



# CUF Links

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship

A Welcoming Congregation

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## THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### A Compass for the New Year

Perhaps you have seen the recently released movie "The Golden Compass," or perhaps you have read the book by Philip Pullman, or at least noticed some of the surprisingly negative comments about the film that have been printed in our newspapers. Some feel that the movie's portrayal of the

"Magisterium" (a powerful and oppressive religious establishment) is an indictment of organized religion, and that the film itself could have a potentially dangerous influence on youth.

I read the book a year or so ago, and saw the film last week. I came away from it wondering how anyone could see the Magisterium as representative of a religious movement that they would associate themselves with. It seems to me much more a caricature of religion, rather than a serious critique. As we were leaving, I remarked to another local clergy colleague who happened to be in the audience, "Personally, I think that the responsible exercise of human free will is really a very good thing. To my way of thinking, religion is supposed to help people connect with and relate closely to their souls, rather than trying to sever the human from his or her soul."

One of the interesting aspects of the film is a device called an "alethiometer," which can answer questions – at least for those who have the skill to decipher the cryptic runes in which it offers its responses. This "golden compass" not only gives the film its name; it gives its possessor the power to determine whether others are telling the truth

or not. As you can easily imagine, it's a valuable tool, and it helps the central character chart her course through the adventures of the film.

What lies ahead for you in the coming year? What adventures and challenges do you foresee? If you could have a special device to help you chart your course through the adventures of this year now arriving, what qualities would you choose for it?

At one level, this question is simply hypothetical, since I don't think any of us can create objects like the golden compass, tailored to the needs of each individual member of the Fellowship. But if we think of the compass is a metaphor, as a system that assists us as we seek to navigate the adventures of our lives in an intentional manner, it may help us identify what we most need to learn and how we might best develop ourselves as humans over the next twelve months. Do we need to enhance our ability to relate to others? Do we need to "come out of our shells?" Do we have a physical condition that we need to take care of, or a habit or behavior that is holding us back? Do we need to connect ourselves more deeply with community, or with nature, or with the sense of awe that gives our lives meaning?

As I look back on the year now ending, I note that I didn't accomplish all that I had hoped that I might. Perhaps some of you feel the same way. As we look forward to the year about to begin, we can consider what will help us to achieve what is most important, and what will hold us from those achievements. Perhaps we can identify the compass that will help us find our way into the future we desire!

My very best wishes to you for 2008!

Yours in the new year,

*Bill S.*

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# SUNDAY SERVICES

Services begin at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

## January 6 **Bill Sasso: “The Journey of the Magi”**

Were they wise men, or kings, or what? On the day when the Christian faith celebrates the Epiphany, we'll consider the story of these three men – whatever their stations in life – from several different perspectives, and see what we might learn from their journey.

## January 13 **Bill Sasso: “The Newness: A Transcendentalist Vista”**

As a new year begins, we'll look back at the experience of those who saw novelty in the familiar. The Transcendentalists used the term “newness” to describe their transformed perspectives on phenomena they saw before them each day. What can we learn from them, and how can it help us as we enter 2008?

## January 20 **Bill Sasso: Theology of the Civil Rights Movement**

On the Sunday preceding the Martin Luther King holiday, we'll examine the theological beliefs of Dr. King and other leaders in the Civil Rights Movement, as we continue our series of great liberal theologies of the twentieth century.

**4 p.m.** A Southern Illinois Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Plan now to attend this first combination of the Murphysboro and Carbondale celebrations, co-hosted by Rock Hill Baptist Church, the Fellowship, Murphysboro's Christ Community Church. The program will feature the Southern Illinois Children's Choir, the Jasper Street Singers, other dance and music ensembles, and a multi-media presentation on Dr. King's life. Refreshments will be served at 3:15 pm, and the program will begin at 4!

## January 27 **Ban Banerjee: “Understanding Hinduism.”**

Fellowship member Ban Banerjee will share from his own experience of the Hindu religion as he reflects upon its core beliefs and values. A native of India, Ban has a lifetime of experience and curiosity to draw upon, and his conclusions are sure to be informative! Bill Sasso will coordinate this service.

And coming up . . .

**February 3** We'll recognize February as Black History Month with a special service on the “Music of the Civil Rights Movement,” featuring Andrea Stader and Maria Johnson. Bill Sasso will coordinate this service.



