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MAY 2008



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Abraham Lincoln
Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Office Hours:
Monday & Friday
11:00am to 2:30pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
11:00am to 5:00pm

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Services are held Sunday morning at 10:30am. Religious education and child care are provided for children of all ages.

May 4

Why the Holocaust Matters by Rev. Martin Woulfe

May first, 2008, was "Holocaust Remembrance Day." In this service, Rev. Woulfe will reflect on the continuing importance of the Holocaust, including its impact on memory, policy and hope.
(“Change for Change” Sunday information posted below)

May 11

The Latest Word on Motherhood by Penny Wollan-Kriel

A service to celebrate mothers of all ages.

May 18

Natural Selection v. Chosen People by Rev. Martin Woulfe

In this service, Rev. Woulfe will explore one of the most important conflicts that has dominated the dialogue between science and religion during the past 200 years.

May 25

UU Bumper Sticker Theology by Rev. Martin Woulfe

One can discern a lot about people, including their theology, from the bumper stickers that adorn their cars. What do our bumper stickers reveal?

June 1

ALUUC Youth Learn World Religions

Join in celebration as the youth of ALUUC share aspects of their learning from the past year. Teachers and students will lead the service which includes an 8th grade ‘Coming of Age’ moment, the Bridging Ceremony for graduating high school seniors, and more.

May’s “Change for Change” collection will help support the 11th Annual Race Unity Rally. The Race Unity Rally is held to promote and build racial unity and understanding and will be on Sunday, June 1st, at the State Capitol Rotunda. Children have been invited to share their vision for race unity, in Art and Essay/Poetry Contest. There will be an emcee, keynote speaker Robert Moore, former U.S. Marshall, and prizes for the art competition participants. Scheduled to perform at the event are dancers from the India Association of Greater Springfield, and French horn player Jimmy Hampton from Detroit.

From the Minister. . .

These past few weeks have witnessed a remarkable transformation in the landscape and skies. Evidently, winter has given its last flick of its tail and slithered off to parts unknown. It will return of course, but not for several seasons. But good riddance, in the meanwhile -- many of us have expressed a sense that this past winter lingered far too long.

We may rejoice that Spring is an irrepressible burst of new life. At first glance, ample evidence of the regenerative power of nature exists only as far away as the nearest lawn or bough. The duck nest near the front door of ALUUC is surely convincing in that regard.

There is of course another aspect of Spring. All is not green and all does not thrive, let alone survive. In my walks around ALUUC, I have noticed several dead birds; a nest of dead rabbits; a fallen and cracked robin's egg. These objects have been removed from the grounds. But the lesson lingers a bit yet. Life may be abundant and resurgent, but its success is by no means a foregone conclusion. One perceives at times that life contains within itself an inherent struggle. One may also well wonder to what extent luck plays a role?

All the more reason to cherish the gift of time which we enjoy. I know full well that different people can observe a similar scene and come to opposite conclusions regarding how one ought to live one's life. Some will pursue escapism; another will pursue compassion. Perhaps this has been ongoing since time immemorial. No one seems to have given a satisfactory account of why one might choose one path while another makes such a different choice. Genetics? Environment?

Also: why, when we take our walks, do some search the grass while others search the skies? I do not know.

~ *Martin*

From the Board Treasurer. . .

Hello ALUUC members and friends,

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm your new treasurer. I'm not completely new to the job, however, as I was treasurer in FY2003 and FY2004.

I've already been approached by many of you with questions about your financial transactions with ALUUC. It will take a little while to give everyone answers but rest assured we will. Cheryl Wycoff, our office administrator, has been handling pledge tracking. If you have questions that are about your pledge and the recent pledge letter we sent, please see her. She is in the office Tuesday-Thursday. Any other questions should be directed to me. I've already met with most of the committee chairs. In the future, each committee chair will be receiving a monthly statement about the status of their budget on committee night.

I am currently reviewing our financial statements and, for that reason, I am not publishing year-to-date numbers here. I will start to do that next month. Rest assured that we are in a reasonably healthy financial condition. At the June congregational meeting, I will be able to give a report I am confident about.

If you have concerns or questions, please give me a call.

~ *Victoria Vincent*

From the Board President. . .

