



Quest

March 2010

Josh's Journal

Theme for the month: Freedom

Freedom is one of the most cherished UU values of all time. One could even say that it is the defining characteristic of Unitarian Universalism itself. We are free as individuals to articulate what it is we believe, and how to live an ethical and spiritual life based on those beliefs. Those beliefs and practices are unique and particular to each Unitarian Universalist. This is also why it is so hard to articulate what Unitarian Universalism, as a whole, says is the truth. This is both our great strength and our great growing edge.

Sometimes I wonder what it would be like to not have that freedom; to have to conform my beliefs to someone else's creed or yardstick for the "truth." I don't think that I would do well in that system. My particular amalgam of Zen Buddhism, liberal theology, and even the occasional piece of Christian thinking from my childhood tradition, would probably not find an easy home anywhere else but in Unitarian Universalism.

And that is just the theological diversity we embody. Think of all of the other identities we contain as a congregation: gay and straight, black and white, male and female, Democrat and Republican, vegetarian and non-vegetarian. Such divergent opinions, identities, and lifestyles could not be contained in too many other places than a Unitarian Universalist church. Freedom is who we are.

That makes First Unitarian Church a very unique and special place in the world. Hopefully it is also a unique and special place in your life and the life of your family and friends. This month we will be having a "Celebration Sunday" on March 14. This is a special worship service to renew our commitment to the church and each other, to celebrate our freedom as religious liberals, and to make that commitment and celebration real through pledging our resources to the church. As part of our extravaganza weekend we will be having an all-church talent show and dessert potluck that weekend as well. Please come and be a part of this very important Sunday.

Thank you all in advance for your generous gifts to keep our church, this beacon of religious freedom, open and thriving in Wilmington, Delaware. It is deeply appreciated.

May You Be Blessed Always,

Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder

Upcoming Sunday Services

March 7: "Suffering" First Unitarian Youth Group: This is the annual Youth Worship Service. Join us as we explore the concept of "Suffering" through music and testimonials.

March 14: "A Free Faith?" The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder: Today is Celebration Sunday. Freedom is one of the unique characteristics of Unitarian Universalism. It is one of those things that define who we are. And yet Unitarian Universalism is not "free." It is a very precious thing. Come this morning to celebrate our heritage, our spiritual family, and make your commitment to ensuring that free faith endures for generations to come.

March 21: "Shades of God: The Gifts of Humanism" The Rev. Barbara Gadon: Continuing her theology series, Rev. Gadon explores the humanist tradition, which contains a rich variety of belief from casual agnosticism (There may or may not be a God) to strict agnosticism (It is impossible to know if there's a God) to casual atheism (There is no God) to strict atheism (Any notion of God is a hindrance to human progress.) All, however, celebrate the human spirit, which we will celebrate in this service.

March 28: "UU Ancestors: Fredrick May Eliot" The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder: Fredrick May Eliot was one of the most influential Unitarians of the twentieth century. Perhaps no other single individual was as pivotal to the merger of Unitarians with the Universalists at mid-century. In addition to being President of the Unitarian denomination, he was an eloquent preacher and theologian. Come learn about one of our key UU ancestors.

*Sunday morning services begin at 10:30;
Adult Religious Education classes at 9:30 a.m.
Children's Religious Education starts at 10:45
Childcare is available in the Youth Center
from 9:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. before the service
and 11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. after the service.
Visiting families are welcome!*

Leap of Faith

Patience, Patience

I am reading "The Invention of Air," Steven Johnson's biography of our very own Joseph Priestley, which interweaves the politics, religion and science of the 18th century. It's a fascinating and inspiring book.

Priestley, one of the lesser-known founding fathers, was also a Unitarian minister and the discoverer of oxygen. Johnson writes less about Priestley's obviously ample gifts, however, and more about the circumstances and personal quirks that contributed to his greatness. Priestley met with a group of scientists and philosophers called the Honest Whigs, in a coffee shop in London. Coffee, Johnson claims, had an impact on the brainpower of the day. Gave one much more vigor and clarity than, say, wine and spirits, which had previously been popular breakfast drinks. The coffee-drinking Whigs freely shared ideas with one another without competition or ownership. Also important were breakthroughs in electricity, and inexpensive gadgets which allowed ordinary people to perform experiments. Priestley had an abundance of leisure time, owing to a cushy ministry job (no comment), and was allowed to spend hours working at a nearby brewery, experimenting with the vapors given off by vats of beer.

