



ALUUC Focus

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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, as well as hearing devices, are available upon request.

June 5 ~ Question & Answer Service Rev. Martin Woulfe

So many questions, so little time! Have you ever wondered what UU ministers do during the summer when they're not preaching? Or are you curious about what exactly is General Assembly? Come to this service and share a question and Rev. Woulfe will offer his responses.

This Service will include an OWL Recognition Ceremony

** The Annual Meeting will follow this service.

June 12 ~ Flower Communion Rev. Martin Woulfe

This service continues a festive tradition created by Unitarian congregations in the late nineteenth century, celebrating the twin beauty and marvels of the season & community. Members and friends are invited to bring a flower to share with another, and to receive one in return.

June 19 ~The Heroic Exploits of Stephen Decatur Rev. John Biedler

The Mediterranean pirates of Tripoli and other North African states had plundered the seaborne commerce of England, France and the U.S. for centuries prior to 1800. These pirates had demanded tribute money, seized ships, and held crews for ransom or sold them into slavery. To combat these outrages, the United States sent then Lieutenant Stephen Decatur in 1804 to the Mediterranean to blockade the enemy coast, bombard the Tripoli shore fortresses, and engage in close, bitterly-contested gunboat actions. Dressed in authentic 1812 naval regalia, Rev. Biedler will delve the history of the relationship between the U.S. and the power brokers of the Mediterranean, which we see still taking place today, and why Decatur became a national hero. Rev. Biedler is the retired minister of the UU Fellowship of Decatur, IL and official re-enactor of Commodore Stephen Decatur for the City of Decatur.

June 26 ~ The Joke's on UUs

Is it because we can laugh at ourselves that there are so many jokes about Unitarian Universalists? Since it's healthy to laugh, let's have a few good ones on us. Penny Wollan-Kriel will coordinate this light-hearted service.

July 3 ~ Civil War Era Music and Song Jeffrey Bennett

This Sunday program will be a presentation on the Civil War period in this country through the perspective of concurrent popular music, recitations, and songs.

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From the Minister...

Well, the end of the world did not end on May 21st, as predicted by Harold Camping. So, like dozens of previous failed seers, he has gone back to the drawing board and revised his prediction. As you may have heard, he has now designated October 21st as the Day of Doom. When that date comes and passes without incident, perhaps Mr. Camping will retire from the limelight. At any rate, I hope that those who earnestly believed in him, to the point of ruining themselves financially, will have learned a thing or two about the hazards of following a false prophet. Charisma has always been a powerful draw, but it is no substitute for a responsible search for the truth.



Mr. Camping has thrust himself onto the world stage several times in his lifetime – so too have the likes of Fred Phelps and Terry Gilliam. All three claim to be religious, use the title “reverend” and are quick to invoke its protections and privileges. But the proof, as they say, is in the pudding. Consider the case of Terry Gilliam, the pastor who infamously burned a Quran; the effects included the deaths of several UN workers. I know that we read so much of death and even see photos on a constant basis, so much so that we are immunized to the horror – but if we think about those people, that they had families, and that their loss is still felt long after they have left our consciousness.

Those on the religious fringe exert an influence far out of proportion to their numbers. One might add that there have been many other voices that have similarly wormed their way onto the world stage during recent decades, e.g., associated with radical branches of Islam or radical Christian sects. Evidently, someone or something abhors a vacuum – or at least a gap during a 24-7 news cycle. In short, I believe that the media is largely to blame for granting them an artificially inflated visibility before the public’s eye.

Mark Twain is often credited with the saying that “a lie can travel half way around the world while truth is still putting her shoes on.” Whether or not Mr. Twain actually did craft that particular aphorism, it rings even more true today than when it was newly minted.

Four and a half centuries ago, Protestant Reformers were quick to use the new technology of the printing press to their great advantage, mass producing and circulating inflammatory wood cut illustrations and highly polemical tracts. It was a very, very successful tactic – and directly led to much bloodshed. After more than a century of strife, moderation and toleration in religion took seed. Now, of course, we have methods of transmitting opinions and deceit which are vastly more efficient; meanwhile, the religious divisions of yesteryear remain just as deep and loathsome for some. In many respects, the mindsets of many living today are not all that different from our Medieval forebears – this fact alone should spur us to spread our gospel of freedom, reason, tolerance and love. There really is a lot at stake, and we are the responsible agents of the current age: let us use our voices wisely, and the available technology well.

