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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. Large Print Bulletins and Hymnals are available each Sunday for those who would like to use them.

February 1

"Teenage Angst through the Eras" by the Sr. Youth Group

Teenagers did not stand out as a group until after WW I. Since that time, teens from each era have faced different obstacles along the way, and yet, many things remain the same. Do you remember what it's like to be a teenager? There is much conversation these days about teens and if they "have it harder" than the teen population from previous eras. Is teenage angst a constant throughout the years, no matter which era? Join ALUUC Sr. Youth as they explore what it's like to be a teen through the past century. (This is a Change for Change Sunday)

February 8

"Lincoln's Religion"

Internationally known Lincoln scholar and author of the recently released two volume biography, Abraham Lincoln: A Life, Michael Burlingame, will speak on "Lincoln's Religion." He will deal with the evolution of Lincoln's religious views from the skepticism of his youth to his mature belief in the power of the Almighty.

February 15

"The Gospel of John, Paul, George and Ringo" by Reverend Julie Forest

Join us with our UU guest minister Reverend Julie Frost, as we celebrate the magic, mystery, music and myth of the men known as the Beatles. See how their lives nourish our UU faith.

February 22

"Music Fills the Air"

Members and friends of ALUUC will present a service of music and hymns, coordinated by Penny Wollan-Kriel.

March 1

"The Practical Side of Mindfulness and Meditation"

The Venerable U Vamsarakkhita will speak on some practical applications of Buddhism. He grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he began meditating at age 17. He attended college on a basketball scholarship, and worked as a financial advisor and film actor before becoming a Buddhist monk. He was drawn to the Buddha's doctrine because of its profound practicality in life and as a spiritual path.

February's Change for Change is for Courage to Resist (CTR.) CTR is a grassroots not for profit organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area that supports service members who want to discharge or obtain conscientious objector status from the military. Many resisters have had experiences as troops that compelled them to act. You can read more about how some individuals made this difficult decision, in their own words at: www.couragetoresist.org in the profile selection. CTR is focused on supporting public GI resisters, and it also provides support to other military objectors. With limited resources, CTR works with many resisters and their families in raising the needed funds for civilian legal representation CTR works independent of any political organization, party, or group. CTR is a group of concerned community members, veterans, and military families.

From the Minister. . .

Yesterday, I picked up Celeste from school and drove to a local car dealership. Although I had taken the precaution of explaining this trip to her earlier, she rode in silence and her eyes teared up a little. She had acted much the same when we traded in our previous car, five years ago. I was further reminded how she had also shed tears at the tender age of four when we said goodbye to our former residence in Park Forest, which she still refers to as the “green and white house.”



Even after being coaxed to sit in the prospective new vehicle, Celeste was still visibly upset. Wise enough not to try to supplant Celeste’s notion of “OUR car” with my notion of “THE trade-in,” I prompted the salesman, and he in turn assured her that “our” car would go to a good family and be loved by other children. (I had told her the same, but such assurances generally seem to be more convincing when the source is a stranger.) He let her keep one of the spare keys and also suggested that she give the new car a name. These steps cheered her up somewhat, and thus began the transfer of her attachment to our “new” car.

I mention this episode because I have noticed of late how emotions run strong in people, regardless of age. People tend to become readily attached to “facts,” people and things. At times, there are serious repercussions when those facts, people and things change or fail to meet expectations. Yes, of course, we all know that in time, all must change. Likewise, we know that change may offer either relief or pause.

But how do we feel about change? Do we not often resist the inevitable changes in our lives? At such moments, our emotions may well run strong. This is true regardless of one’s age. Over the years, I have known more than a few adults and even children whose emotions weighed so heavily on them stemming from a disappointment in a given fact, person or thing that they have contemplated suicide. Mercifully, most chose not to act.

