up by Chef Jen; then stay to hear these dynamic musicians sing and play! This will be the second time the duo has performed for our Cousin Andy's audience. We look forward to hearing them again!

Fri., Oct. 7      **GREG KLYMA**, COGS Fellowship Hall, 7:30-10:00 PM (coffee & cookies available)

Fri., Oct. 21      **JOHN FLYNN**, Yellow Moon Café, Cobden - 8:00 - 10:30 PM

Fri., Nov. 4      **TRET FURE**, COGS Fellowship Hall - 7:30 - 10:00 PM

Fri., Nov. 18      **KRISTA DETOR**, Yellow Moon Café, Cobden - 8:00 - 10:30 PM

Fri., Dec. 2      **Rj COWDERY**, COGS Fellowship Hall - 7:30 - 10:00 PM

Fri., Dec. 16      **SMALL POTATOES** (Vern's Birthday Party), Yellow Moon Café, Cobden - 8:00 - 10:30 PM  
All other opening acts TBA at this time.

**CUF LINKS HARD COPIES** are available at the Fellowship on the [visitor table](#).

**Deadline for October CUF Links: Sunday, September 25.**

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The Rev. William Sasso, Minister

**“When nothing seems to help,  
I go and look at a stonecutter hammering away  
at his rock perhaps a hundred times  
without so much as a crack showing in it.  
Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split...  
and I know it was not that blow that did it –  
but all that had gone before.”**

**- Jacob Riis**