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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

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

September 7

“Water & Stone Communion” by Rev. Martin Woulfe

This service will incorporate our ingathering ritual of blending various stones, waters and stories into a unique moment of worship. (This is a “Change for Change Sunday”)

September 14

“A Spiritual Autobiography through Music”

ALUUC’s talented pianist Bonnie Ettinger shares her spiritual journey through music. Please be there to enjoy her musical artistry and her stories about her spiritual journey.

September 21

“Nothing More than a Smorgasbord?” by Rev. Martin Woulfe

Do today’s religious liberals share a distinct identity or are we merely a collection of individuals who sample from a smorgasbord of diverse (and sometimes disparate) traditions and beliefs? *(This service will include a New Member Recognition ceremony)*

September 28

“Mystics with Character” by Rev. Martin Woulfe

One of the common denominators of many religious liberals is that they lean towards mysticism. But liberals are also apt to be engaged in the “real world,” in particular with addressing its ills. Is this a contradiction? How well do measures of mysticism and pragmatism mix? *(This Service will include a commissioning ceremony for Lay Wedding Officiants)*

October 5

“The Unconventional Spirituality of Walt Whitman” by Rev. Martin Woulfe

John Morgan wrote, “What is truly personal is also truly universal.” This insight applies well to Walt Whitman, who pen touched upon a multitude of themes, both personal and universal. In this service, we will explore his striking religious insights as revealed by his unique gift.

September’s “Change for Change” collection will be donated to Springfield’s International Week of Peace events. The Cost of Peace. Beginning on September 10th with a 6:30pm presentation at the public library, continuing with an event across from the Farmer’s Market on September 13th at 8:00am until 10:00am. On September 16th, there will be a showing of the film *Meeting Resistance* at 7:00pm in the Capitol City Bar and Grill, Capitol City Shopping Center with a discussion. On September 18th, there will be an Interfaith Service at 6:30pm in St. Patrick’s Church, and on September 21st, there will be a senior youth program on the cost of war at the ALUUC. There will also be a Candlelight Vigil on September 21st at 5:00pm until 6:00pm on the State Capitol Steps, Second and Capitol.

From the Minister. . .

We must continue efforts to transcend our divides

I wish to thank the members of the community, especially my local clergy colleagues, who have expressed to me their shared senses of dismay and grief regarding last Sunday's shootings at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Knoxville. While such acts of violence, evidently motivated in part by religious bigotry, are always grievous, when they intrude upon a church, mosque, synagogue or school they seem all the more heinous. Ours is a relatively small denomination and several of our members and friends, including myself, know people who were present, even slain, last Sunday. ALUUC's former minister, the Rev. Mary Moore, recently served as the interim minister of the Westside Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville; many members from that congregation were attending the service at TVUUC and accounted for half the victims. Soon, of course, representatives from Springfield's different faith communities will gather together to remember the victims of the 1908 Race Riot, where we will also dare to dream of a world wherein our fellow human beings will no longer resort to violence against others. We are blessed to live in a community that seeks to transcend our various divides, promoting in their stead reconciliation and compassion. While we may never see a complete cessation of deranged acts of violence, be they committed by individuals or by mobs, the hope of all persons of good faith is that they will in time become exceedingly rare.

*Rev. Martin Woulfe
Springfield*

Note: The above was published in the State-Journal Register on July 31, 2008 as a response to the shootings at the Tennessee Valley UU Congregation.

<http://www.sj-r.com/opinions/x223020297/Letters-to-the-Editor-July-31>

“Out of the Ashes of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot”

An Interfaith Service of Remembrance & Reconciliation

You are invited to join your neighbors
from Springfield's diverse faith traditions
in an interfaith worship service
of memory and hope
at the Old State Capitol Building
on Saturday, September 6th
beginning at 11:00am

Participants in this service will include Bonnie Ettinger, Vinod Gupta, Bhikkhu Mahinda,
Rev. Berkley Moore, Phillipa Porter and Rev. Martin Woulfe.