Regardless of the depth of emotions involved, others are in effect outsiders. Those who possess the gifts of objectivity and reason will discover that those qualities are not readily transferable. In fact, objective assurances may not be welcome. I do not believe that there are “right” or “wrong” emotions per se. Granted, religious liberals sometimes talk as though we were entirely rational beings, but a study of our actions reveals a deeper truth – namely, that each and every one of us, myself included, is a mixture of both the rational and the irrational -- those who scoff at the notion do so at their own peril. One former congregant had a favorite saying, “The heart has reasons which reason does not understand.” Those are wise words. Such words remind us to practice patience and loving kindness. Sometimes time, coupled with the knowledge that we genuinely care about one another, will prove the healthiest balm for those in pain. I think you will find this in the teachings of Jesus, Buddha, Confucius, and the Dali Lama – to name but a few. Even Plato, nearly two and a half millennia ago is reported to have urged, “Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” Everything else in religion, I strongly believe, is commentary.

~ *Martin*

From the Board President. . .

And so it begins---Martin is taking his sabbatical, and it is up to us to carry on in his absence. We tend to take it for granted that most Sunday services are planned by our minister. Fortunately, our Program Committee (co-chaired by Craig Bailey and Penny Wollan-Kriel) has been working diligently to prepare for the coming months. They have procured many wonderful speakers, and they have also worked within our congregation to orchestrate other services. I am very grateful for their hard work.

We wish Martin well as he explores how other congregations work, and I look forward to hearing every idea that he brings back to us. These are challenging times for all non-profit organizations, and this is a wonderful opportunity to learn what is working well for others—and what isn't.

In the meantime, some glitches will undoubtedly surface. We may need a little extra help and patience, but I have no doubt that our wonderful congregation will respond!

~ *Gwen Childs*

From the Board Treasurer. . .

Per our financial statements for December 31, 2008:

Operating revenue for December 2008: \$21,092.

Operating expenses for December 2008: \$9,099.

A copy of the current financial statement is posted on the Board's bulletin board in the hallway.

Pledge payments were up significantly in December. This was due to many members of the congregation paying their year's pledge in full in order, one assumes, to take advantage of the tax deduction on their 2008 taxes. On that subject, Cheryl and I will be sending out tax receipts for Calendar Year 2008 very soon. When you receive yours, please check it over and let us know if there are any errors or problems. You will receive a list showing each identifiable check or donation. Despite the fact that pledges are being paid, we still have a large hole in our budget that contributions have yet to cover. Toward the end of the year, we will have to cut expenses or dip into our reserves to pay our bills. There are several things you can do to help with this problem even if you cannot afford to donate more money. First, you can attend and help with the up-coming fund raiser, The Fantasy Auction World Cruise. This is one of our biggest fund raisers and it needs to be a success. It happens February 28. Second, you can treat the church building like you do your own home. Make sure the thermostat is turned down when you leave and lights are off. (Our combined gas and electric bill for December was nearly \$3,000. Please do NOT press the "Hold" button on any of the thermostats.) Pick up after yourself. Dispose of trash and recycling properly. Think about what you can do to keep costs down, just like you do at home. Third, treat your fellow congregants with respect and courtesy. Most of us are volunteers and we put in many hours working to make our congregation function. An occasional thank you goes a long way. This last suggestion doesn't save much money but it sure makes dealing with problems a whole lot easier.

~ *Victoria Vincent*

From Coordinator of Religious Education. . .

Have you ever felt like you're not doing enough for your kid's spiritual life? Do you sometimes wonder what you should say in response to those "big questions" they ask? While most parents can give the proverbial –'that's the way God made things', UU parents may not find that kind of answer on the tips of their tongues.



Starting in February, we will be starting a new group for parents during Kid's Club. The curriculum, Parents as Spiritual Guides –by Roberta & Christopher Nelson, will be the theme. They have an interesting philosophy as UU parents and professionals. It is based on the work of James Fowler and surrounds stages of faith development. According to this notion, you as a parent can help both yourself and your child move in a healthy manner through these stages, something akin to Maslow's hierarchy of needs only for spirituality.

Which "stage" of spiritual development do you rest in primarily, do you suppose? What do you wish for yourself and your child? Come and find out more about these stages and also get great ideas from other parents like you! Remember it's the first Friday of every month. Childcare provided in February for younger children as well. Come alone or as a couple. Even if you don't have kids at home anymore or any of your own, you are welcome to attend and participate.