What interested me most was the notion that Priestley's discovery of oxygen was not a linear set of experiments, a Eureka! moment, or round-the-clock efforts. Instead, Johnson describes a slow, looping process that began in childhood. Like many young boys, Priestley liked to trap mice and observe - well, how quickly they died. Not exactly a shining moment from childhood, you might think, but it continued to hold Priestley's imagination as an adult. He kept returning to this memory for some reason, and decided to see how quickly a plant would die when deprived of air. He placed a mint plant under a jar and the rest, as they say, was history. Ideas are basically fragments that form clusters, Johnson argues. "Part of the secret to having great ideas lies in creating a working environment where those fragments are nurtured and sustained over time." Decades, in Priestley's case.

Most of us would simply never have the patience for such things. We have even less patience with ourselves. And no wonder. We live with so much pressure to be and do and produce. Right now. We get older and can no longer do what we once did to contribute to the world. Or we get laid off, and no longer draw a paycheck and a place in the world of producers. It's hard to just let people love you for yourself. It's hard to accept your worth and dignity as being truly inherent.

But Priestley's story shows how important it is to take the longer view.

The measure of our lives is revealed slowly, and comes from odd places - from cruel childhood memories, from the friends who influenced us, from the leisure that we can steal, from the gadgets we can't resist, from our beverage of choice. May we have the patience to see it.

In Faith,

Rev. Barbara

First Fridays at First U!

Come join us for "First Friday at First U" with a live jazz trio from the University of Delaware.

March 5, 2010

7:00 p.m.

730 Halstead Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19803



"Masks"

We will explore the topic of masks, as they hide, transform and protect us in our lives. Led by Rev.



Barbara, Lindsey Kling, Jenn Phillips and Scott Ward. (We were all set to go with this service in February, and the weather had other plans. Let's do it this time!)

"If you can say it, you can play it..."

Joseph Priestley District Women & Religion
& Soul Sisters of Main Line Unitarian Church

"Drum for Joy" Workshop

**Saturday, March 13, 2010
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**at Main Line Unitarian Church
816 Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA 19333
(directions at mluc.org)**

**Join workshop leader Jaqui McMillan
of "Drum for Joy!"**

In this drumming workshop, you will learn the language of the drum, basic hand-drum techniques, and how to make your drum sing. Jaqui presents drum songs in a way that makes it fun and easy to learn. This workshop is suitable for all levels of drummers. Bring your own drum or percussion instrument. Jaqui will also bring some to share.

Invite a friend or neighbor, sister, daughter, or granddaughter over 10 years. Drinks and dessert will be provided with your own bag lunch. Save with advance registration and payment (mailed by March 1):

\$20 per person, \$10 for guests 16 and under.
At the door: \$25 for adults, \$15 for 16 and under.
Send your check payable to The JPD of the UUA
with the attached registration form to:



Laura Paligo, 298 Superior Street,
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

ARE (Adult Religious Education)

The Sunday Morning Adult Forum will continue to meet throughout the spring.

On the first Sunday of each month, Dr. Jim Davis will host a timely discussion related to his *Religion and Ethics* series.

The remaining Sundays of the month will be devoted to *Exploring the Roots of Religion*, an ongoing video lecture and discussion series hosted by Susan Madison. This series discusses religious sites of great beauty and spectacular feats of engineering throughout the world that have captivated us for centuries since their creation.

Titles of the spring lectures are:

Mar 14: Towers and Tombs of Sumaria

Mar 21: Tomb of the First Emperor of China

Mar 28: Feasting with the Dead at Petra

Apr 11: Druid Sacrifice at Lindow Moss

Apr 18: Honoring Ancestors in Ancient Ohio

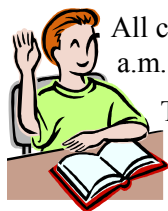
Apr 25: A Viking Queen Sails to Eternity

Classes meet in Brunner Chapel on Sundays from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Please join us for experiences that will add new levels of understanding to your knowledge of ancient history and to the integral role that religion has played across the continents. No registration is required.

SPRING NEWCOMER CLASSES

Unitarian Universalism has its historical roots in liberal Christianity and is part of the free-church tradition. As a newcomer to our faith, we want you to know this and much more about us before making an informed decision to join the church. In our three-class *Pathway to Membership* series, you will have an opportunity to learn about the significance of the free-church, the concept of covenant, and the meaning of church citizenship.