## OPEN MINDS

Meetings begin at 8:45 AM in the Fellowship Commons

**January 6**, “Cosmos: Travelers Tales” Join with Carl Sagan as he compares the exhilaration of an ancient sailing trip voyage with the excitement of astronomers “on board” the spacecraft Voyager. Join this journey into interstellar space. Bob Camp will facilitate discussion which will follow.

**January 13**, “Global Warming: What Can We Do?” Emphasis will be on local, regional, state and federal action plans. “Ethanol just ain't going to be enough.” Coordinator, Terry Bowman will use possible innovative solutions, mandates, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors “Climate Protection Agreement” as blueprints for this discussion.

**January 20**, “Global Warming: Are we part of the solution or part of the problem?” This is another step in an action plan for uniting our Fellowship, local community leaders and citizens in a common effort to address this looming catastrophe. Barbara McKasson and others will coordinate this opportunity to participate in a focus group on local Global Warming issues...

**January 27**, “Atheism, Then and Now.” What is an atheist? Who are famous and infamous atheists? How has the definition of atheism changed over the centuries? Is it possible to live an ethical, rational, compassionate life based on reason and scientific laws, as we know them without belief in a fatherly supreme being? David Christensen, Humanist will offer commentary and lead the discussion.

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR



I want to wish you a Happy New Year. Looking way, way back, I remember what the Fellowship was like when I joined. I remember one of the member's commenting that he named his dog Professor, because he didn't want to be the only family without someone who worked for the university. We've come a long way since then in terms of diversity, but we're

not as diverse as we'd like to be. Progress takes time, but you've got to have goals if you want to make progress.

Not long ago I attended a conference in Racine, WI. At the conference we, a group of religious educators, were asked to describe an 18 year-old who has grown up in our religious education program and all we hope this young person will know, feel and be. Below is the list we came up with. It is in no particular order.

- Be loving, caring and kind
- Be a leader
- Have a positive responsible sense of self as a sexual being
- Be able to think for him/herself
- Be ready to jump in when needed
- Participate in the community
- Be a positive role model for civil interfaith communication
- Know Bible stories
- Have a deep sense of self worth, and be happy in his/her own skin

- Have a sense of the divine – something larger than him/herself
- Feel responsible to make the world a better place
- Willing to engage others of different opinions without being demeaning
- Be curious
- Know our Unitarian Universalist faith and history
- Know basic tenets of world religions
- Be able to “do” religion, not just know about it
- Have a spiritual practice
- Feel committed to Unitarian Universalism
- Know how to pray in a variety of ways
- Feel church is a positive thing
- Have an active and joyful worship life
- Feel valued in their church community and feel he/she has ownership in the community
- Feel empowered to follow their need and interests
- Have some of his/her closest friends come from their circle of church friends
- Be passionate
- Social justice and action is part of his/her life
- Explore his/her own beliefs

We religious educators believe this list is not complete, but it is a good guide when deciding on a desired outcome in our efforts to provide a meaningful religious education for our children and youth. And it is my personal belief that this list a good starting point for anyone identified as supporting the Unitarian Universalist belief.

Happy New Year,

*Roy Sumner*, Director of Religious Education



*The Stars of our Annual Holiday Pageant*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



One of the amazing qualities of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship is its use of the democratic process. Every member has an equal voice and all have an opportunity to voice their opinion. And, the final decision is that of the congregation.

On December 9th, the congregation listened, spoke and voted.

In the first order of business, the congregation voted to try an experiment - to donate the cash from one Sunday per month to go to a designated social agency. After some discussion, the congregation voted to approve the experiment for 4 months. The congregation then selected 3 social agencies - Lighthouse Shelter in Marion, Abundant Health in Carbondale and Hands of Hope in Marion. Good Samaritan House has received donations through a special February Souper Bowl collection for the last several years and will continue to do so. What makes this list special is that two of the social agencies were added to the list of possibilities at the meeting, both from Marion.

