



# CUF Links

The Monthly Newsletter of the Carbondale  
Unitarian Fellowship

*A Welcoming Congregation*

A member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

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## The Minister's Message

### "Roots and Wings"

As we enter this new year, we may struggle with the difficult reality of the present. That reality has roots in our individual pasts and our shared experiences. While the past offers us roots, the possibilities of the future offer us wings – wings of vision, imagination, and opportunity, wings yearning to carry us onward toward new strength, health, and depth in our own lives, and toward a world in which the values we share become ever more present.

Sometimes we need to dig up the roots, to let go of the past, in order to move into the future. Sometimes the past provides us with some of the resources we most need to move forward.

Some aspects of the past may help us envision and create the future – the past can serve as raw material or building blocks we use to construct our future. On the other hand, sometimes the very success of the past can block us as we attempt to move into the future. For instance,

- In 1895, Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, commented that "heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible."
- In 1899, the commissioner of the United States Office of Patents stated that "Everything that can be invented has been invented."

- In 1927, Harry M. Warner, of Warner Brothers Studios, asked "Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?"
- And in 1977, Ken Olson, founder of Digital Equipment Corporation, offered his opinion the, "There is no reason for any individuals to have a computer in their home."

But ours is a faith that looks forward, with a deep sense of the possibility of the future. As we struggle to understand the dynamic between roots and wings, we often do better to use the past than to lose the past. Certainly, we don't have to use all of it, but we can discern where its potential power lies, and tap into it, engaging and channeling its energy. That energy can help the wings of the future carry us into a better world, more just and equitable for today's children and their children, more in touch with and respectful of the fragile ecology of our planet.

Within the great cycle of Nature, we see again and again, the new growth emerges from roots. Admittedly, judicious pruning may be necessary, but we cannot "choose" between roots and wings – we need them both.

The present is not a knife that severs what is past from what is future, but an ongoing process- I could call it "transformation," but it feels to me more like recycling – that ongoing process where the resources of the past are part of what we use to build the future. So as we enter this new year, I invite you to trust yourself to consider the past, to discern its lessons and possibilities. I challenge you to take the risk of looking to the future, its opportunities and possibilities. In the

spirit of this day we share, I close with this short text from the poet Dawna Markova (adapted):

*May we allow our living to open us, to make us less afraid, more accessible,  
To loosen our hearts until they become wings, torches, promises.  
Let us choose to risk our significance,  
To live so that which came to us as a  
seed goes on to the next as blossom,  
and that which came to us as blossom goes on as fruit.*

With best wishes to you for the New Year,  
*Bill S.*

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### **Setting Goals for Religious Education**

Consider this your invitation to the future of our Fellowship. Actually, among other things, it is indeed an invitation to a workshop to be held February 21, 2009. Renee Cogil, a veteran Director of Religious Education, from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign, will be with us to facilitate a Goal Setting workshop.

The workshop will begin at 10AM (we will have drinks and food), break from noon until 1PM for lunch (we'll provide lunch), and wrap up at 3PM. Mark your calendar, now, while you're reading this, please. Really, put this down and mark your calendar. Thank you! That was a very good job.

This workshop is a component (goal) of the CUF 5 Year Strategic Plan. The CUF Religious Education committee has discussed what they'd like to see accomplished by this endeavor, and your input is also welcome. If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak with Roy, or any member of the committee (do you know who the members of the Religious Education are?).

To help Renee Cogil know where we are at this time, we are providing her with our perceptions of our strengths and weaknesses. I have decided not to bias you with our opinions, so I'm simply going to list the items that were mentioned, and you decide what is strength, and what is a weakness. Mentioned, though my no means complete, was: Teachers, advertising, attendance, Fellowship support, safe and welcome, connection/ownership, social action activities, knowledge of UU history and beliefs, and communication. Also mentioned was: level of parental involvement, welcoming of visitors, sexuality education, decision making, leadership development, communication of values to children, intergenerational activities, the Holiday Plays, summer awesome weeklong program (SWAP), summer Sunday's, the nursery, UU identity, and knowledge of other world religions.

An argument can be made that the future of Unitarian Universalism is our children. The Fellowship, by way of the 5 Year Strategic plan, has stated support for the continuation and improvement of our religious education program. This workshop is a defined period in time when we can gather to address our strengths, and weaknesses, and develop goals that will take us on a journey of progress to a vital and worthy religious education program.