Spring is finally here and this fiscal year is nearing its end. As usual for this time of year, our annual pledge drive has begun, chaired by Michael Plog who has graciously volunteered to take the lead in the pledge drive for a second time. This is no small endeavor; so many thanks go to Michael for stepping up to the challenge once again.

Our Finance Committee is working on the budget for the upcoming year, and the Board is looking forward to the annual meeting in June.

Our Membership and Fellowship Committees could use some help. They are in need of members and chairs for the upcoming year. If you have an interest in participating in either of these groups, please contact me or one of the Board members.

Of course, we are still looking forward to that new playground and the new piano!

Thanks to everyone for doing all you do to keep this wonderful congregation going.

~ *Mike Haynes*

From the Coordinator of Religious Education. . .

The home stretch to the close of the church year is in site. Maybe because I'm a teacher, I am especially tuned in to the weariness that accompanies this time of year. The weather invites us to stay home in backyards awakening with green grass and flowers. The warmer, fresh air and sunshine seem to wear us out, all the more quickly.

In RE, we have had a stellar year with record numbers of children participating in classes, a playground plan that looks to be accomplished this summer, Kid's Club growing exponentially, and a blossoming nursery staff with so many wonderful wee ones. Junior and Senior High students have ventured out to attend conferences and visit other religious institutions -all with the support of caring adults who frame and inform these experiences. Folks in the congregation are even talking about next years' Winter Holiday Pageant! With all this already accomplished this year, no wonder we're tired!

Fortunately, it is a satisfying and joyful tiredness –one that brings with it the feeling of jobs well done and time invested wisely. All of this could never be accomplished without the dedication of the volunteer teachers and committee members that donate hours and hours of their personal time. I am deeply appreciative for the fire of commitment they demonstrate to our children and proud of our religious education program.

~ *Meg Schnake*

Groups & Events

Book Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, May 27th at Jim & Mary Beaumont's home to discuss "The Secret of Lost Things, a novel", by Sheridan Hay. Contact Jim or Mary if you have any questions. Looking ahead to June the selection will be "My Sister's Keeper", by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bridge Group

This group meets at the ALUUC on the second Friday of every month at 7:00pm. Group contact person is Chris Romaine.

Build Your Own Theology Group (BYOTG)

Humanist Discussion Group

BYOTG and the Humanist Discussion Group will meet jointly on Monday, May 19th at 7:00pm at the ALUUC. Carol Floyd will comment on the question -- Can humanists be spiritual too? — followed by general discussion. This will be a look at the spiritual life and sources of inspiration for non-theists. Carol will look at sources including Philosophers Without Gods: Meditations on Atheism and the Secular Life edited by Louise Antony; The Little Book of Atheist Spirituality by Andre Comte-Sponville; Affirmations: Joyful and Creative Exuberance Revised Edition by Paul Kurtz. It is not necessary to have read any of these books to participate fully in the discussion. All are welcome. If you have any questions about BYOTG, please contact John Glosser. If you have questions about the Humanist Group, please contact Carol Floyd.

Christian Interest Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, May 12th at the ALUUC. We will have a discussion entitled "Keep Hope Alive: How Do You Do It?" led by Dan Schull. For those desiring it, a Communion Service will follow.

Dream Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, May 5th at the ALUUC. This is a monthly opportunity for folks to discuss recent dreams in a relaxed and casual small group setting. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact John Glosser.

First Friday Kids Club

This club meets every first Friday of each month, except in July & August. Children from Kindergarten through 5th Grade are welcome. Please participate in our pizza/piano fundraiser evening. Kid's Club will meet on May 2nd at the usual 6:00pm and then join in the piano fundraiser sing along until 8:00pm. The children have been invited to join the singing with no cost. A \$3 donation is still requested to help cover the cost of pizza. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marla Johnson, Kid's Club coordinator. Please RSVP to Marla.

Labyrinth Walk

The walk will be held on Friday, May 23rd from 7:00 to 9:30pm at the ALUUC. A labyrinth is a spiritual device used by various cultures since ancient times. Unlike a maze, there are no dead ends or choices to make between possible right or wrong turns. There is only the one path. More information is posted on our website.

Meditation Groups

Thursday Evening Meditation meets every Thursday night from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the ALUUC.