- Martin

New to UU Orientation Sessions in June

Have you been attending ALUUC and feel that this should be your “spiritual home?” Would you like to learn more about UUism and this congregation? Please sign up for this informal session, and meet other new people as well as Rev. Woulfe and our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon. The session will be held on Monday June 13, 7-9:30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the water fountain. Child care will be provided if requested.

From the Board President...

Everyone should send Pam Daniel a warm THANK YOU for producing the monthly ALUUC Newsletter in such a professional and thorough manner. Pam has decided to take a break immediately after this month's edition, and will be handing off this duty to Linda Sievert Haynes. It's been a good run Pam and we all appreciate your extraordinary efforts.



Our ALUUC facility requires some major capital improvements in the near future. The Facilities Committee has recommended the following projects, including: (1) repairing roof damage; (2) partitioning the Darwin classroom to add another RE classroom; and (3) adding double doors to the Commons entry similar to the Sanctuary doorway to improve heating and air conditioning and provide more sound insulation during Sunday services. These can and should be undertaken immediately by authorization of the Board of Directors.

For the longer term, (4) the entire roof will soon need to be re-shingled and in that process (5) additional repairs may be needed for the siding and flashing around various windows. There are also proposals to (6) pave the graveled part of the parking lot and to (7) build a new, double garage at the end of the parking lot for more storage. And, at some point, (8) we need to conduct some longer-term capital planning to implement the additional phases of our original building plan that includes adding more classrooms, more office/library space, and a true sanctuary.

I will soon be recommending a special Capital Improvement Task Force to determine the priority, scheduling, and financing of longer-term capital projects. I would appreciate your comments on this topic, and invite anyone who is interested in serving on the task force.

I have survived another year as your Board President, and have been nominated for another term. There are remaining gaps in the committee operations that I would remedy next year in the formation of a Welcoming & Publicity Committee and the Audit Committee. An increase in membership of the Finance Committee would be great. I urge a few good men and women to step forward to meet that need.

As we transition to 2011/2012, your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please let me know how we are doing.

~ Kurt DeWeese

ALUUC Nominating Committee

is pleased to announce the appointments of Mark Hanson and Tom Low to three-year terms on the Committee on Ministry replacing Martha Bray and Jack Kriel whose terms end this month.

Pursuant to the ALUUC Bylaws, personnel of the committee are not elected at the annual meeting but are appointed by the Nominating Committee with the approval of both the Minister and the Board. Continuing on the Committee on Ministry are Tracy Anderson, Debby Hagan, Theresa Kanoza, and Mary Ryan whose terms expire in 2012 or 2013.



ALUUC's Trash and Treasure Sale is October 7th & 8th

As you do your spring cleaning, please save your stuff and donate it to us! We are looking for storage space. Does anyone have any they could loan until October? We are already forming teams for the sale. If you are interested in being a part of this great FUNd Raiser, contact Victoria.

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ALERT: All of the main locks for the ALUUC building have been re-set, so that those persons requiring access must determine if they need a new key, or arrange to gain access for occasional uses or special event purposes. Procedures have been established to formally authorize the issuance of keys. Please check with Rev. Martin Woulfe or President Kurt DeWeese regarding such authorization.

Change of Address or Email: Changes can be submitted by email to Updates@aluuc.org or by completing the ALUUC Membership Update Form found in the office.

Newsletter Option: To stop receiving this newsletter by mail or to change to receive it by email, please email your request to Pamela Daniel at newsletter@aluuc.org

Nametags: If you need a replacement nametag, please email your request to our Membership Coordinator, Susan Solon, at welcome@aluuc.org or print your name on a piece of paper and place it in the nametag slot found on the nametag rack.



It is time for the Spring Call! The Chalice Lighter committee selected an application from Countryside UU Church in Palatine, IL as the recipient, so that they can hire a Membership Development staff person.

As you probably know, Chalice Lighter grants are made to congregations for a growth-related project. These projects fall into four categories:

- Increase space / building new facilities
- Increasing professional staff hours or adding a new position to support growth
- Implement publicity and outreach programs
- Starting a new congregation

Countryside UU Church has experienced a revitalization since 2008 when they called a new minister. Under the leadership of Rev. Hilary Krivchenia, the congregation has supported increased programming and strengthened all aspects of congregational life. They are now in an excellent position to fully use a Membership Director to help them with retention of their many visitors, as well as to support more comprehensive integration of newer members. This year, they added a second service on Sunday morning and total attendance at worship has increased by 10% in 6 months.