You are all encouraged to join us. We will have more than child care. We are striving to have persons with distinct skills or talents schedule one-hour blocks of time to engage the children present during the workshop. Ideally we'd like to provide an hour of art, an hour of music, an hour of magic, an hour of yoga, etc. You'll be hearing more as the date approaches, so please consider spending that time with us.

Sincerely,  
*Roy Sumner, DRE*

***RE Committee: Matt Sronkoski (chairperson), Kathy O'Laughlin, Rose Moroz, Jodi Ruffner.***

## January 2009 Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship Sunday Services 10:30 am

**1/4 Dinah Seibert: "The Power of Five Wishes"**

The *"Five Wishes"* are a powerful and loving gift you can give to your loved ones and yourself. Their development helps you understand and express your preferences for end of life care. Because life is almost always "too short", why wait to prepare and give this gift? Dinah's passion for this topic comes from her own experience of its ability to affirm life!

**1/11 Bill Sasso: "Lincoln's Ethic of Public Service"**

In a time when (and a state where) the phrase "ethic of public service" may seem an oxymoron, let's resume our "Correspondence with Lincoln" and see what we might learn from his example and his thoughts upon the subject. Since we know that MacBeth was his very favorite of Shakespeare's plays, we can expect that the lessons we learn may be complex as well as powerful!

**1/18 Bill Sasso: "Sources of Strength"**

On the Sunday of Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend, we'll explore the sources of strength of those who put their welfare and their very lives at risk to build a better world for all. Our Fellowship Choir will offer a "Hymn for America" and (if all goes well) the Susan Barnes Dance Company will share a special presentation as part of our service. And be sure to plan to attend our Southern Illinois Unity Service in Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. King, at 4 pm that Sunday at the Carbondale Civic Center!

**1/25 Bill Sasso: "The Search for Common Ground"**

In the middle of 20<sup>th</sup> century, a group of people in San Francisco created a remarkable religious congregation. People from all over, including Eleanor Roosevelt, became supporters of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, an intentionally interdenominational and interracial community. Join Bill as he tells its story, and we consider together the lessons that it might teach us about becoming a multi-racial community.

and coming up . . .

**2/1 Rev. Elizabeth Harding: "Whole Stories, Whole Lives"**

Come explore matters of the heart and head this Sunday as we talk about race in relation to our faith. To have these hard conversations is necessary if we are to make our beliefs real in the world. Our political climate has changed how we might view these conversations in the future, too. Prior to the service, we will have an opportunity to watch the movie 'Traces of the Trade,' one woman's exploration of her family and its connection to the slave trade prior to Sunday; her family's experience will frame how we as Unitarian Universalists talk about race among ourselves and folks outside of our churches.

**MLK Event:** The 10th annual **Southern Illinois Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, will take place at 4 pm, Sunday, January 18, 2009 at the Carbondale Civic Center. This family-oriented program will include special music and dance presentations, the 2009 Spirit of MLK Community Service Award, and more (watch for more details). All are welcome to attend; light refreshments will be served prior to the event at 3:30 pm. For more information, contact Bill Sasso at [bsasso@juno.com](mailto:bsasso@juno.com) or 618-529-2439.

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**"Five Wishes" Workshop:** Dinah Seibert will lead this two-session workshop on the "Five Wishes," a structured program for considering and communicating important information about end-of-life decisions from 9 a.m. to noon on Jan. 10th and 17th (Saturdays). Watch for more details! If you are interested, please contact the Fellowship office ([carbondaleuu@verizon.net](mailto:carbondaleuu@verizon.net) or 618-529-2439) to register.

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**"Evensong"** is a series of structured explorations and sharing of individual experience. Bill Sasso will facilitate this process of personal sharing and deep listening, in which participants both build personal relationships and do spiritual and theological reflection in a supportive group setting. Evensong will be offered seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, 7:30 to 9 pm, from January 20th to March 3rd. To register, or for more information, please contact Bill Sasso (618-529-2439 or [bsasso@juno.com](mailto:bsasso@juno.com)).

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### **Special Video Presentation: "Traces of the Trade"**

Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm

In the feature documentary "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North," filmmaker Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine cousins retrace the Triangle Trade and gain a powerful new perspective on the black/white divide.