Now for some important announcements and reminders. Childcare will no longer be provided for choir practice, as it was not used this past fall. Choir members with children should provide for them accordingly. We also would like to remind parents to come to pick up your children from Sunday morning RE classes after service at 11:45. This ensures a safe "pass off" and gives the teachers enough time for a full class. Finally, we're always concerned about children running and engaging in wild play inside but during these winter months it seems even more of a problem. Please chat with your kids about the safety and courtesy expected in our congregational building.

~ *Meg Schnake*

From the Adult RE Program Coordinator...

Music & Spirituality

This is a program to help discover and understand the spiritual richness of musical vibrations. This program meets from 6:00 to 8:00pm on the third Tuesday of every month throughout the rest of the church year, and it is open to all ages.



To learn more about and to register for any Adult RE program, please see the fliers and sign-up sheets in the hallway near the water fountain at the ALUUC. For any questions, please contact the appropriate instructors/facilitators, or email Jerry Zarley at AdultRE@aluuc.org

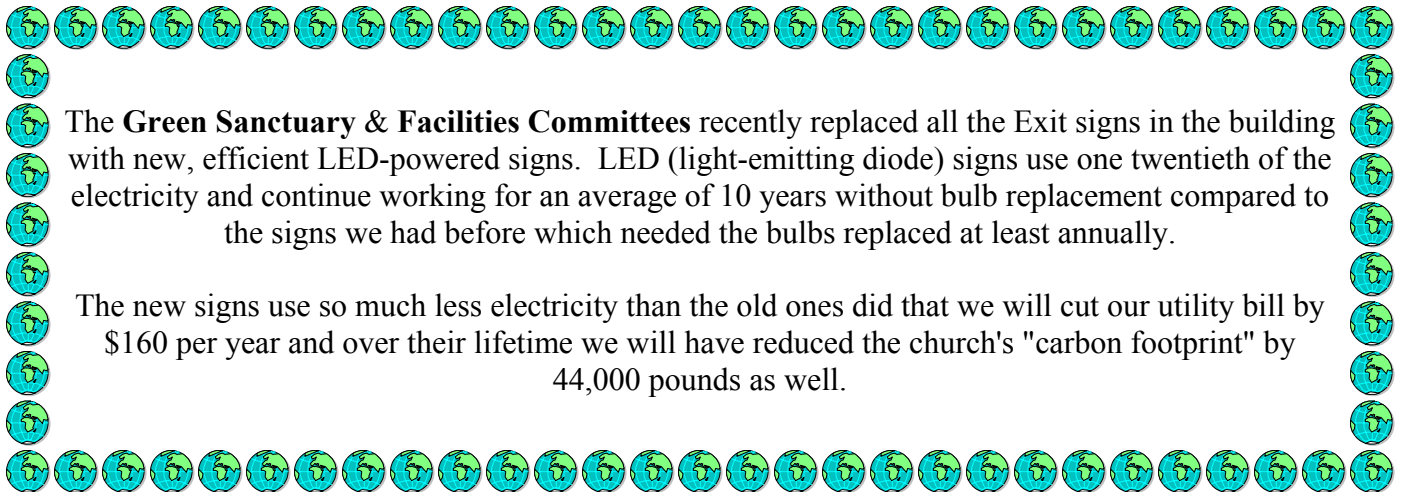
From the Fellowship Committee...

◆ Volunteers are needed for February and March for coffee hour setup (20 minutes) and clean-up (45 to 60 minutes). Please contact Diana DeWeese to volunteer.

◆ Game Night – Saturday, February 7th – please consider hosting a game night in your home. Hosts determine the games that will be offered and number of guests. For example, a family could offer to host a game night for children. Someone could host a marathon bridge night. If you have electronic games, pool table, shuffleboard, race car sets, twister, scrabble, domino games - those could be offered. Maybe you want to get everyone out of the house! How about getting a group together to go roller skating – ALL SKATE! See the announcement board at ALUUC to sign up.