Their new Membership Director will have the backing of a strong Membership and Welcoming committee, as well as the support of an experienced professional staff team. The congregation is asking for \$13,000 towards the \$24,000 total cost for this half-time position. (\$10 is the minimum) payable to CMwD with a note on the memo line "Chalice Lighters." Donations will be accepted for this Spring Call until July 31, 2011. You may donate online.

If you have made a full year payment, please remember you do not have to make additional donations, though of course you are welcome to do so. However, we will continue to send the call letters so you know what your money is being used for.

The Chalice Lighter Committee and the congregations it supports thank you for your ongoing participation in the growth of Unitarian Universalism in the Central Midwest District. Three times a year you make that possible! With appreciation from the Chalice Lighter Committee: Matthew Brenner, Rev. Lori Hlaban, Kimberly Perry, Rev. Martin Woulfe and staff support from Dori Davenport Thexton

CAMP OUT FOR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Come join ALUUC this summer for a junior high camp out in our very own backyard. Parents & children are invited to bring your sleeping bag, flashlight, bug spray, and any other camp gear (Don't forget your pj's and a change of clothes!). There will be a bonfire with s'mores and storytelling. A cookout will be hosted for the kids and games such as capture the flag and glow in the dark tag will be coordinated. The first camp out will be June 17th and will be a pre-kickoff event for the junior high youth group that is hoping to form by this fall. Please call Neha for more info.

Groups and Other Events

ALUUC CHOIR

A Final Bow from the Choir until September Looking back at this past fiscal year, the choir has been quite active! June will be the last month for the choir until next Fall. Since last July we've had as many as 23 or so at one time singing with Bonnie Ettinger at the piano and on occasion additional people, like Scott Marlow on the guitar, Beverly Holmes on the flute, Dianne DeWeese on the drum, Mike Haynes on Native American flute, and Rebecca McGuire on the oboe. Vocal soloists from the choir have included Holly van Lyssel, Ally Perko, Becky Croteau, Bob Croteau, Kelly Anderson, and Elizabeth Jones. Youth singers have included Cordelia Marlow, Angela Solon, Celeste Woulfe, Sophie Flick, and Meghan Anderson. Other choir members not already mentioned include Carol Bailey, Craig Bailey, Dave Braddock, Debbie Leahy, Delinda Chapman, Jodi Perko, Kathy McGuire, Larry Parr, Laura Thomas-Marlow, Linda Haynes, Mike Haynes, Pat Goller, Will Burpee, Emily Roberts, Kim Nair, and Brian Otwell. Hopefully no one has been left out, but I wanted to say thank you again to all of these people for bringing a wonderful aspect to our Sunday services! We hope everyone will rejoin after taking a summer break during the months of July and August. Those months we will concentrate on selecting music for the next fiscal year and give soloists and small ensembles the privilege of performing more.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Join us on June 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara Moore's home. We will discuss "Dreams from My Father" by Barack Obama. First published in July, 1995, Scott Turow wrote about it, "Beautifully crafted... moving and candid...this book belongs on the shelf beside works like James McBride's 'The Color of Water' and Gregory Howard Williams's 'Life on the Color Line' as a tale of living astride America's racial categories."

Future Books we will discuss include : "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven: a novel" by Fannie Flagg; and "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear. Everyone is welcome.

Call Barbara Moore if you have any questions.

BRIDGE GROUP

The June meeting of the Bridge Group, on Friday evening, June 10th at 7:00, is scheduled to be at the home of Barbara Moore. Call Chris Romaine to confirm that we will meet or talk to Barbara Moore.

DREAM GROUP

The Dream Group will meet on June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Emerson Room at church. This meeting gives folks an opportunity to discuss their dreams in a relaxed and informal setting. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information about this group, contact John Glosser.

HUMANIST GROUP

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet Monday June 27 at 7:00 pm in the ALUUC sanctuary: Mike Haynes will present a 30 minute BBC video with the British theologian Denys Turner interviewed by Jonathan Miller. Denys Turner points out that being an atheist or theist depends largely upon what questions you ask yourself. He then shares his view that atheism can also suffer from its own sort of fundamentalism. They also spend a short time covering the issue of why or how something comes from nothing. After showing the video, Mike will moderate discussion.

If you have questions about the June meeting please contact Mike Haynes. Please direct any other questions you have about the group to Carol Floyd.

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FLUTE CIRCLE

The Sangamon Valley Flute Circle meets in the Sanctuary on the second Wednesday of every month from 7 - 9 PM. Our next gathering is June 8. Anyone who has an interest is welcome to join us. No experience or flute ownership required.