The Sangamon Zen Group sits most Saturday mornings at the ALUUC from 9:30am to 11:30am. Please check the website calendar for dates.

Movie Night

This month's movie night will be held on Sunday, May 18th at 6:00pm. If you would like to recommend a film to be shown, please contact Rev. Woulfe. Admission is free; refreshments will be available.

News Covenant Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, May 1st at Barbara Moore's home. Contact Barbara if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Occasional Choir

The choir practice is at 9:30am on Sundays. Check the online calendar for dates. For those parents with children, childcare now starts at 9:30am. For more information about the choir, please contact Jim Redlich or Bonnie Ettinger.

Prairie Grapevine Folklore Society

The next concert sponsored by Prairie Grapevine will be on Saturday, May 10 at ALUUC. The concert begins at 7:30pm; suggested donations are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors & juniors, and \$6 for members of Prairie Grapevine. This concert is sponsored in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

Need Summer RE Volunteers

The children's Religious Education Program wraps up with the end of the church year in June. During the **summer months**, members of the congregation volunteer to share their time and talent with our children as a whole group on Sunday mornings. These sessions take place at the same time as traditional R.E. classes and can include spiritually enriching games, music, and crafts. Adults available to coordinate one of these Sunday mornings during the summer months should contact Meg Schnake, CRE or Brenda Wade, RE Committee Chair. Parents and children alike enjoy getting to know various members of our church community and the unique information they have to share!

Religious Education Survey

The Religious Education Committee is working hard to bring you interesting and stimulating Adult Education opportunities but we need your feedback. Please complete the survey and return it to Brenda Wade at RE@aluuc.org, or you may also place it in the RE Committee Chair mailbox in the church office. For those that receive this newsletter via email, the survey will be a separate attachment. For those receiving the newsletter by mail, the survey will be at the end of the newsletter.

OWL Instructor Training

Carley Mattimore & John Malan have added so much to our church community by teaching the human sexuality curriculum for 7th/8th/9th graders called O.W.L. However, this curriculum is also developed for younger children (in an age-appropriate manner) and for adults. The RE Program would love to have trained members offering these excellent classes to other age groups in our faith community. The weekend instructor training is scheduled for 6-8 June 2008 and will be hosted by the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, TX.

The early registration fee is \$175.00 (postmarked by 6 May 2008). The late registration fee is \$200.00 (postmarked after 6 May 2008). The final registration deadline is 25 May 2008. Please contact Brenda Wade or Meg Schnake if you might be interested in training AND are willing to commit to leading classes. Funding is not available for this currently, but perhaps you might support the endeavor by "sponsoring" a member to attend who will then commit to sharing their expertise with us all.

Important News from the Nominating Committee

The ALUUC Nominating Committee is pleased to report that the following individuals have agreed to be candidates for election at the congregation's Annual Meeting on **June 8, 2008** immediately following the worship service:

President, one-year term: Gwen Childs

Vice President, one-year term: Delinda Chapman

Secretary, one-year term: Carol Floyd

Treasurer, one-year term: Victoria Vincent.

Announcements about additional nominations will be included in the orders of service and the full slate of nominations will be posted at the church.

Submitted by Roger Powers, Nominating Committee Chair

The 2008-2009 Pledge Drive

You all know our church depends on money, and our major source is your pledge. Fund raising efforts help, but are a small contribution compared to our pledges. Like most UU's, we don't like talking about money. We do not have a guide for giving. The UUA suggests somewhere between 1% and 5% of your gross annual income. One potential guide is to hook your pledge to your take-home pay. If you give 1% of your monthly check each Sunday, you will be pledging between 3-4% of your take-home. (We don't expect you to come every Sunday. That just would not be normal for a UU!) If you are in financial trouble, then reduce your percentage. If you consider this church very important to you, then increase your percentage. Most people give on a weekly or monthly basis. Some prefer to give on a quarterly basis or even once a year. Whichever way you decide to give, we appreciate your gift. If you have any thoughts about the pledge drive, want to volunteer, or have questions about realistic amounts of what your pledge should be, please contact me.