This spring we will be offering two opportunities for you to participate in this series: The first will be held on Sundays, March 21, 28, and April 4; a second will take place on Sundays, May 16, 23, and 30. During these classes, you will meet other newcomers and have time to ask questions of our ministers and staff.



All classes will meet in Brunner Chapel at 11:45 a.m. following the worship service.

To register for either of the sessions, visit the Membership Table in the Parish Hall or email Membership Coordinator Susan Madison at susan@firstuuwilm.org

Join us for these classes! It's a great way to meet new people, learn some interesting things, and to get to know your way around First Unitarian Church!

CYRE Upcoming Events (Children and Youth Religious Exploration)

- March 7** Youth Worship Service
- March 12 – 14** LepreCon
Youth Conference at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County for Youth in 9th – 12th grades.
- April 16 – 18** Joseph Priestley District Spring Con
Youth Conference for 9th – 12th grades.
- April 18** First Unitarian Nature Walk following the worship service. We will eat lunch and then head out for a Nature Walk.
- April 25** 2nd and 3rd grade field trip to the DuPont Environment Education Center
- May 16** Coming of Age Bake Sale Fundraiser for their Boston Trip
- May 23** Youth and Adult Committee Elections
- June 6** Flower Communion and Youth Bridging Ceremony
- June 13** Coming of Age Worship Service



And... Get out your bat, glove and ball. We're having a Church wide Baseball Game! Come out to play or cheer on your family and friends!
(Date, time and place to be announced)



CYRE: Perspectives

Spring is just around the corner and soon the Children and Youth Religious Exploration Committee will begin recruiting teachers, assistants and volunteers! At our last committee meeting, we thought about how we could best convey how rewarding it is to teach at First Unitarian Church, and encourage those who have never done it to give it a chance. Personal testimonials, we thought, would be very powerful. So here are a few!



“I had all kinds of reasons/excuses for not wanting to teach RE (I don't want to miss the service, I'm not a trained teacher, I'm too tired, blah, blah, blah) but what it really came down to was that I was afraid. What if I mess up and say the wrong things? What will I do if the children misbehave? Then one year, I agreed to be an assistant every now and then in the classroom, and I saw first-hand how a class is run. And I thought, “I can do this!” I saw how supportive Catherine Williamson, our Director of Religious Education, is of the teachers. No one is expected to teach every week. Everything is organized and ready to go, and the lessons are powerful, engaging and interesting. I've been teaching for two years now. It is truly a privilege to be guiding our children on their Unitarian Universalist journey. Sometimes, the insights they have and the things they say which demonstrate understanding beyond their years take my breath away. My spirit and my faith in our children and the values we are instilling in them is renewed every time I spend Sunday morning with them.” ~*Gina Small*

“I felt obligated to teach RE because of the program's cooperative format—never thinking of the secondary gains that I would experience. While teaching middle school children Neighboring Faiths, we learned together about Native American belief in the “White Buffalo Woman” & chose Native American names for each other. The Buddhism section gave me a chance to brush off college books & papers, putting them to good use after years in storage. Most importantly and surprisingly, however, was the Catholicism section. Having left the religion as a young adult, it was interesting to find myself not focusing on frustrations or political issues, but feeling an appreciation for my early religious foundation, and sharing the beliefs in an objective manner. This ended up being one of the students' favorite sections – one of whom still calls out TRANSUBSTANTIATION” when he sees me!” ~*Maria Massington, i.e. “Rainbow Dancer”*



“I am a parent of a young child, a trained teacher, and have always loved working with children so I knew that I would teach Religious Exploration; in fact, I couldn't wait until I was in a position to make the commitment. What I didn't know was how much I would learn from the children of our church and how profoundly that would affect my own growth as a Unitarian Universalist. On the weeks that I am teaching or assisting I am never sure of anything except the lesson plan. What the children will do with it and where they will take it is a constant surprise and mystery. I teach the Rainbow Walkers (K/1), and to see them so thoughtful, insightful, and honest in their curiosity and energy is a joy and a wonder. I find the entire experience energizing in a way I had not anticipated. It is a privilege to join these children on their journey. I know I am titled their teacher, but in many ways I feel as much their student as their guide.” ~*Terri Hansen*



“I have always felt privileged yet challenged at child dedications when as a member of the congregation I am asked to support in the child's spiritual growth. After all, what greater gift can be given than this opportunity? I have found no better nor direct means by which to uphold my part of this covenant than to be a CYRE teacher.” ~*Jason Hann-Deschaine*



What will YOU say when asked?
Will you say “Yes!” to teaching?
Think about it!