◆ Do you fondue! – Saturday, March 7th – It's a fondue extravaganza at ALUUC! Everyone is welcome. We'll make cheese, meat, veggie and dessert fondues. If you can bring a fondue pot, or have a favorite fondue recipe to share, please contact Diana DeWeese. See the announcement board at ALUUC to sign up.

◆ Mystery Dinners are coming! – Saturday, March 28th. Save the date! Mark your calendar! More information coming through the newsletter and announcements at Sunday Services.



The **Green Sanctuary & Facilities Committees** recently replaced all the Exit signs in the building with new, efficient LED-powered signs. LED (light-emitting diode) signs use one twentieth of the electricity and continue working for an average of 10 years without bulb replacement compared to the signs we had before which needed the bulbs replaced at least annually.

The new signs use so much less electricity than the old ones did that we will cut our utility bill by \$160 per year and over their lifetime we will have reduced the church's "carbon footprint" by 44,000 pounds as well.

The Minister's Sabbatical

While Rev. Woulfe is on sabbatical (February 1 through May 31), non-emergency pastoral care concerns should be addressed to Michael Plog or Delinda Chapman. Matters pertaining to the office should be addressed to Cheryl Wycoff. Other concerns may be addressed to the Board President, Gwen Childs, the Chair of the Committee on Ministry, Rebecca Anderson, or to any member of either the Board or the CoM. Rev. Woulfe will provide pastoral care for any ALUUC member/friend experiencing a significant crisis. Also, he will officiate at any rites of passage (members/friends) that are scheduled during his sabbatical.

Groups & Events

Book Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, February 24th at Jim and Mary Beaumont's home, to discuss "Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldier's Home." by Matthew Pinsker. Call Jim if you have any questions. Future books we will discuss include: "My Mortal Enemy" by Willa Cather; "The Photograph", Penelope Lively; "The Member of the Wedding", Carson McCullers; and "An Incomplete Revenge", Jacqueline Winspear. Everyone is welcome.

Build Your Own Theology Group (BYOTG)

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, February 16th at the ALUUC. The group will briefly discuss a possible merger or combined meetings with the Christian Interest Group. Then Barbara Moore will offer her scheduled presentation on American Transcendentalist Movement. John Glosser will convene the meeting.

Christian Interest Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, February 9th in the Darwin Room at the ALUUC. A 25 minute DVD from the Faith and Reason series will present leading scholars who will address the issue "Did Jesus exclude anyone as his disciple?" (Actual title: "Whom did Jesus exclude from the Church?") Craig Bailey will convene the discussion. Communion will follow the meeting for those who wish to participate. All are welcome to attend.

Dream Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, February 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.

Flute Circle

This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month 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, February 23rd at the ALUUC. Attorney Lee Beneze will address "The Dover Case and Beyond: What is Science? What is ID? Orthodoxy or Methodology?" followed by general discussion. This moves forward with additional aspects of boundary issues between science and religion (topic Lee presented at the January 18 Sunday service). If you have questions about the Humanist Group, contact Carol Floyd at HumanistGroup@aluuc.org

Kid's Club

The next meeting will be on Friday, February 6th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The children would like to invite the parents for a special Valentine's dinner that they will be making for them. There will be a \$3 fee for the children only. Please RSVP to Marla Johnson by February 5. An accurate number will be important in order to plan for enough food.

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.

News Covenant Group

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, February 5th at Renata and Heiko Buchloh's home. Call Renata or Heiko 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.

**The ALUUC Fantasy Auction Committee
invites everyone to join in on an exciting**

WORLD CRUISE

embarking from 745 Woodside Road at 6:00pm on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Travel to exotic destinations in
Africa, Europe Asia and the Americas

Enjoy regional appetizers, desserts and beverages as you explore marketplaces brimming
with unique Live and Silent Auction items that you can take home with you!



You can help make this a grand voyage by:

- 1) offering to help organize our destination areas
- 2) soliciting or donating foods, goods or services
- 3) volunteering as “cruise staff” on February 28th

For more information on how to get involved,
please contact Gwen Childs at FantasyAuction@aluuc.org

**All proceeds from this vital fundraiser are needed
to meet our operating budget costs this winter.**

Search Your Closets, Attics, Basements and Garages for Donations!