In the second part of the meeting, the congregation voted from a list of 26 goals proposed by the Board of Trustees. The top 6 were considered in the final prioritization. While those were being tallied, the congregation generated 4 additional goals and voted to forward 2 for final prioritization. The top priorities identified by the congregation for the next Fellowship Year are:

1. Assure a deliberate integration of new members
2. Assure long-term (building) maintenance is built into the budget
3. Pay down the debt
4. Activate a Registered Student Organization on the SIU campus
5. Hire an R.E. consultant to improve the RE program
6. Declare CUF as a Green Sanctuary
7. Continue to support Mt. Vernon and Cape Girardeau
8. Erect a Wayside Pulpit

The amazing thing about this list is that priorities #2 and #3 were generated by the congregation at the meeting. These truly are the congregation's priorities!

During January and February, the Finance committee will solicit information from the other CUF committees to begin to build a budget for the next Fellowship year. They will also attempt to include financial support for the priorities listed above. The Board of Trustees will review this draft budget and present a budget to be used in the Stewardship Campaign. The Stewardship Campaign will build the annual drive around these goals, as expressed in the budget. In May, a final budget will be presented to the congregation for approval.

The process described above assures a thoughtful development of goals that reflects the will of the congregation. But, it is the leadership within the congregation that turns these goals into accomplishments. It is the individuals who take the reins, surround themselves with 'can do' committee members and inspire them, usually by example, to do great things. This is the formula that got us to be named a Breakthrough Congregation for 2007 by the UUA. It is a formula that will help us continue to excel.

I have an invitation for you. I invite you to stewardship, putting your values into action.

Consider how you can use your talents through your involvement in one or more of the Fellowship's projects. It could be teaching children, leading an adult discussion, chairing a committee, making a nightgown, buying supplies for children of women prisoners, traveling to Zambia, selling Equal Exchange coffee, lending your musical talent to a service or a special program, making coffee, greeting on Sunday morning, or any number of worthwhile activities.

If you would like to discuss the opportunities available, I would love to sit down with you in dialogue. Or, read through this issue of CUF Links and listen for projects that speak to you. Then speak to the author of the article. We will all be richer for your involvement.

*Jerry Molumby*, President

### Current list of group/program/committee leaders

Art/Aesthetics Committee: Barbara Lesar  
 Committee on Ministry: Joyce Webb, Joe Schmit and Matt Stronkoski  
 Finance Committee: Ed Phillips  
 Nominating Committee: Dave Clark, Alan Christensen, Jan Eisenhard  
 Personnel Committee: George Feldhamer  
 Building and Grounds Committee: Loren Cocking (bldg) & George Feldhamer (grnds)

Bulletin Board: Lois Lembcke  
 Canvass Committee: Mary Campbell  
 Caring and Sharing: Cheryl Robinson  
 Chalice Lighters (Sundays): Roy Sumner  
 Chalice Lighters (Fundraisers): open  
 Choir: Geri Mckee  
 Communications Committee: Yo Presley  
 Covenant Group Ministries: Bill Sasso  
 CUF Links (monthly newsletter): Yo Presley

## FROM THE OFFICE

by Melanie Bray

### Happy New Year!

I always love the beginning of the New Year...so many possibilities! Along with many of you, I have made some New Year's "resolutions" in hopes to better enrich my life in 2008. Last year I accomplished many things that I set out to do. I quit smoking and I successfully lost weight. Those are changes that I made on a personal level. This year, I am incorporating some of that enthusiasm for "change" and "growth" in my professional position.

It occurred to me that I might not be the only one that doesn't understand completely what certain groups, programs and committees do for the fellowship or what certain groups talk about, study or discuss. To help shine a better light on several of our various programs and committees, I will start conducting an interview every month with a different program/group/committee leader for each monthly edition of CUF Links.

Don't be afraid! I will do most of the work and require little of your time. We can conduct interviews at the fellowship, your home or workplace, and if there is no other way - even by phone or email. This is a great opportunity to share information with the fellowship that might increase membership and interest for your specific group, committee or program. Think of the possibilities!

You will also have the chance to meet the office staff

(me) and make suggestions on how the office and our resources can help you accomplish your goals during the upcoming year.

I was glad that Bill suggested this idea and it meets the needs of my inner Katie Couric! I will contact my first candidate shortly after the new year. I am looking forward to meeting members and learning more about the fellowship through these interviews.

As always, it is important to update the office with any changes you may have regarding an email address, regular address and phone numbers. Let the office know if you are not receiving the weekly bulletins, CUF Links or UU World. My goal is to create an updated and constantly maintained directory so that we can continue to connect and communicate with each and every one of our members.