FOOD COVENANT

This new covenant group's opening meeting in May yielded a fun name: "Simple Elegance Dinner Club and Detective Agency." As a result of a cornbread making story there, the theme for the June meeting emerged. "Corn bread and other corn recipes." We will meet in the church kitchen on Tuesday, June 28th to prepare our recipes for a "CORN BREAD Throw down." Other members will share favorite corn recipes. Look out Illinois corn season...here we come. If you are interested in the subject of food, willing to meet monthly with the group and like the idea of service to the congregation or greater community through food, consider joining us. More information call Pat Goller.

KIDS' CLUB

I just want to remind all my Kids Club members and their parents that Kids Club does not meet during the months of June, July, and August. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday mornings for "What If Nobody Forgave?"

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night will not be held during the summer – but look for a group outing in July to see the final installment of the Harry Potter adventures!

NEWS COVENANT GROUP

The News Group meets the first Thursday of each month. Join us on June 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Renata and Heiko Buchlohs' home.. Call Renata or Heiko if you have any questions.

SPANISH INTEREST GROUP

The Spanish Club will have a pot luck & film at the home of Martin Woulfe & Angela Aznarte on Sunday, June 12 at 5 pm. This will be the final club meeting until the fall.

LABYRINTH WALK - June 17th, 7 - 9 pm

Come and experience the ALUUC Labyrinth! Walking the labyrinth is an ancient practice, older than most religions and is a wonderful way to center yourself as this new season continues to unfold. Labyrinth walks have grown in popularity not only among UUs but among other faith traditions -- our labyrinth has been in use longer than most in central Illinois -- come see why. This will be the last walk until the fall. Adding to the spiritual depth of the experience, Carley Mattimore-Malan will be offering a Oneness Blessing to participants.

A UU Communion - Those members who desire to share an informal UU communion are invited to join Rev. Woulfe at ALUUC on the evening of Friday, June 17th, following the Labyrinth Walk. Blessing to participants.

What is the Oneness Blessing? The Oneness Blessing is an act of energy transfer by touch or by the power of intent. It results in a growth of consciousness by creating a shift in the perception and experience of life. It is a non-denominational experience that awakens our connections with the oneness in everything which allows each of us to deepen our relationship with those we love, with ourselves and with all that is.

According to a Oneness Brochure, The Oneness Blessing has already made a positive change in the lives of millions of people around the world. Start from where you are and begin an inner journey that moves you toward a state of Oneness, a state where there is no resistance, no conflict, no suffering—a state of joy and peace.

On the third Friday of the month, ALUUC offers an opportunity to experience the Oneness Blessing Experience along with walking the Labyrinth. This is a real treat as it brings one into a state of calm, peace and serenity...a wonderful way to release stress and move into a state of "being." Oneness Blessings are provided by individuals who have been initiated during a Oneness Training week-end by their facilitator, Gail Wingfield who has been offering week-end trainings in Springfield for over a year now at the Chiara Center. There are over a 100 individuals that have been initiated in the Springfield area. Several members of our Congregation have been initiated and have been involved in giving the blessings at the Labyrinth Walk. **If you have any questions, please call Carley Mattimore for more information.**

ALUUC Social Action Committee and Unitarian Service Committee (UUSC) Update

Fair Trade Products

The ALUUC Social Action Committee (SAC) will be selling Fair Trade products (coffee, teas, cocoa, and chocolate bars) the second Sunday of each month. The purchase of fair trade goods through the UUSC Coffee Project benefits agricultural cooperatives through UUSC's Small Farmer Fund. The UUSC Coffee Project is collaboration between the UUSC and Equal Exchange, a worker-owned, fair trade, company based in West Bridgewater, MA. UUs have the highest participation rate of any denomination in Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program! Coffee from the UUSC Coffee Project is now being served on Sundays, following the service. Next sale date – June 11.

Change for Change

Thanks to the generosity of ALUUC members and friends, \$? was collected for the May Change for Change recipient – La Colectiva. The Social Action Committee has selected Peace Camp for the June Change for Change program. Since 1995, Peace Camp has held a day camp for children teaching them conflict resolution skills, environment awareness, cultural appreciation, and much more. Campers participate in crafts, play games, listen to story tellers, and learn non-violent ways to work out their problems. Peace Camp brings in local artists, musicians, and mentors to visit the children. Nearly 60 children attend camp each year, with a staff of about 15 peace-trained counselors. Campers are aged 4 to 12 and come from all over Springfield, at no cost to their families. We have been able to provide this camp for 16 years thanks to generous donations from individuals and organizations. This year is no different; please give generously to continue camp for the 17th year. The ALUUC Social Action Committee will also be providing lunch. Volunteers are needed. If interested, contact Katie Mae Gonko.