From 1769 to 1820, DeWolf fathers, sons and grandsons trafficked in human beings. They sailed their ships from Bristol, Rhode Island to West Africa with rum to trade for African men, women and children. Captives were taken to plantations that the DeWolfs owned in Cuba or were sold at auction in such ports as Havana and Charleston. Sugar and molasses were then brought from Cuba to the family-owned rum distilleries in Bristol. Over the generations, the family owned 47 ships that transported thousands of Africans across the Middle Passage into slavery. They amassed an enormous fortune.

The film follows ten DeWolf descendants as they retrace the steps of the Triangle Trade, visiting the DeWolf hometown of Bristol, Rhode Island, slave forts on the coast of Ghana, and the ruins of a family plantation in Cuba. Browne pushes the family forward as they struggle through the minefield of race politics. Back home, the family confronts the thorny topic of what to do now. In the context of growing calls for reparations for slavery, family members struggle with the question of how to think about and contribute to "repair." Meanwhile, Browne and her family come closer to the core: their love/hate relationship with their own Yankee culture and privileges; the healing and transformation needed not only "out there," but inside themselves.

The issues the DeWolf descendants are confronted with dramatize questions that apply to the nation as a whole: What, concretely, is the legacy of slavery—for diverse whites, for diverse blacks, for diverse others? Who owes who what for the sins of the fathers of this country? What history do we inherit as individuals and as citizens? How does Northern complicity change the equation? What would repair—spiritual and material—really look like and what would it take?

Following the film, UU minister Elizabeth Harding will facilitate discussion of this film and how it speaks to our own experiences and community. For more information, contact Bill Sasso at [bsasso@juno.com](mailto:bsasso@juno.com) or 618-529-2439.

### **Greetings from the Hospitality Committee!**

Many folks are new to the Fellowship and perhaps some of the not-so-new members also do not know our mission. We are here to ensure that the kitchen is clean and well stocked. When notified we help with set-up for memorials and organize refreshments for occasions such as congregational meetings, and for members who are moving away. Every week someone buys cream and soy milk, washes the dish cloths and sets up the coffee cups for coffee hour. We sometimes are left a sink full of dishes to wash. Joyce Webb is tireless in enlisting greeters and coffee hour hosts.

If you are interested in an opportunity to serve the congregation in a less visible way this is your committee!!! Please contact Janet Harris, 684-2155, [jelizah1949@yahoo.com](mailto:jelizah1949@yahoo.com), Jean Bernstein, or Lois Lembke. Next month we will go over some simple guidelines and the reasoning for them.

**Dreamworks** will meet again the first week of January. Everyone interested in journeying into the dream world is welcome to meet with us after the service. We are excited that Bob Camp will be presenting a program at a time to be announced time.

Round Table Readers' January's book is **My Life in France**, by Julia Child. Anyone who saw her television show on PBS, "the French Chef," will recognize her voice in this memoir. It is a fascinating account of her experiences learning to cook in France and her 10+ year odyssey in the writing of the definitive how-to guide to French cuisine for the average American cook, **Mastering the Art of French Cooking**. **My Life in France** is available in paperback and through the Southern Illinois Library Network. Round Table Readers will meet on Sunday, January 25th at noon.

**Science in Society:** Book discussion will meet at 4:30 on Friday, 1/9/09 to discuss Eckhart Tolle's *A New Earth* (Chapters 1-5 only). Please feel free to bring potluck snacks! For more information, call Gina Paul at 351-1064 or e-mail at [rpaul@siumed.edu](mailto:rpaul@siumed.edu).

### **Zambia Nightgown Project at the Hayward's**

Lois Hayward has graciously offered her house on Sunday, January 11, for an afternoon of activity on the Zambian nightgown project. The PSI Symposium, usually held the same day, is inviting its members to participate in this activity instead of the usually scheduled meeting. Those interested are invited to drop by Lois's after coffee at the Fellowship. All supplies are welcome and include: cutting boards, scissors, straight pins, and material. Portable sewing machines can be brought as well but this is mainly an activity to cut out material for the pattern. Lois is providing light refreshments and attendees are also invited to bring finger food to share. Lois can be reached at 549-5265 and Debbie at 787-2929. All are invited to participate and the address is 245 Magnolia Lane, Carbondale.