I will be out of the office on January 4th and January 7th visiting my folks in the sunny south for a long weekend. Vennie Anderson will be in the office on those days from 10am - 1pm if you should need anything during my absence.

I wish you and yours the best that the New Year has to offer. I look forward to spending a productive 2008 with this congregation. ~Melanie



## Current list of leaders, continued . . .

Denominational Affairs: open  
 Email Bulletin: Russ Trimble & Melanie Bray  
 Greeters & Coffee Hosts: Joyce Webb  
 Health Ministry/Cong. Nurse: Vennie Anderson, RN  
 Hospitality Committee: Janet Harris & Patsy Maxwell  
 Interfaith Council: Ken and Kathy Starbuck  
 Library Coordinator: Janet Levie  
 Mailing List Manager: Melanie Bray  
 Membership Committee: Cathy Kline  
 Music Committee: Alan Christensen  
 Open Minds: Dave Christiansen & Bob Lembcke  
 Order of Service: Russ Trimble  
 Pastoral Friends: Bill Sasso, Ken Starbuck, Matt Denis,  
 Lois Hayward, Cheryl Robinson  
 Press Release Coordinator: Melanie Bray  
 Program Committee: JoAnn Nelson & Janet Harris  
 Religious Education Committee: Roy Sumner  
 Sunday Service Committee: Samir Aouadi  
 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee: Amy Weber  
 Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office: Dave  
 Christensen  
 Campus UU: Bridget Shepherd  
 Web Site: Yo Presley  
 Weekly Bulletin: Russ Trimble  
 Welcoming Congregation: Judy Groskind

### Special Interest Groups--

Carol's Lunch Bunch (women's lunch group): Mariann  
 Douglass  
 Community Forums: Bob Camp  
 Dreamwork: Janet Harris  
 Humanist Group: Bob Camp  
 Intergenerational Potluck: Roy Sumner  
 International Student Coffee Hour: JoAnn Nelson &  
 Nillofur Zobairi  
 PSI Symposium: Astrid Mosley & Mary Campbell  
 Prison Ministries: Lois Hayward & Karen Swenson  
 Round Table Readers: Janet Levie  
 Social Action Committee: Jesslyn Jobe  
 Society of Stickers: Elaine Seymore  
 Supper Club: Janet Banerjee  
 Tibetan Buddhism Study Group: Steve Blache  
 Unitarian Folk Orchestra: Charlie Maxwell  
 Unitarian Recorder Ensemble: Judy Ayd  
 Video Circle: Victor DeGraff  
 Women's Retreat: Astrid Mosley & Tami Frank

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COOL CITIES CONVERSATION:** Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole has agreed to join us for a conversation on the status of the Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change, which he signed last Spring, on Thursday evening, Feb. 7th here at the Fellowship. Plan now to attend!

**A COMMUNITY FORUM/Town Hall Meeting** will be conducted at the Fellowship on February 7. Mayor Brad Cole, a signatory of the 2007 Conference of Mayors "Climate Protection Agreement" will be the principal speaker. Our Minister, Bill Sasso, will moderate the Community Forum.

Interested in a **FELLOWSHIP MEN'S RETREAT**? Then you're invited to attend a meeting to explore this possibility will be held at the Fellowship on Saturday, January 12th, at 3:30 pm. Contact Bill Sasso (529-2439 or bsasso@juno.com) for more info.

CUF Women & Friends: The **CUF ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT** is fast approaching, and if you haven't yet marked your calendars, do so. The retreat will be held at the Little Grassy Methodist Camp off of Giant City Road, February 29 - March 2. Be looking for the brochure to come out toward the end of December/early January. The brochure will include registration and other details. The retreat is planned; however, we need some help in other areas. We need someone to purchase snacks/drinks (you will be reimbursed), type up the satisfaction questionnaire and to stay and help clean up. If you can help with any or all of these tasks please contact Tami Frank tami@c-infinity.net or Pamela Jacobini pjacobini@siumed.edu as soon as possible. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



### INTERFAITH WEEK ART EXHIBIT: Call for Submissions

The Carbondale Interfaith Council announces a call for artists to participate in a juried exhibition that will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center through the month of April in honor of Interfaith Week, which will be celebrated April 6-12, 2008.