LOOK!

WANTED!:

Fun-and-youth-loving adults to attend CONs with First Unitarian Church's finest youth group members! CONs are conferences held for the district's youth. They are a place for Unitarian Universalist youth to connect with other Unitarian Universalist youth spiritually and emotionally. Life-long friendships and amazing connections are formed during these weekend-long conferences. Adult advisor perks for CONs include (but are not limited to) assisting in transporting youth to and from CONs, forming friendships with great youth, and a fun weekend filled with bonding with other adult advisors from all over the Joseph Priestley District. For more information please contact Margo Price: mgo1216@yahoo.com or Catherine Williamson: catherine@firstuuwilm.org

Youth History Prize

The Unitarian Universalist Historical Society seeks original historical essays (or sermons, plays, dramatic readings, worship services or poetry) written by YOUTH (ages 12-19) on Unitarian Universalist History

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2010

\$350 First Prize,
\$150 Second Prize

For information on submission requirements, please contact Karen in the church office at 302-478-2384 or Karen@firstuuwilm.org

Susan's Membership Message

This week I contacted a debt management counselor. For too long I had put off getting my budget in order, and it was time to face up to the fact that 'borrowing from Peter to pay Paul' just wasn't ever going to help me achieve my financial goals.



Before making the call, I gathered together the income and expense figures I thought a counselor would need. Within forty minutes of making the call, I received a mutually agreeable payment plan for my creditors and a realistic, workable monthly budget. This was a huge step for me....I have lived with financial anxiety for some time and have been embarrassed to ask for help.

When talking with newcomers, we inevitably ask, "What has brought you to the church?" The answers vary, of course. Some come for their children's religious education; some for community; some for companionship on their spiritual journey; some because they are hurting from financial reversal or the loss of a loved one. I couldn't help but think that some probably come because, like me and many others in this economy, they just find themselves financially overwhelmed. We



will probably never know. For some incomprehensible reason, admitting financial insolvency in a culture which prides itself on "having it all" is shameful.

I wonder how many in our community are struggling financially. Surely some are unemployed, others face mounting medical bills, and others are managing on a limited income that is stretched thin. We may never know.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could find a way to open a conversation of support? It is something to think about.



Susan Madison,
Membership Coordinator

Office Ministration

Is it spring YET?

As I write this we are recovering from a second major blizzard. We have been fortunate the last couple of years but this year our snow removal budget line is being hit hard. Say a special **THANK YOU** to Terry Walls when you see him for all his hard work.



Spring means budget time, and the office staff is already working on the budget for next fiscal year, July 2010 to June 2011. This is a complicated process and takes many hours to complete. Budget considerations were discussed at our Leadership Link meeting in January. Final budget will be presented to the congregation in May.



Good news on our Heritage account! The Heritage Fund is our endowment fund. Value as of Jan. 28 was \$563,658. In 2009, the Heritage Fund gained 20.58% in value. We currently have 64% of the portfolio in equities, 29.6% in bonds and the remainder in cash. The Investment Team meets quarterly to review performance of the Heritage Fund, and rebalance our holdings if needed. If you would like to leave a bequest or make a donation to the Heritage Fund, please let me know.



Marina VanRensen,
Business Manager

Alliance News



Members of the Women's Alliance will NOT meet on Monday, March 2nd. Please join us as usual on Monday, April 5th as we welcome Springtime.

Thank you! *Mary Collat*

Notes from Scott: Doing Our Part Talent Show AND Big Music Sunday!

On Saturday evening, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. all you sing-in-the-shower, would-be stand-up comics, or poets, or what ever will have a place to shine. There is still space available to perform in our "Do Your Part Talent Show." You could sing a song, play an instrument, recite poetry, or doing something wild and crazy. Don't be shy! Rumor has it that maybe our Senior Minister will perform! It will be a fun evening of entertainment and camaraderie. Everyone will bring a dessert or fruit to share, coffee, tea and juices will be provided. Contact Scott (iamscottw@aol.com) or through the church office to learn more.