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### **New Day Prison Ministries** --Lois Hayward

Our work at Tamms prison keeps expanding. Currently we write to 19 inmates and visit some of them. I would be happy to talk with anyone who would be up for writing to an inmate there.

This past year I attended a STOPMAX Conference in Philadelphia, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. Some 400 people from various professions and cities across the country were there to compare notes on Supermax prisons such as Tamms where all inmates are in solitary confinement in a concrete box for 22 hours a day. I learned a lot and feel connected with people who share my concern about this kind of incarceration, especially as it pertains to the mentally ill.

We did many projects for the women at Dwight during 2008. We are currently editing an anthology of writing by women there. We are also working on "Baby Go-Home" kits for babies born at Dwight. Their mothers must arrange to have a family member or friend pickup the babies within 48 hours of their birth. We hope that by supplying a diaper bag with useful items in for each baby we will make more of a ceremony of the going home. If you would like to help with this please ask Lois Hayward or Karen Swenson for a list of needed items.

We have a perennial need for personal items for Dwight and would like to take a good supply when we make a trip there in the next month or so, weather permitting. Personals included shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, and soap. (No glass containers, no pumps on plastic containers.) In addition to personals we are hoping to take board games and jigsaw puzzles. Please place any donations for New Day in the box under the table to the right of the kitchen door.

We deeply appreciate all the support we have had from the congregation for New Day!

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**News from the Program Committee:** Janet Harris, chair, and Jo Ann Nelson

Save Saturday evening February 7 for a Darwin birthday celebration in honor of science and humanity. Dr. Vera Kolb, chair of the chemistry department at the University of Wisconsin- Kenosha, will be speaking at the Fellowship on the astrobiological origins of life on earth. Dr. Kolb received her PHD in organic chemistry at SIUC, and has published widely on the chemical basis of the evolution of early life. She is interested in communicating with people who are not educated as scientists, as well as with scientists. The public will be invited. The program committee is looking forward to people helping with committees for publicity and reception after the lecture. PLEASE watch for committee announcements early in January, so you can help make this event a very special one!



### International Student Coffee Hours

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Our coffee hours will resume in January. Our UU Fellowship will host the coffee hour on Friday January 23 between 3 and 5 at the International Programs office in the Northwest annex building on campus. (We are responsible for the fourth Friday each month during the school year.) This is a great opportunity to meet bright and eager youth of the world. Your contributions of snacks and your welcoming presence are important.



### Thank You!!!

Thanks to all members who participated in the Congregational Meeting on 7 December. As you remember, part of the meeting dealt with establishing priority goals for the upcoming fiscal year that are consistent with the current 5-year Strategic Plan. Including ongoing goals from last year, those suggested by the Board of Trustees, and those suggested by members at the meeting, people were asked to rank their top 5 goals in order of preference. As you can see from the table, by a very wide margin, the top two goals were: Create a strategic facility plan to include an assessment of equipment, space, signage and maintenance needs; and Create/implement a comprehensive communications plan.

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## **UU President's Column** *by George Feldhamer*

Where do we go from here? Developing these plans are complex and time-consuming processes. The first step is identifying key tasks and establishing a timetable--WHAT we will do, WHEN it will be done and by WHOM. The Board intends to form two working groups in early 2009 to lead parallel congregation-wide planning processes. The Facilities Planning Group, working closely with Building & Grounds, will invite the input of the entire Fellowship concerning our needs and hopes for our building and grounds, such as the wayside pulpit, library space planning, landscaping options, memorial garden and tree planting, long-term maintenance planning and environmental (Green Sanctuary) concerns. The Communications Planning Group will lead a similar process working to better understand the internal communication needs of our current Fellowship members to better facilitate consistency and coordination. Further, it will identify external communication opportunities that we can and should take advantage of to increase our Fellowship's visibility "beyond these walls" as part of the process of welcoming others and continuing to grow as a congregation. This plan, too, will come to the congregation for approval. You will be invited to participate in the initial planning sometime after the first of the year. The timetable for both efforts will be reviewed with the congregation so we all have an opportunity to learn how we can influence the final results.