Artists are invited to present actual works for review by a diverse committee of jurors who will make selections based upon excellence of execution and responsiveness to the theme: "Celebrating Carbondale's religious diversity and honoring 25 years of interfaith dialogue and cooperation."

Jurying will take place from 3-6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18 at Hickory Lodge, 1115 W. Sycamore, Carbondale.

Jurors will photograph the presented works, and artists will be notified of the jury selections by email or phone on or before March 21. Artists whose works are selected will be asked to deliver them to the Carbondale Civic Center on March 31 between 8 and 9 a.m. and to retrieve them on Wednesday, April 30, between 8 and 10 a.m.

Submissions must be two-dimensional (or low relief) works not to exceed 48" x 60" or 15 lbs. An artist statement specific to the piece must accompany each work. All accepted works must be insured by the artist.

Artists should refer technical questions to Carbondale Community Arts at (618) 457-5100 or cca@neondsl.com. Questions about Interfaith Week may be directed to the Rev. Bill Sasso at (618) 529-2439 or Marleen Shepherd at (618) 521-3541

## Equal Exchange Fair Trade News

by Janet Harris

There is exciting news in fair trade sales! Internationally, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee received a large donation from Equal Exchange (based on the volume of sales). The UUSC then awarded a grant of \$29,245 to Porvenir Financiero, a financial training and literacy project in Latin America. The mission of Porvenir Financiero "is to strengthen financial management and business planning skills of rural producer organizations and to enhance the long-term success and sustainability of their community-based enterprises. UUSC's grant will help women, indigenous and young-adult farmers learn about the business aspects of their own co-ops so that they can participate more fully." Quoted from Java Jive Issue 31 volume 1, 2007 pg.2

Here at the Fellowship I have been able to expand the on-hand stock considerably. It now includes many kinds of coffee: decaf and regular, drip grind and whole bean, flavored coffee and coffee from Central, and South America and also Africa. It now includes several kinds of

teas (herbal tea also) including loose leaf from Sri Lanka, Ceylon, India and Africa. The chocolate selection is yummy and award-winning cocoa is included in their ingredients. Equal Exchange has also opened a line of nut and cranberry snacks grown by small farmers and co-ops right here in the US.

Congregational sales have grown tremendously and the Social Action Committee was able to endorse giving the RE several bags of minis at Halloween to help the youth learn how Fair Trade helps combat child slave labor in North Africa.

There are many local stores that carry Fair Trade products such as The Neighborhood Co-op and Town Square Grocery; some of the large grocery chains are beginning to also carry these products. Be sure to look for the Fair Trade Certified Icon if buying products at a large chain store.



## January Social Action Update

by Jess Jobe

Happy New Year Everyone! I'm looking forward with hope to 2008. I am especially excited that we will be further advancing our local social action engagement by starting Social Action Sundays collections.

### Social Action Sundays

As decided on at the December 9 congregational meeting, CUF will be designating one Sunday collection a month to a local social service organization. This program will operate on a trial basis January-April 2008, with the congregation deciding on continuation or changes to the program in May 2008. Those attending the December 9 congregational meeting selected three organizations to contribute to, in addition to continuing participation in Souper Bowl Sunday, which benefits Good Samaritan Ministries and is set for February 3, 2008.

The three other organizations selected were:

The Lighthouse Shelter, Marion (serving primarily Williamson Co.)

Abundant Health Resource Clinic, Carbondale (serving all of Jackson Co.)

Hands of Hope Clinic, Marion (serving Franklin, Johnson, Saline and Williamson Counties)

When:

Social Action Sundays collections will occur on the third Sunday of each month, except for February's Souper Bowl Collection, which occurs annually on Super Bowl Sunday, which falls on February 3 in 2008. The schedule is as follows:

January 20: Lighthouse Shelter

February 3: Souper Bowl Sunday, benefiting Good Samaritan Ministries

March 16: Abundant Health Resource Clinic

April 20: Hands of Hope Clinic

Cash contributions will be given to the designated charity for that month, unless a note or envelope indicates that the donation is intended for CUF pledges. Checks intended for the designated charity should be addressed to the charity.

Checks written to CUF should indicate in the memo line that they are intended for CUF pledges etc.