Michael Plog
Pledge Drive Coordinator



Buddhist Vesak Festival

Buddhist's Vesak festival celebrated in the Buddhist world on full moon day of May 19, 2008. Vesak is the main Buddhist religious festival in Sri Lanka and other orthodox Buddhist countries, like Burma, Thailand & Cambodia. During this time, people celebrate the triple anniversary of Lord Buddha – his birth, his attaining of enlightenment and his passing away into Nirvana. Also known as the Buddhist Festival of light, colorful bamboo-framed lanterns adorn the interior of every home and incredible luminous displays decorate the streets of most towns. Vesak marks the first month of the Buddhist Calendar. This is a day spent in reflective prayer as people cease worldly pursuits and engage themselves in religious activities. Devoted Buddhists pray in temples from dawn until dusk.

Attention ALUUC Members & Friends:

A new & improved online forum is available on our website. There is a link to the forum on the homepage at www.aluuc.org, and also on the Members webpage. Members and friends will need to register in order to participate. When registering, you must use your first and/or last name within your username that you create. We currently have 27 members registered. The forum administrators are Scott Wade and Jerry Zarley. Please check out the Welcome forum to find out how the forum operates. I hope all enjoy this new communication tool for the ALUUC Community.

Celebration of the Lives of Alice & Richard Kaige

Robert H. Kaige would like to invite interested members of the congregation to attend a brief, intimate memorial service honoring both his mother, Alice Kaige and his father Richard H. Kaige, on Saturday, May 17 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary. A reception in the commons room will follow immediately. Please contact him on his cell phone (630) 745-0578 to ask him about participating in this service or for other questions. Several volunteers are needed to open the building, help set up the reception and clean up afterwards. The Kaige family remains indebted to the church community for all the help in the past and looks forward to sharing in this forthcoming celebration of life.

ALUUC WORK DAY REPORT

HEARTFELT THANKS to everyone who braved the cold, rainy, windy weather on Saturday, April 12th, to help with our spring Work Day. We concentrated on indoor tasks, like cleaning the sanctuary chairs, RE tables, furniture and cabinet surfaces, bath partitions and interior windows. In addition, we did quite a bit of carpet spot-cleaning, moved our old, extra tables off-site for storage until the garage sale, cleaned under the kitchen sink, organized the janitor's closet, and scrubbed some floors. A team of hardy folks defied the elements and spread mulch in the rain, and our special "**No Guts, No Glory**" award goes to Victoria Vincent and Debby Hagan for tackling the dangerous and disgusting job of crawling up into our attic spaces, armed with only flashlights, and ferreting out the source of our roof leaks. This is something that is best done on a rainy day. We're hoping that we can find a solution to this recurrent problem.

Thanks again to those who showed up: John Malan, Kurt DeWeese, Debby Hagan, Anna Williams, Victoria Vincent, Kent & Gwen Childs, Delinda Chapman, Dave Braddock, Gayle Keiser, Amanda Mueller, Aubrey Colen, Jennifer & Gwen Rees, Art Darken, Kitty Wrigley, Rachel Walker and Stu Jacobson.

If you couldn't make it, we'll schedule another Work Day soon to shovel dirt around our foundation (to improve drainage), to stain the fence, and to pull weeds.



ALUUC Flute Circle

The first gathering of the ALUUC Flute Circle will take place on Wednesday, May 14th from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the ALUUC. All members, friends, and guests are welcome to attend. No previous experience or ownership of a flute is necessary. Flutes will be made available for others to try. The group will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The focus of this circle will be the care and playing of the Native American Style Flute, but other types of flutes will be welcome. This flute circle will provide an environment where all who attend can learn to create their own music in their own way, where everyone helps each other to expand their flute playing skills and experience. Please contact Mike Haynes if you have any questions.



"CASH IN OUR ATTICS"

On Saturday evening, April 5th, our Congregation building was transformed into the Fantasy Auction House for a gala evening of food, music, dancing and bidding on all the delightful treasures we gathered from our homes. What a fun way to recycle! It reminded me of the story "Stone Soup" where everyone thinks they have nothing to contribute, but when everyone brings something to the pot, their generosity creates something wonderful.

Thanks, first of all, to the other members of our small, but dedicated Auction Committee -- Victoria Vincent, Linda Haynes, Anna Williams, and Scott Wade. All of them worked very efficiently behind the scenes, and they made it look easy.