For further information please contact
Rev. Martin Woulfe
(217) 585-9550

From the Board President. . .

Summer is over! The children are back in school and it's time to resume our normal church schedule as well. When I became a UU in 1970, it was customary for our churches to take a break in the summer. This was because, according to the old joke, "UU's are the only ones God can trust out of His sight for 90 days!" Some churches held small, informal gatherings on Sunday morning, but most of us claimed to be communing with nature. We enjoyed this, but we found that we really missed being with our kindred spirits each week. As a result, I always felt a special sense of joy as we sang "*Here We Have Gathered*" on Ingathering Sunday. Even though we now hold regular services throughout the summer, we still take a bit of a break to restore ourselves for a new beginning in the fall. The Board, Committee Chairs and staff have been working in the background to get us ready. We have identified solid goals for year (which are posted on our bulletin board), and we have many exciting program ideas that we hope to implement. We have no shortage of people willing to give of their time and talent, and we are very happy about that. However, monetary contributions to fund our basic operating budget are inadequate for the second year in a row, and we will need to call on our members and friends to help with this in September. These problems are not new, and we are not alone. Every church, every non-profit organization, every school, every business, every government, and every family constantly confront money challenges. Rather than emphasizing what we lack, I hope we will maintain an attitude of gratitude for all the wonderful things we have and for all the wonderful things we can work to achieve. In the words of an old hymn, "*All things are possible, only believe.*"

~ *Gwen Childs*

From the Coordinator of Religious Education. . .

Here we go! Jumping into another exciting year at ALUUC. Religious Education is booming. Perhaps one of the most exciting new features this year is the coordination of Adult Religious Education classes. For the first time in recent years, a Coordinator has stepped forward, Jerry Zarley. As RE committee chair Brenda Wade and I sat by the pool this summer, we pondered who the right person would be to try and recruit for such a post. Jerry sprang to mind because he's been so involved in past adult classes, he's responsible and organized, and he's got that all important "follow-through" gene. Well let me tell you- follow through he has! We are now in the position to offer 13 adult classes over the course of this coming year. Everything from Self-Defense class to Music & Spirituality. Most of these classes will have sign-up sheets above the drinking fountain, between the two restrooms at church. I personally signed up for one starting this month called Cakes for the Queen of Heaven- a women's spirituality curriculum taught by Pat Goller, Diana DeWeese & Buffy Lael. Watch announcements, newsletters, and the website for more information about specific offerings. Crossing over into the world of kids, another class offering for adults is Parents as Spiritual Guides. It is a curriculum that will be offered at the same time as Kid's Club! UU parents can now bring their school-aged kids to First Friday Kid's Club and then attend this parenting class while their kids enjoy time together. Babysitting for younger children will be available and paid for by a collection of donations from parents in attendance that night. No need to sign up, just show up! The kids should have plenty of entertainment options with the new playground installed. My pride in our work together grows and grows. Most, if not all the classes being taught and taken, draw from our community members here at ALUUC. Sharing with one another our time, our talents, and our energy creates that village we all want for ourselves and our children. Providing this for ourselves and as a role model for our children, speaks loudly and clearly to them about what matters in life. Don't forget Children's RE classes begin September 14th. See you all soon!

~ *Meg Schnake*

Groups & Events

Book Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 23rd to discuss, "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. We will meet at Barbara Moore's home. Call Barbara if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.

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)

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, September 15th at the ALUUC. Our Minister Emeritus Berkley Moore will give a presentation entitled "How the Old Testament Was Put Together." All are most welcome to attend. Contact John Glosser for additional information.

Christian Interest Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, September 8th at the ALUUC. The topic is "Reverence as a form of humility." Craig Bailey will be offering a presentation and moderating a discussion based on an article by in the Spring, 2008 Harvard Divinity Bulletin by Marilynne Robinson. She argues that reverence as a form of humility corrects belief's tendency to warp or harden. She is a University of Iowa Graduate Writer's School faculty member and author of 3 novels. She enjoys revisiting ancient orthodox Christian concepts and finding new and modern meanings. For those desiring it, a Communion Service will follow. Note that the October meeting, led by Barbara Moore, will be held on Monday, October 6 (an exception to the usual "second Monday" meeting).