Information about the various services provided by the month's designated charity, as well as information about how individuals can be further involved through volunteer opportunities or advocacy will be included in the Order of Service on Social Action Sundays.

### Other Social Action News:

January Fellowship Food Drive to benefit Carbondale Mosque's Food Pantry: CUF members and friends are asked to donate non-perishable food items January 6-27, with all items collected being distributed through the Carbondale Mosque's Food Pantry. Canned and boxed non-perishable food items are requested. Canned fruit, fruit juices, vegetables and soups are especially welcomed, as are tuna and pasta. Please do not donate items containing pork, such as pork and beans or soups with ham or bacon. Bulk items are also discouraged, as distribution of these items can be difficult.

**Social Action Meeting:** Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 27 after services. Watch the bulletin for official announcement of the meeting.



CUF Adopt a Spot group - November

## The Times They Are a Changin':

### A Retrospective on One Gay Man's Journey

On Monday evening, January 7th, our Human Spectrum program will be an informal conversation with a retired professional, as he tells his story of coming out in the early 1960s and being "out" since then. Part of this discussion will include changes he has witnessed in how gays, lesbians and transgender people are treated in society. He will also talk about being gay in the military, his 32-year committed relationship, and personal and historical events that have been part of his journey.

"Perhaps the only extraordinary thing about my life is how ordinary it has been. Looking back now, I am a bit

fascinated by the course it has taken, and I am struck anew how we all are shaped by an alchemy of internal and external forces. My hope would be that this conversation will shed light on similarities we all share, and the human cost of magnifying our differences."

The Human Spectrum is sponsored by the Fellowship's Welcoming Congregation Committee, and this program will take place in the Fellowship Commons at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 7th. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Committee Chair Judy Groskind or Bill Sasso (529-2439 or bsasso@juno.com).

## CUF MONTHLY MEETINGS

### Study Groups:



**EVENSONG**, a series of structured explorations and sharing of individual experience, facilitates personal sharing and develops deep listening skills. In doing so, it builds personal relationships and encourages spiritual and theological reflection in a group setting. Evensong will be offered eight consecutive Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9 pm, from January 8th to February 28th. Registration is encouraged. To register (or for more information) please contact Bill Sasso (529-2439 or bsasso@juno.com).

**ADVENTURES IN PARENTHOOD:** An interactive exploration of the joys, the sorrows, and educational aspects of being a parent, coordinated by Bill Sasso and featuring presenters on relevant topics. This program will be offered from 10 to noon, on the following Saturdays: February 2nd, March 22nd, and May 3rd. Childcare will be available. To register (or for more information) contact Bill Sasso (529-2439 or bsasso@juno.com).

**THE HUMAN SPECTRUM:** The Welcoming Congregation Committee invites you to attend this ongoing exploration of the gender and sexual continuums. Guest speakers will discuss issues that challenge individuals who are Gay (January 7), Lesbian (February 4), and Bisexual (March 3). The talks will be held at the Fellowship from 7 to 9 PM the first Mondays of each month and will include time for questions and lively discussion. Mark your calendars! For more info, contact Judy Groskind (985-5007) or Bill Sasso (529-2439).

### Ongoing:

**THE DREAM WORKSHOP.** *This group meets the first Sunday of each month in 06 (RE wing) at 12:00ish.*  
**January 6.** This month we invite everyone who is interested in sharing their dreams in a warm and supportive atmosphere to join us.

**HUMANIST GROUP.** *This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Commons at 2:00 PM*

**January 9.** “Global World Government” Through creating such an organization, we can begin solving the global problems of war, hunger, poverty, disease, injustice, terrorism, environmental degradation, unfettered corporate globalization, ignorance, and despair.

As life conditions begin to threaten the sustainability of the global economy, the majority in America and Europe, will begin to see the necessity of a global governing body with the obvious benefits for human rights, the environment, and other concerns. However, others with a traditional world view may never be convinced about the benefits of a world government federation. Minds will change voluntarily or future events will have them clamoring to have one. David Christensen will offer commentary and coordinate the discussion.

**HUMANIST ROUND TABLE.** *This group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Commons at 2:00 PM*

**January 23.** “Critical Issues” series, video, commentary and discussion coordinated by Bob Camp

**PSI SYMPOSIUM.** *This group meets the second Sunday of the Month in Room 06 at Noon*

**January 13.** Information concerning the topic this month will be published in the weekly bulletin.

**ROUNDTABLE READERS.** *This group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month in Room 04 after the Sunday Service at Noon*

**January 27.** *The Great Transformation* by Karen Armstrong. For more information, contact Janet Levie at (618)833-4971.