Conversation Café - Immigration as a Moral Issue

Migration of people—driven by economic, social, political and environmental factors—is taking place around the world. Millions are currently in transit, in refugee camps, in detention centers, or living and working in places without full legal status and without access to social services or protection of civil rights.

Delegates at the 2010 General Assembly in Minneapolis, MN selected “Immigration” to be the 2010—2014 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA).

Join ALUUC members and friends to discuss this issue as part of a six week curriculum, intended to give a broad overview to this complex issue. We will meet on Monday evenings - June 6, 13, 20 and July 11, 18, and 25 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Darwin Room.

For more information and to register (by June 4), contact Neha Patel-Dunkirk . All are welcome to attend, but registrations are required in order that we can have the necessary handouts and materials available.



**Join or
renew your
membership
today!**

Help UUSC Partner Prevent Torture

June 26 is International Day for Victims of Torture, and in honor of those survivors, UUSC partner the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) is asking Unitarian

Universalists to commit to working with them on their “Preventing Torture Everywhere” campaign. This campaign seeks to put in place prevention mechanisms in all places where detainees and prisoners are held — prisons, police stations, mental health facilities, detention centers — and to allow impartial monitoring of these locations. To do this, President Obama must sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OP-CAT), a treaty that the United States has already signed and ratified. To support NRCAT in this effort, you can sign NRCAT’s statement supporting OPCAT.



UUSC Membership

UUSC membership means the opportunity as individuals to join hands to advance human rights around the world. Each one of us can help contribute toward the necessary funds that collectively add up to transformative moments for those we serve — it starts with you.

Now it is even more important to reaffirm your commitment to human rights through UUSC membership. Please help UUSC meet its Annual Fund goal of \$580,000 by June 30, 2011. Every gift of \$100 or more also helps UUSC fulfill its eligibility for a matching grant from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y.

UUSC must raise \$580,000 by June 30, and we cannot do it without you! As your UUSC local representative, I would invite you to become a member, renew your membership, or make an additional gift to the Annual Fund. You can donate online today at www.uusc.org/annualfund and put your gift to work immediately.

UUSC is an independent membership-based human-rights organization and receives no funding from the UUA.

Social Action Committee Members include David Brunson, Bernie Carver, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Vinnie Gupta, Teresa Liberati, John Malan, Sally Millichamp, Kim Nair, Brian Otwell, Neha Patel-Dunkirk, Susan Solon, and Doug Liberati (ALUUC Vice-President/Committee Coordinator and Board Committee Liaison). If you are interested in becoming a member of the ALUUC Social Action Committee, contact Deborah.

Pat McGovern, long-time member of this congregation, would like to share her happy news that Amy Moses-Lagos graduated from the Starr King seminary on May 19th. She will be doing her internship with a UU church in Walnut Creek, CA.

Pat, who now lives in Seattle, is very proud of her daughter. She reports that Amy was mentored by Roger Jones, her former RE teacher at our church, who went on to Meadville-Lombard and is now in Sacramento, CA.

It is a great joy when one of our RE children enters the ministry, so if you would like to send Amy a card, please contact Gwen Childs for her address.

Fellowship Committee

... miracle of food, family and friends.

Pot luck thanks to so many who felt sorry for fellowship chair, Randy Pratt, while Diana and Pat were away for the weekend: The whole Anderson family, Kurt and Marissa DeWeese, Mary Ryan and Daughter, Shannon, Jim Custer and Brian Otwell, Penny Wollen-Kriel and Jack Kriel, Greg Greely, the Mattimore-Malans, The Croteaus and “tons of people” who set up tables and later reset the sanctuary, cleaned up and cleared away. A special medal of honor goes to Mindy Miller who prepared and cooked an impromptu meatloaf at Randy’s insistence with the ground beef unused from a rained-out game night. Thanks and apologies to all who contributed in many other ways to the pot luck or helping with the set up and clean up that have just slipped out of mind. June 12th Pot Luck Theme is “Cookout. If weather is fair we will cook burgers and dogs outside and enjoy with your favorite cookout side dishes.

June 8: June Coffee House has moved to the July 8th with a more adult venue and themes. Calls go out to visual artists to display their work during the coffee house, musicians, singers, readers and comedians are all encourage to perform in July. Let’s make July a sharing and celebration of the arts. Contact Randy at 707-0687 to display your art work or perform at the coffee house.