Offer to bring a regional or ethnic appetizer or dessert.

Or solicit donations from businesses you patronize.

SOME POSSIBLE DONATION IDEAS

From Europe... Irish Tenors CDs, Irish Lace, an authentic Spanish Dinner, Spanish Guitar CDs, German beer steins, an Oktoberfest party, Bach CDs, a piece of Waterford crystal, a Steak and Ale dinner, a basket of French Wine and Brie, a Crepes Suzette and Champagne brunch, a Moulin Rouge DVD, an Italian dinner, Murano glass, an Opera recording, biscotti, some Belgian chocolates, a Swedish massage, vintage Scandinavian furniture

From the Far East... a Thai dinner, Asian textiles, a Japanese Tea Set, a Batik painting, a Buddha Statue, and Indian dinner, an authentic Sari

From the African Continent... Kente Cloth, Mud Cloth, African attire, Ladysmith Black Mambazo CDs, carved animals or stone figurines, drums

From the Americas... a Cinco de Mayo party, hand-woven textiles from Central America, a Sombrero, hand-made tiles, clay pottery, a World Cup Soccer party, Caribbean souvenirs, Native American musical instruments or jewelry, moccasins, Southwestern art, baskets, major league baseball tickets, a 4th of July picnic, a lobster boil, Route 66 memorabilia, a Mardi Gras party, Midwestern patchwork, an American apple or cherry pie.

The Pledge Drive and the Budget

The Annual Pledge Drive is coming up at the end of March. It is critical that this year's drive raise sufficient funds to cover most if not all of the operating budget of the church. If we did this we could use fund raisers like this month's Fantasy Auction for special projects and programming rather than needing the money just to make ends meet.

The UUA recommends that pledges should cover about 90% of the congregation's annual operating budget. Last years pledge drive covered only about 78% of the budget. Thus we are continually under a great deal of pressure to have additional fund raisers.

Let's take a quick look at what a possible church budget may look like. It will take approximately \$180,000 to run the church next year. This is basically the same amount as we spent this year with a slight increase for inflation. There are no increases in personnel costs and the janitorial service is not included. There are 4 major components of the budget - denominational dues, the minister, the building and every thing else.

UUA and District Dues	\$14,000
Ministerial Package (including salary and fringe benefits)	\$69,000
Building (including mortgage, insurance, utilities)	\$43,000
Everything Else (RE, all committees, office, music and supplies)	\$54,000
Total	\$180,000

Last year we were able to budget \$140,000 from the pledge drive. This covered the expenses that we have to pay – dues, building and the minister but only covered about 70% of the programmatic aspects of the church. The irony is that we are raising enough to keep the congregation functioning, but not enough to do the really fun and visionary programmatic activities. We need to do better this year. We will have to raise \$160,000 to support a no-frills budget. Raising \$5,000-\$10,000 more would be even better. Can we do it? Well, there seems to be a “Yes we can,” spirit around this year!

From the Program Committee...

Announcements

Members and friends are reminded that all announcements should be sent to the office manager no later than Wednesday for inclusion in the printed announcements on Sunday.

Milestones

On those Sundays when the regular service does not include Milestones, members may choose to light a candle on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. If you have a particular joy or sorrow that you would like to share with others, you may now write it down on a 3x5 card which will be provided on that table and leave it for others to read.

From the Green Sanctuary Committee. . .

Tips for a Greener Living

Lowdown on Plastic Water Bottles

When we buy drinking water in plastic bottles we usually are just paying cash for the same quality water that's free from a nearby faucet. Yet, we Americans spend \$\$\$ for 28-billion of these single use water bottles every year. Manufacturing and transporting them uses 47-million gallons of petroleum. After you drink the water, over 80% of the bottles go to landfills. What a waste of resources and land!

Some universities have stopped campus sale of bottled water. Some cities (San Francisco Seattle, and Providence R.I.) have stopped using public funds to buy water in plastic bottles in order to save money and support the environment. Most recently, the Mayor of St. Louis has banned the purchase of water in plastic bottles in all the city departments he controls.