Until then, if you have ideas or suggestions concerning these initiatives, please contact me (457-8606; [feldhamer@zoology.siu.edu](mailto:feldhamer@zoology.siu.edu)) or Miriam Link-Mullison (529-1372; [mlinkmullison@yahoo.com](mailto:mlinkmullison@yahoo.com)). We would welcome your comments. Thanks again for being a vital part of this important continuing process and all best wishes in the New Year. George Feldhamer, President.

### Humanist Round Table (meets in the UU Fellowship Commons area)

1) Humanist Round Table, January 14, 2:00 PM. "**Religious Indoctrination of Children**" by Joseph Robbie, All welcome. Call Bob Camp for additional information. 351-0083

2) Humanist Round Table, January 28, 2:00PM. "**Was Abraham Lincoln a Humanist?**" Bill Sasso, Newcomers always welcome. Call Bob Camp for additional information. 351-0083.

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### **January Social Action Update**

*By Jess Jobe*

Happy New Year! 2008 was a busy year for social action activities at the Fellowship and now it's time to plan for 2009. We can't know all that lies ahead, but we will have a **Social Action planning meeting on Sunday, January 18** after services, in the RE Room 6. Please come to share ideas and help us plan for winter and spring social action activities as well as discuss the social action budget and activities for FY 2010. Newcomers and long standing members alike are welcome!

Our **January Feed My Sheep soup kitchen date is Tuesday, January 6**. Our team of volunteers this month includes: Bob White, Bill Sasso, Cheryl Robinson, Frank Nall, Gina Paul, Jess Jobe and we're lucky we'll be led again by Chef Al Babbitt! We need to get a little better organized in our operations for our meal

prep and delivery days so I will be in touch with the January volunteers with more specifics on this. Contact Jess at jesj62901@yahoo.com or 549-2653 if you have questions about Feed My Sheep.

**January's Social Action Sunday collection** is set for **Sunday, January 18** and will benefit the **Little Egypt Network of the American Red Cross**. The Little Egypt Chapter serves fourteen counties in southern Illinois and funding to the Little Egypt Network provides emergency assistance to our community members suffering from disasters such as single family fires, tornadoes, earthquakes, ice storms, floods, and even train derailments. It also helps provide local safety education, as well as military communications for the local families of U.S. servicemen and women. The Red Cross also assists Americans all over the country when there is a disaster and local Southern Illinois volunteers are trained to travel across the country to offer disaster assistance. Of course, the Red Cross also provides first aid, CPR and other training opportunities locally. The Little Egypt chapter's resources have been stretched especially thin in their last fiscal year, with \$131,200 spent to assist with 157 single family disasters locally and another \$209,365 to assist in local disasters impacting multi-family units, such as flooding and large fires. **Check donations can be made payable to: Little Egypt Network - American Red Cross** The Little Egypt Network is always looking for volunteers and regularly offers training opportunities. Contact the office at 529-1525 for more information.

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### **Paying Down the Debt...**

...is a congregational priority you established in December 2007. This is a recap of our mortgage status and a review of the action in the 12/7/08 congregational business meeting. This report occurs as we have about \$60k in reserve funds. \$40k of this is in certificates of deposit (CDs) that mature in March 09.

- September 2007 – Assumed 3 year balloon mortgage at 6.12%, balance \$154k.
- February 2008 – Extra payments of \$12,5k, new balance \$140k. Money from capital pledges used for this payment.
- December 2008 – Balance \$136k

In October 2008 the Finance Committee started work on a proposal which resulted in the motion presented 12/7 to use up-to \$40k of reserve funds for an extra mortgage payment in April 09. This would have a net savings of \$43k when we obtained a new mortgage in August 2010 at the end of our three-year balloon. The "pay-off" balance would be about \$85k.

In the last few weeks mortgage rates have declined and Congress has discussed the possibility of 4.5% mortgages. Based on this the Finance Committee believes we may wish to refinance our mortgage next year instead of just making an extra payment. This resulted in the motion to use the \$40k being tabled.

About the time the motion to table was introduced and following the meeting there were questions about "Why can't we do both?" Why not make a lump sum payment on our current mortgage and then refinance the lower balance? That approach is feasible and possible. And, such an option clearly remains open to us. The decision to take what action when depends on the mortgage market.