Dream Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 2nd at the ALUUC. This is a chance to discuss recent dreams in a relaxed and informal setting. 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. The next meeting will be held on September 5th from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Parents are welcome to join us to get reacquainted and talk about our summers. A \$3 donation per person is requested to help out with the cost of snacks and supplies. Please RSVP to Marla Johnson, Kid's Club Coordinator, at KidsClub@aluuc.org

Flute Circle

This group will be meeting on Wednesday, September 17th from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the ALUUC. Flutes will be made available for others to try. 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. Any questions can be directed to Mike Haynes at FluteCircle@aluuc.org

Humanist Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, September 22nd at the ALUUC. Frank Kopecky will review Millennial Makeover: My Space YouTube and the Future of American Politics by Morley Winegard and Michael Hais. The generational divide: how politics is being mass marketed to the young. <http://www.millennialmakeover.com/reviews.htm>. It is not necessary to have read the books to participate fully in the discussion. If you have questions about the Humanist Group, contact Carol Floyd.

Labyrinth Walk

The Labyrinth Walk is held on the third Friday of each month from September through June, from 7:00 to 9:30pm at the ALUUC. All are welcome.

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 will resume on Sunday September 14th at the ALUUC. The film "The Golden Compass" will be shown, starting at 6:00pm; refreshments will be provided. This is a free event.

News Covenant Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, September 4th at Henry and Lori Farrington's home. Call Henry or Lori if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Upcoming Adult RE Classes

“Cakes for the Queen of Heaven” is a woman honoring adult RE curriculum by Rev. Shirley Ranck. The workshop series examines important elements of today's women's lives; personal, interpersonal and societal. The primary question raised is: How would your life have been different if, when growing up, the divine had been imaged as female? Participants are encouraged to share their own experiences and beliefs, creating trust and strong bonds of friendship. We will examine pre-Judeo Christian cultures that may have worshipped the female as divine. The class will be from 7:00pm until 8:30pm for five straight weeks starting Monday, September 8th, at the ALUUC. Women and older female youth of ALUUC are invited to attend. Diana DeWeese, Pat Goller & Buffy Lael will be the facilitators. There is no charge for this adult RE series. The sign-up sheet is on a clipboard in the hallway by the restrooms.

Self-Defense Class

This class is a general self-defense class that will take place once a week for six weeks at the ALUUC beginning Wednesday, October 8th to November 12th from 7:30 to 8:30pm. The instructor, Rick Crouse, has over 18 years of martial art experience. Rick and his wife, Jennifer, are also Tae Kwon Do instructors at the Springfield Racquet & Fitness Center. This class will cover de-escalation techniques, striking and kicking, and releases from common grabs. We will use exercises, role-playing and discussion to explore and practice these techniques while building confidence and power. There will be minimal contact and some ground work. Please wear comfortable loose fitting clothes. For insurance reasons, this class will only be available to anyone 18 and older, and all participants will be required to sign a release form. The sign-up sheet is on a clipboard in the hallway by the restrooms.

SISTERS E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

Hello SISTERS! Has your e-mail address recently changed? Did you have an insightbb.com address and have now converted to a new one? If so, please notify the SISTERS E-mail Newsletter Coordinator, Megan Moore, at SISTERS@aluuc.org so she can make sure you continue to get the newsletter.