The use of plastic water bottles may have an effect on health. Reusing the single-use #1 PETE plastic water bottles permits chemicals--used in making the plastic flexible--to leach out; even more chemicals leach out if the plastic has been heated. The hard #7 plastic "Nalgene-type" water bottles are not safe either. Extensive research has demonstrated that the chemical bisphenol-A, which they contain, leaches out, acts like estrogen in the body and causes infertility in laboratory test mice. This finding led retailers in 2008 to withdraw the sale of these #7 plastic bottles for use by babies. Nalgene has now discontinued the use of bisphenol-A in the #7 bottles.

What's the safest and "greenest" thing to do? Drink tap water. Filtered tap water tastes fine, and filtering may remove 90% of undesirable chemicals. For a must-have carry-around bottle, the best option now is stainless steel, generally available but expensive. Or consider one of the newer certified bisphenol-A-free bottles. Of course, glass is fine but breakable.

At ALUUC we recycle plastic bottles. Most of us probably recycle them at home. We would do well to eliminate their use altogether.



Welcome New Members

Jennifer Manthei on January 11, 2009

Amy Agnew on January 19, 2009

Jim Agnew on January 19, 2009

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.

UUSC Deplores Situation in Gaza, Launches Crisis Fund

While UUSC is grateful for the current ceasefire declared by Israel and Hamas, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. UUSC is especially concerned for the safety and well-being of civilians inside Gaza, who lack adequate water, electricity, medical care, food, and shelter. The 18-month blockade on Gaza by Israel weakened Gaza's infrastructure, particularly its water, electricity, and sewage systems, which are now breaking down. Donate now to UUSC's Gaza Humanitarian Crisis Fund https://secure2.convio.net/uusc/site/Donation2?df_id=1500&1500.donation=form1 . Read the complete UUSC policy statement on the Gaza humanitarian crisis. <http://www.uusc.org/gazastatement>

Join UUSC in the Struggle for a Just Minimum Wage

Join UUSC and the UUA in the fight for a living wage by promoting a raise in the federal minimum wage to \$10 in 2010, <http://www.uusc.org/10in2010> an important step toward bringing the minimum wage closer to a living wage. A decent minimum wage can often mean the difference between survival and hardship for millions of Americans. Steep increases in the cost of food and fuel, plus a lack of health-care coverage, have worsened the situation for many working families, who struggle to survive on wages that have not kept up with the real cost of living. Participate in our living wage conference call at 5:00pm EST on March 4, 2009, to gain valuable skills and tools for talking to community and business organizations about the need for a living wage. UUSC staff will give a sample presentation and discuss how we can use it in our community to engage people. If you are interested, please register for the call by e-mailing UUSC Campaign Manager Nichole Cirillo at ncirillo@uusc.org

Justice Sunday 2009 - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights...Celebrating 60 Years of Justice

On Justice Sunday – March 29, 2009 – ALUUC will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by taking action on pressing human rights issues around the world. UUSC's Justice Sunday offers meaningful actions for congregants of all ages to take so that we can move the world closer to justice. Help our congregation be part of this growing movement. This March, on Justice Sunday, join UUSC to take action for change, because advancing human rights is the work of many joining hands.

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 Updates@aluuc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 Worship Service 10:30am	2 Dream Group 7:00pm	3 Board Meeting 7:00pm	4	5 Meditation 7:00pm *News Covenant Group, 7:30pm	6 Kid's Club 6:00 to 8:00pm	7 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
8 Worship Service 10:30am	9 Christian Interest Group 7:30pm	10	11 Flute Circle 7:00pm	12 Meditation 7:00pm	13	14 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
15 Worship Service 10:30am Committee Meetings, 12:15pm	16 Build Your Own Theology Group 7:00pm	17 Adult RE: Music & Spirituality 6:00pm	18	19 Meditation 7:00pm	20 Labyrinth Walk, 7:00pm Newsletter Deadline	21 Zen Meditation Group, 9:30am
22 Worship Service 10:30am	23 Humanist Discussion Group, 7:00pm	24 *Book Discussion Group, 7:30pm	25	26 Meditation 7:00pm	27	28 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.