**SCIENCE IN SOCIETY.** *This group meets the some Fridays of the Month in the Fellowship Commons at 4:30 PM.*

Please watch the Bulletin and your order of service for January’s meetings.

**TIBETAN BUDDHISM STUDY GROUP** *This group meets every Sunday in the Fellowship Commons at 7:00 PM. For more information: [www.shawnee-dharma.org](http://www.shawnee-dharma.org)*

**January 6.** We are currently studying a teaching by the Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche, “*Mind Beyond Death.*”

**VIDEO CIRCLE.** *This group meets every 1st and 3rd Friday in the Fellowship Commons at 7:15 PM*

Continuing with select films devoid of bad language, unnecessary violence, explosions or cruelty to men, women and children. We try to create a few hours away from the trauma of the daily news. We have shown a variety of foreign and domestic films – in short – good stories, good direction and good acting. **Free popcorn!**

**January 4.** “*A River Runs Through It,*” an award winning film directed by Robert Redford.

**January 18.** “*Smiles of a Summer Night,*” a romantic comedy directed by Ingmar Bergman.

**YOGA FOR ZAMBIA.** *This group meets on the third Sunday in the Fellowship Commons from 12:30 to 2:00 PM*

**January 20,** An hour and a half of Yoga starting at 12:30 after the service and coffee in the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship Commons. Bring a light snack and water (also available in the water fountain). There is a SUGGESTED only donation of \$10.00 which will go to the Zambia Hospice Project. Mats available for those who need them. (Bring your own if you have one.)

## CUF BYTES

### RECYCLE THOSE OLD ELECTRONICS!

CETI is an electronics recycler non-for profit organization. Fellowship member Rob Gallegly is their IT consultant and wants to make sure that people know how to properly recycle their old electronics. This time of year when people are normally getting new things is a good time to re-evaluate those old gadgets.

CETI's goals are to reuse what we can, refurbish computers to get them out to charitable organizations and low income families, and to safely recycle the components that are not usable while adhering to our “no landfill” policy. Information is available at our website [www.cetiorg.org](http://www.cetiorg.org) or by E-mailing my “work” address [rgallegly@cetiorg.org](mailto:rgallegly@cetiorg.org).

### Sing Out!

*Submitted by Pat York*

Hi folks!

The Jasper Singers and Community Friends would very much like to invite you to join us as we learn a couple of songs to sing at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Jan. 20th. (See our Sunday Services section for details.) All ages welcome as long as you can sing and read words (we'd love young ages as well as older ages). We'll learn 2 songs at 4 short rehearsals in Carbondale. Rehearsals on Jan. 3rd and 7th are at the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship from 6:30-7:30. Rehearsals on Jan. 14th from 6:30-7:30 & Jan. 19 from 10-11am will be somewhere in Carbondale (location to be determined). Warm up will be Jan. 20th, 3pm and program begins at 4pm. Questions? [patyork@verizon.net](mailto:patyork@verizon.net), or call my cell at 618-697-4414.

It will be great fun if you can be there!! Thanks!!



*Karen, Rob and Brendan Gallegly*

### CUF CLASSIFIED ADS

**Scanner,** Visioneer OneTouch 8920, about 3 years old, excellent condition. Find it on Visioneer.com. Available for \$25 donation to CUF. Contact Ed Phillips, 687-4625

**“Docking” station/port-replicator** by Kensington (sold by Dell for new Inspiron laptops). Multi-function replicator provides 5.1 stereo audio jacks, parallel and serial ports, and three USB 2.0 ports. Used about 4 months. Go to [Officeworld.com](http://Officeworld.com) and search KMW60702 for picture and more. Available for \$40 donation to CUF. Contact Ed Phillips, 687-4625

### A Note From the Editor

The deadline for the February issue of CUF Links will be **Thursday evening, January 24th.** You may leave items for the Newsletter in the CUF Links box in the Fellowship office or email me at: [yo@astrosleuth.com](mailto:yo@astrosleuth.com) Pictures are always welcome! *Yo Presley*