If you want to sign up for the SISTERS e-mail newsletter, or would like to submit an item to include, please contact Megan at SISTERS@aluuc.org



Cost of Peace: What More Can We Do? Events in Celebration of the International Day of Peace and Ceasefire

Wednesday, 9/10, 7:00 pm - The Cost of War with Michael McConnell, Regional Director, American Friends Service Committee, at Lincoln Library, Seventh and Capitol

Saturday, 9/13, 8:00 am to 10:00 am - The Cost of War: A Stand for Peace - Informational Vigil outside the Farmer's Market, Fifth and Adams, Old State Capitol Mall

Sunday, 9/14, 5:30 pm Light Dinner reception and 6:30 pm The Nonviolent Alternative to the Perpetual War on Terrorism, a program with Father Louie Vitale, OSF, Co-founder of Peace e Bene Nonviolence Network: - both events at St. Joseph Parish School Cafeteria, 1346 North Fifth Street (enter near parking lot)

Tuesday, 9/16, 7pm *Meeting Resistance*, film and discussion- Capitol City Bar and Grill, Capitol City Shopping Center - doors open at 6:30pm (free admission with food available for purchase)

Thursday, 9/18, 6:30 pm Interfaith Service: People of Faith Pray for Peace - St. Patrick's Church, 1720 South Grand East (Martin Luther King Drive) with parking across MLK Drive

Sunday, 9/21, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Candlelight Vigil on the International Day of Peace and Ceasefire, State Capitol Steps, Second and Capitol

Co-Sponsors: Abraham Lincoln Unitarian/Universalist Congregation Youth Group, Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Justice and Peace Office of the Franciscan Sisters, Laurel UMC Peacemakers, Mary Wood Branch WILPF, and Pax Christi Springfield.

~ COMMITTEE FAIR ~

**Please stay for coffee after our
Ingathering Service on Sept. 7th.**

Our Committees will be tempting you to come to their tables and learn more about the many different ways you can serve our congregation. Our Committee Chairs are enthusiastic about our plans for the coming year, and they would love to talk to you!

NEW COMMITTEE MEETING TIME

At the Committee Chairs Orientation on August 17th, final approval was given to a plan to change the time that most committees meet at the church. As of September, we will meet immediately after coffee on the **3rd Sunday of the month, at 12:15 pm**. We will all gather for a 5-minute, stand-up meeting in the Commons to determine if any committees need to communicate with each other, then we will break up in groups. The idea is to keep the meetings to one hour. The Aesthetics Committee will meet immediately after the other committees.

New ways to learn at Meadville Lombard, A Unitarian Universalist Seminary

Weekend and Week-long formats allow flexibility for Ministers and Lay Leaders

Meadville Lombard is now offering courses in formats that make it easier for working religious professionals and lay leaders to broaden or deepen their theological and congregational understanding. These on-campus courses were designed in a format best suited to developing religious leadership skills--a format that is face-to-face and heart-to-heart.

Weekend Courses

Lay Leadership Development with Rev. Brian Covell; October 3-4 and 24-25, and November 14-15, 2008

Designed to help ministers, lay leaders and post-internship seminarians become acquainted with the paradigms, problem-solving and relational skills necessary for effective lay leadership development. Because of the nature of this course, we offer this incentive for congregational teams: **Pay for two team members from your congregations, and register a third for free.** Audit: \$700.00/Credit: \$1400.00.

Real Peace/Real Security: UU Perspectives on Peace and War with Dr. Sharon Welch; January 17-18, 2009

In this half-credit course, address the issues posed by the UUA CSAI study/action issue on peacemaking. Examine options for enhancing peace and security in our contemporary world and explore perspectives held by Unitarian Universalists on: strategic peacebuilding, just peace, just war, preventive defense, nonviolence and pacifism. Then discuss the concrete ways in which congregations best foster open dialogue and informed engagement on these crucial issues of peacemaking and conflict transformation at all levels: interpersonal, congregational, national and international. Audit: \$375.00/ Credit: \$750.00.

Problems in Public Ethics with Rev. Dr. William Schulz and Dr. Sharon Welch; January 23-25, 2009

Learn to clarify the theological and ethical underpinnings of your approaches to public problems; consider five of the most pressing such problems on the national and world stage today: torture, military intervention, abortion, death penalty, and poverty and learn how to articulate your perspective and navigate the complexities of dealing with such issues in an institutional context. Audit: \$750.00/ Credit: \$1500.00.