June 12 : Game night again looks for nice weather so our play may move outside. Bocce or bean bag toss, croquet, frisbee and more. Join us for some summer fun. Grilling outside or pizza inside will be determined by the weather and announced later.

After Service Coffee Hour lack of signing up to help or bring treats seems to have no real effect on the abundance of both treats and help. Blessings to all.

Stay tuned to your ALUUC e-mail list flash announcement of the “in search of a summer sunset” Walk n Talk.

Happy Summer to all.

A message from the Pastoral Care Committee:

The Pastoral Care Committee has added a new dimension to our activities: we have agreed to coordinate receptions at ALUUC following memorial services. We are now compiling a list of volunteer providers — people who are willing to bring in food, set up, and clean up on those occasions. When a memorial service is scheduled, we will contact people on the list and see who can provide something on that date. We will make every effort to avoid making multiple requests to the same individuals. If you provided something for one service, you should get a pass on the next one.

As we all no doubt know from experience, having food available following a memorial service provides an opportunity for family and friends of the deceased to share stories, laughs and tears.

Please consider adding your name to our list of volunteers. You may, of course, specify when you will be available, or in what capacity. If you can volunteer, please let Michael Plog know. You may contact him or let him know in person after a Sunday service.

Thank you, on behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee, for your consideration of this request.

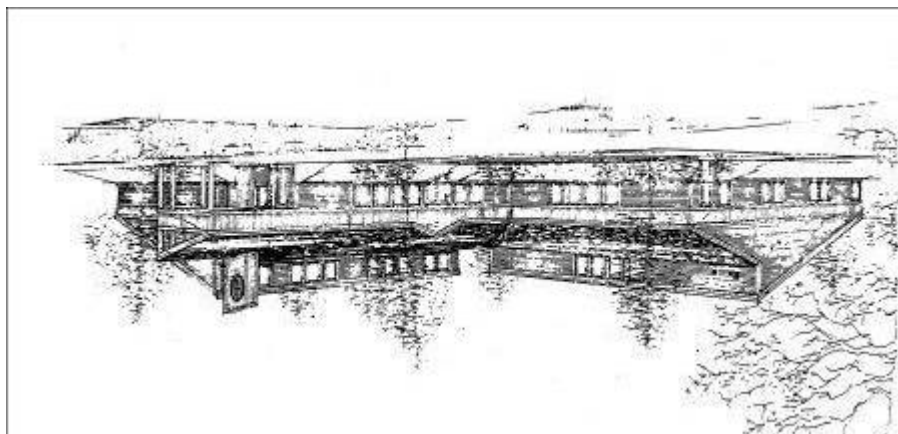
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Adult RE 7:00 pm	2 Meditation 7:00 pm * News Covenant Group 7:00 pm	3	4 Facilities Work Day 8 am - 4 pm Yoga 8 am Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am
5 Worship Service 10:30 am Change for Change Sunday Annual Meeting 12:00 pm Senior Youth Group 3 - 5:00 pm	6 Dream Group 7:00 pm Conversation Cafe 6:00 pm	7 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Sangamon Valley Flute Circle 7 - 9:00 pm Adult RE 7:00 pm	9 Meditation 7:00 pm	10 * Bridge Group 7:00 pm Game Night	11 Yoga 8 am Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am
12 Worship Service 10:30 am Potluck 12:00 pm Young Adult Brunch - 12:00 New to UU 12:30 pm Senior Youth Group 3 - 5:00 pm	13 New to UU 7 - 9:30 pm	14	15 Adult RE 7:00 pm	16 Meditation 7:00 pm *Book Discussion Group 7:30 pm	17 Labyrinth Walk 7:00 pm	18 Yoga 8 am Zen Meditation 9:30 - 2:00 pm Open Mic Coffee Night
19 Worship Service 10:30 am Commitee Mtgs 12:00 Senior Youth Group 3 - 5:00 pm	20 Conversation Cafe 6:00 pm Newsletter Submissions Due 9:00 pm	21	22 Adult RE 7:00 pm	23 Meditation 7:00 pm *Book Discussion Group 7:30 pm	24	25 Zen Meditation 9:30 - 11:30 am
26 Worship Service 10:30 am Senior Youth Group 3 - 5:00 pm	27 Humanist Group 7:00 pm	28 Food Group Supper Club 6:00 pm *Book Discussion Group 7:30 pm	29	30		

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