No action will occur until end of March/early April. This protects the 4.1% interest earned on our \$40k in CDs. If the mortgage market is right, we'll work to refinance and recommend the congregation use a portion of our reserve to reduce the amount refinanced. If the mortgage market is not favorable, we have the option to use the Reserves to make an extra mortgage payment in April.

Some might argue we shouldn't make a decision about spending a major portion of the Reserve until we know the result of the April 2009 stewardship effort. Generous members who have moved but continue to contribute this fiscal year represent over 8% of our total pledge amount. We cannot...and should not...depend on them to continue their efforts.

The Finance Committee will follow the mortgage market closely and develop options for your consideration in the spring. Please allow yourself to enjoy the fact that the only decisions we must make are among positive alternatives.

If you have questions please contact one of the Finance Team, Terry Bowman, Dave Christensen, Toby Saken, Joe Schmit, or myself. And, we're recruiting. The Finance Committee seeks a volunteer to be the ongoing manager of our relationship with Church Mutual and our two insurance policies, one for the physical building and one for worker's comprehensive insurance. It's one of our largest non-salary budget expenses.

*Ed Phillips, CUFTreasurer@gmail.com*

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## The Power of Five Wishes \*\* C U F Workshop – Dinah Seibert

a powerful and loving gift you can give your loved ones and yourself



WHAT are the 5 Wishes?

1. Who do you want to make health care decision for you when you can't?
2. What kind of medical treatment do you want and not want?
3. How comfortable do you want to be?
4. How do you want caregivers to treat you?
5. What do you want your loved ones to know?

WHAT is the "Five Wishes" document?

- ♥ A record of your personal and specific responses to the 5 questions above
- ♥ A guide for family, friends and health care providers for your end of life care
- ♥ It is a legal document in 40 states and requires no attorney or fees

WHAT will the workshop be like?

- ♥ Whole group discussion of options, questions, others' perspectives
- ♥ Personal pairs discussion of the information as it relates to each of you
- ♥ Active participation in discussion and completing the final document

WHY should you attend?

- ♥ Why wait until you're in an emergency room or a coma? Prepare now around our CUF "dining room" tables in a confidential, supportive environment Experience the peace of mind.
- ♥ To get help in understanding the range of questions and possible options
- ♥ To get support and guidance to complete the process – get "around to it"
- ♥ To develop your plan for sharing your 5 Wishes effectively

WHO should attend?

- ♥ Adults of all ages
- ♥ You and a person with whom you are comfortable discussing personal health care issues (it does not have to be a partner or spouse)
- ♥ Open only to CUF members, friends of the Fellowship, and workshop partners

WHO will facilitate the workshop?

- ♥ Dinah Seibert, MS (see also professional brochure for additional information)
- ♥ Hospice pioneer
- ♥ Sturgis Public Service Award 2003 & Meehan Humanitarian Award 1983
- ♥ Experienced griever and grief educator who is passionate about sharing the Life Affirming potential of this process
- ♥ CUF member giving this gift in appreciation of the supportive environment you have given me over many years

WHE N and WHE RE will the workshop take place?

- ♥ At Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship
- ♥ On 2 consecutive Saturday mornings
- ♥ January 10th and 17th
- ♥ 9:00 AM to Noon each day

HOW MUCH does the workshop cost?

- ♥ No fee, just time, intention, and a receptive attitude
- ♥ All materials provided by CUF

♥♥♥ So.....Attend the Workshop - Give the Gift ♥♥♥

- ♥ Sign up today so we will be sure to have enough materials
- ♥ To register contact Melanie – CARBONDALEUU@VERIZON.NET
- ♥ For questions contact Dinah - dinahseibert@mac.com or 521-6141



**UU Joke of the Month:**

The children in a UU religious education class were drawing pictures. The teacher asked one, "What are you drawing a picture of?" "I'm drawing a picture of God," was the reply. "But nobody knows what God looks like," objected the teacher. "They will," said the UU child, "when I get my picture done."

**UU Trivia Quiz (cross out the word that doesn't belong)**

We covenant to affirm and promote:

the inherent worth and dignity of every other person;  
justice, equity, faith, and compassion in human relations;  
a free, liberal, and responsible search for truth and meaning;  
world community with peace, health, liberty and justice for all;  
the natural interdependent web of all existence.