Week-long Courses

Fling Wide the Doors: Children and Church Growth with Rev. Greg Stewart; January 12-16, 2009

How well do we welcome children into the church family and what impact does that have on church growth? Audit: \$750.00/ Credit: \$1500.00.

Afro-Americans and the Universalists, Unitarians, and Unitarian Universalists with Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed; January 26-30, 2009

Become familiar with both the Afro-American experience within the liberal religious community and the community's attitudes toward Afro-Americans. Who were these Afro-American women and men and when and how did they become part of this religious movement? What were the attitudes they met among Anglo-Americans and what was the institutional response to them? One objective of the course is for students to create a historical record of their home congregation with regard to race. Audit: \$750.00/ Credit: \$1500.00.

Visit our website for a [full listing and course syllabi](#) and to [register online](#). Please note that the tuition does not include lodging, and registrants will need to apply for [Student at Large status](#) (\$45.00) and pay a registration fee of \$50.00.

Cleaning the Building...

Thanks to all of you who have generously offered to sponsor a week of professional cleaning in lieu of doing it yourselves. And thanks to all of you who are willing to serve when and if the donations stop coming in. It is a job that has to be done and none of us loves doing it!

We'd like to give you a little background on this and answer a few questions that have come up. When the word got out that we had a serious budget shortfall and that the cleaning service would have to be cut, several people approached Board members and asked if they could contribute funds for this rather than do the actual cleaning. We reasoned that others might also be interested, so we approved this option. As a result, this expense is covered through December, leaving fewer weeks that volunteers are needed. If more people donate, we may not have to organize cleaning crews at all!

In answer to several questions and comments...

Q. What if I am physically unable to clean the church?

A. Rest assured, anyone who is not able will be excused. There are many other ways you can contribute to our community.

Q. Why can't we just do it every other week or once a month?

A. After a week of use, the building needs attention. Even though we currently have a paid service, there are several people who regularly do additional cleaning--after the Sunday service and during the week. Cleaning less often will make extra work for these volunteers.

Q. I don't want to be assigned to cleaning!

A. We really don't want to assign teams, but if no one signs up to help, the Board can't do it repeatedly. If you'd like to organize your own team, that would be great.

Q. I don't want to clean and I'm not going to!

A. Volunteering to help is not a requirement of membership, but it feels good to be of service to our community—and it is a great way to build friendships.

Q. How do I volunteer?

A. You can sign up on the clipboard over the water cooler, or talk to Board member, Mark Hanson, who has volunteered to coordinate this effort.

And before we forget...a big thank you to the following for their donations:

Mary Ryan, Beverly Holmes, Mike and Linda Haynes, Rachel Zehr, Jim Redlich, Barbara Moore, Roger Powers, Jenni Dahl, Marge Shelton, Berkley Moore, Carol Bailey, Mick & Martha Bray, Margot Duley, Doug & Lara Quivey, Doug & Teresa Liberati, Bonnie Ettinger and Carol Kneedler.

The ALUUC Board

Congregational Survey

In June, the Committee on Ministry surveyed the ALUUC membership as to their satisfaction with various aspects of congregation life. 57 members completed a survey form. Members rated the performance of the minister and of the congregation as a whole. Respondents ranked each aspect on a scale from 1 (Very Poor) to 5 (Excellent). When looking at the congregation as a whole, members rated Music, Children's RE and Parking Lot Improvements among the top three activities of this church. Members rated the minister highest in terms of Interfaith Networking, Preaching and Worship. This ranking is a useful indicator of what we do best and what may need some work.