Special Thanks to our auctioneer, Michael Plog, who always makes this process fun with his good humor, and to our many helpers -- specifically Debby Hagan, Kitty Wrigley, Delinda Chapman, Vi Lanum, Brenda Wade, Mike Haynes, Craig Bailey, Kurt, Diana and Marissa DeWeese, Ed Neal, Martin Woulfe, Phillip Anderson, Kent Childs, Rachel Walker, Rob Ewart and the Canadian Ewart Clan -- and to all the others who spontaneously jumped in to help clean up and return the rooms to "normal" function.

And, of course, special blessings upon all of you who donated such lovely items, who provided such delicious food, and who came, brought friends, and purchased things!

This annual fundraiser constitutes a very important portion of our budget, and we are very grateful for your support. *Working together, we found about \$7000 of "Cash in our Attics!"*

Gwen Childs

May Solemn Assembly

The location of the upcoming Solemn Assembly, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, has been changed. It will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. 7th Street, beginning at 11:00am. The Solemn Assemblies are worship events to promote "A Year of Reconciliation," in connection with the 100th anniversary of the 1908 Race Riot in Springfield.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Update

UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies.

Your Economic-Stimulus Check

According to the UUSC, \$162 of the \$600 economic-stimulus check you will receive later this year would have gone directly to fund the Iraq war? Why not make a symbolic statement? Reject the \$162 war-related money and contribute those funds to UUSC peacemaking efforts or to local peacemaking efforts in Springfield. Contact Tom and Rachel Zehr, Social Action Committee Co-Chairs, at SAC@aluuc.org

Take Action Now: Demand Action on Gulf Coast Housing Recovery Act

Katrina survivors need housing. Two years after Hurricane Katrina, more than 12,000 people in New Orleans are still homeless, and planned demolitions may claim 5,000 public-housing units at a time when homes for low-income families are sorely needed. Another 38,000 people in the region will soon be moved out of trailers that FEMA admits are toxic.

We have a small window of opportunity to pass the Gulf Coast Housing Recovery Act, which will make a real difference in the lives of survivors of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The bill is currently stuck in the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, of which Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT) is the chair. Dodd has the power to move the legislation out of the committee for a vote in the Senate, where there are enough votes to pass the legislation.

Take action now! You can help. Please call your senators today and ask them to cosponsor the Gulf Coast Housing Recovery Act, if they have not done so already. If they are a cosponsor, please thank them. If not, ask them to contact Senator Dodd to express their support for the bill. For a list of cosponsors, please see below.

Send an urgent message to your senators via e-mail through our online Legislative Action Center and by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, where you can ask for the office of each of your senators. Visit <http://www.uusc.org/katrina/gulfactionalert2.html> for talking points, additional background, and a list of cosponsors of the Gulf Coast Housing Recovery Act of 2007.

UUSC Membership ... and a Chance to Win a Human Rights Experience!

When you join or renew your membership at the \$100 level by June 30, 2008, you will be entered in a raffle for a spot for yourself or a loved one on a 2008-2009 JustJourney! The winner will only be responsible for getting to the JustJourney destination, most likely Guatemala or Mexico. JustJourneys are unique educational travel experiences that focus on human-rights and social-justice issues. Participants meet UUSC program partners and other human-rights defenders to become more inspired, informed, and effective human-rights activists. Learn more at www.uusc.org/justjourneys.

Any student or youth who joins or renews at the special \$10 student and youth membership rate by June 30, 2008, will be entered in raffle for a spot on a 2008-2009 JustWorks camp! The winner will only be responsible for getting to the camp destination, in the United States. JustWorks camps are short-term projects that help volunteers examine and understand the causes and damaging effects of injustice by working directly with people in U.S. communities and experiencing social-justice struggles firsthand. Learn more at www.uusc.org/justworks.

For more information about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee <http://www.uusc.org> or contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Local Rep at UUSC@aluuc.org

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FYI...