Rebecca Anderson, Chair
Committee on Ministry

Item	Minister	Congregation
Adult RE	4.28	4.00
Annual fundraising	4.44	4.23
Chalice circles	4.26	4.34
Children's RE	4.51	4.74
Committee work	4.26	4.02
Community building	4.40	3.92
Counseling and facilitation	4.54	3.87
Denominational activities	4.31	3.92
Interfaith networking	4.69	3.85
Leadership development	4.18	3.80
Membership growth	4.18	3.67
Music	4.56	4.75
Newsletter	4.52	4.44
Parking lot improvements	4.57	4.55
Pastoral care	4.55	4.30
Pledge drive	3.98	3.67
Preaching	4.62	4.39
Publicity	4.07	3.70
Rites of Passage	4.43	4.20
Spiritual enrichment and development	4.30	4.14
Social activities	4.18	4.02
Website	4.53	4.43
Worship	4.62	4.45

2008-2009 ALUUC Membership Directory

Scott Wade from the Electronics & Communications Committee (ECC) is currently in the process of updating the directory for the next church year. Emails have been sent out to those that have an email address. Those without emails will be contacted by phone or before/after church services. Scott will also be taking new photos for the directory before/after church services on the following Sundays:

August 24
August 31
September 14
September 21
September 28

Some of the photos from last year are missing from my file. I would prefer new photos from everyone if at all possible. If you have a recent photo of yourself or the family in an electronic format, please email it to me and I would be glad to use it. Any questions concerning the directory or photos, please contact Scott Wade at webmaster@aluuc.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
Springfield, IL 62711-7346

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.

Craig Bailey
Jim Beaumont
Dave Braddock
Steve Britt
Fred Dietz
Rob Ewart
Beverly Holmes
Frank Kopecky
Jodi Perko
Dianne Roberts-Hill
Phil Salisbury
Linda Wheeland
Rodd Whelpley

New Member Recognition Ceremony

Congratulations to all those persons who signed our membership book during the past few months. On Sunday, September 21st, a ceremony to honor these individuals will be included during the service. In particular, we will celebrate the new connection between ALUUC and the following ten persons:

Jeffrey Bennett , Jerrid Foiles, Michelle Hayes,
 Katie Hoekstra, Sara Nobel, Dusty Rhodes,
 Marge Shelton, Don Scott, Christopher Trader,
 Deanna Trader


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. Please contact Rev. Woulfe at 585-9550 to find out the next scheduled class.

ALUUC Membership Anniversaries for September

Eugena & Todd Austin (2005)
 Jim & Mary Beaumont (1972)
 Jon & Karen Brauer (1997)
 Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant (1996)
 Margot Duley (2005)
 Rob Ewart & Victoria Vincent (1996)
 Carol Floyd (1998)
 Phil Gregg (1998)
 Mark Hanson (2005)
 Kelley Holder (2003)
 Jeff Johnston (1985)
 Jane Joost (1991)
 Stacey Larson (2003)
 Carley Mattimore (1987)
 Amanda Mueller (2005)
 Brian Otwell (1986)
 Kathy Reed (2004)
 Judith Schmidt (2006)
 Cathy Talano (1992)
 Tom Vaught (1994)
 Celia Wesle (1975)

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	1 LABOR DAY	2 Board Meeting 7:00pm Dream Group 7:00pm	3	4 Meditation 7:00pm *News Group 7:30pm	5 Kid's Club 6:00pm Parents as Spiritual Guides, 6:00pm	6 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
7 Worship Service 10:30am Committee Fair 12:00pm	8 Christian Interest Group 7:30pm	9	10	11 Meditation 7:00pm	12 Bridge Group 7:00pm	13 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
14 Worship Service 10:30am	15 Build Your Own Theology Group 7:00pm Committee on Ministry, 7:30pm	16	17 Flute Circle 7:00pm	18 Meditation 7:00pm	19 Labyrinth Walk, 7:00pm	20 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
21 Worship Service 10:30am Committee Meetings 12:15pm	22 Humanist Group 7:00pm	23 *Book Group 7:00pm	24 Newsletter Deadline	25 Meditation 7:00pm	26	27 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
28 Worship Service 10:30am	29	30				

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