NAMETAGS

If you need a replacement nametag, please either email your request to office@aluuc.org, or print your name on a piece of paper and place it in the nametag slot on the nametag rack.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Change of address notices can be done by completing the ALUUC Membership Update Form found in the church office. You can also email the information to webmaster@aluuc.org or by mail to:

ALUUC Attn: ECC
745 Woodside Road
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ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMING EVENTS

Submission for Announcements and Coming Events should be submitted electronically to office@aluuc.org no later than Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

NEWSLETTERS ON TAPE

If you would like an audio tape of the ALUUC Newsletter, please contact Jim Redlich. A cassette is produced every month and duplicates are available upon request.

NEWSLETTER OPTION

To stop receiving this newsletter or to change from mail to email, please send your request to webmaster@aluuc.org. Thank you.

*** Reminder ****

Please remember when participating in meetings held in the RE classrooms to clean up afterwards. We want our youth and our volunteer teachers to know that we value their efforts by respecting their space. Thank you!



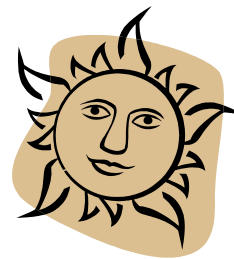
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Here are the names of members and friends who are celebrating birthdays this month. If this is your birthday month and your name didn't get included, we're sorry. If you want to be listed here in the future, please email Scott Wade at webmaster@aluuc.org with the month of your birth.

Rebecca Anderson
Inge Lundh
Michael Plog
Mary Salisbury
Meg Schnake
Nancy Standen

New to UU Class

Do you want to know more about Unitarian Universalism and what it means to become a member? If so, then this orientation is for you. Rev. Martin Woulfe conducts a class that presents the fundamentals of liberal religion and the history of this congregation. The class will meet on two consecutive Tuesdays, May 13 & 20 from 7:00 to 9:30pm at the ALUUC. Please let us know if you will need child care. You can sign-up by contacting Rev. Woulfe at 585-9550 or email minister@aluuc.org



New Member Photos

If you have not yet had your photo taken for the ALUUC Membership Directory, please see either Scott Wade or Rev. Martin Woulfe after a Sunday service. We will add your photo to the online directory.

Don't Forget to Help Those in Need

We are continuing to collect nonperishable food items to assist the Kumler Food Pantry and we are also collecting various goods to send to the members of the armed forces in Iraq. The collection baskets are in the hallway at ALUUC. Please be generous. Diana DeWeese is coordinating the Kumler Drive; Buffy Lael is coordinating the Items for Troops in Iraq.

ALUUC Membership Anniversaries for May

Rachell Anderson (1974)
 Rebecca Anderson (2004)
 Craig & Carol Bailey (1995)
 Dave Braddock (1988)
 Mick & Martha Bray (2002)
 Steve Britt (1981)
 Delinda Chapman (1996)
 Jenni Dahl & Roger Powers (1987)
 Meg Evans (1994)
 Deb Hagan & Keith Taylor (1991)
 Beverly Holmes (1995)
 Mary Reed (2005)
 Liz & Shelley Reither (2003)
 Larry Shiner (1979)
 Cara Tabatabai (1997)
 Brenda & Scott Wade (2002)
 Ken Wade (2005)
 Linda Wheeland (1999)

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
				1 Meditation 7:00pm * News Group 7:30pm	2 Kids Club 6:00 to 8:00pm Piano Fundraiser 7:00 to 8:30pm	3 Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am
4 Choir 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	5 Dream Group 7:00pm	6 Board Meeting 7:00pm	7	8 Meditation 7:00pm	9 Bridge Group 7:00pm	10 Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am Prairie Grapevine 7:30pm
11 Mother's Day Choir 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	12 Christian Interest Group 7:30pm	13 New to UU Class 7:00pm	14 Flute Circle 7:00pm	15 Meditation 7:00pm	16	17 Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am
18 Choir 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Movie Night, 6:00pm	19 Build Your Own Theology & Humanist Group 7:00pm	20 Committee Night 7:00pm New to UU Class 7:00pm	21	22 Meditation 7:00pm	23 Labyrinth Walk, 7:00pm	24 Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am
25 Choir 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Newsletter Deadline	26	27 * Book Group 7:30pm	28	29 Meditation 7:00pm	30	31 Zen Meditation Group - 9:30am

* Event not held at the ALUUC

Dates & Times subject to change. Please check the online calendar for any changes/updates.