Looking ahead to our next big musical event:

Our Choir will be sing Haydn's Missa Solemnes for our May Big Music Sunday. If you would like to sing with us for this event, contact Scott.



Scott Ward, Honorary Minister of Music



Board Planks

As you consider your 2010/2011 pledge this month, your Board of Trustees offers these words of inspiration for this year's "Doing Our Part" campaign.



Ask Not

In May 1961, President John F. Kennedy articulated a bold vision to land a man on the moon and return him safely to Earth by the end of the decade. It happened, and our idea of this planet was forever changed.

What about First U? As a diverse, intentionally inclusive faith community, our vision is not just to be a safe haven, but a launching pad for personal and spiritual renewal. We seek to have a visible impact in our community so that all people will be afforded their inherent worth and dignity—and our planet will be sustained for future generations.

Just as JFK's vision needed the support of an entire nation, First Unitarian's vision requires our congregation's collective power. So let's be bold. Let's energize and inspire each other by sharing and working toward common goals that make a difference. And let's do our part to support our church inspirationally, stretching to the limit of our abilities to achieve this vision.

You Are Invited!

You are Invited to our
Spring Board Party: "Springboard to Growth"
Sunday, March 7th – Noon to 1:30 pm
in Brunner Chapel

Come have pizza with The Board as we discuss:

- ★ the results from the Board's recent **congregational "game" on Growth** (hope you were able to play during the Board-hosted coffee hour in January),
- ★ the recent **Ends report from the Executive Team** on Growth (that would be End #5),
- ★ **your thoughts on growth** (Should we grow? Why? What are the benefits? Pitfalls?)

We promise some lively discussion, so do come and participate in shaping our future!

PARENTS: Please RSVP if you'll have children needing childcare, with their names and ages. We'd appreciate it! boardeventsrsvp@firstuuwilm.org

March Social Action Offering

The recipient of First Unitarian's Social Action collection in March is the **YWCA Delaware**.

YWCA Delaware is a nonprofit organization that is committed to community service focusing on the special needs of women. We assist in attaining life-changing skills, building healthy relationships, with a focus on racial equity and advancing women and their families economically. It is our goal to help women achieve independence and to encourage their personal development.

The YWCA has a powerful mission - *Eliminating racism, Empowering women.*

Every year thousands of Delawareans benefit from the work done by the YWCA. Their programs include housing programs for women and families. These programs provide much more than shelter - they provide life skills. Other programs include Anti-Violence advocacy and case management services for the victims of violence. The YWCA conducts programs to teach financial education and responsibility to women and families to promote self-empowerment. Racial Justice workshops and Study Circles create opportunities to advance diversity awareness. The YWCA provides programs for youth and young adults that encourage individual growth and build leadership skills for "at risk" individuals.

Please be as generous as possible.

UUSC in Haiti



UUSC's assessment team, in Haiti meeting UUSC partners and working with them to develop a mid- and long-term response to the earthquake devastation, includes Wendy Flick who,

after working in Haiti for many years, has strong relationships with Haitian organizations.

Your donations have already gone to COZPAM, a partner providing relief in Mariani and Carrefour, two outlying areas of Port-au-Prince. COZPAM, a coalition of 12 grassroots organizations from the slums of Port-au-Prince, began organizing volunteer rescue and relief teams at the community level before international food relief arrived. COZPAM provides assistance with dignity and emphasizes Haitians helping Haitians. UUSC is helping to supply COZPAM with food, essential non-food items (like cooking pots and sanitary supplies) to distribute to survivors in six COZPAM-supported camps.

To contribute, go to uus.org or send a check, made payable to UUSC/UUA Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, to UUSC, PO Box 844001, Boston, MA 02284-4001. You can donate online at www.uusc.org or send checks by mail to UUSC, PO Box 845259, Boston, MA 02284-5259. For more information, contact Doyle Dobbins: d.dobbins@verizon.net.

Social Justice at First Unitarian

First U's Social Action Team includes all who work "under the umbrella of social action." Do you have information to share about your social action work? Next Quest deadline is March 10. Contact: lynningersoll@hotmail.com.

Coalition for Climate Change Study and Action (C³SA) – a thank you to Delaware's Congressional Delegation!

Delaware's Senators have worked hard to oppose a recent effort to strip the EPA of its authority to regulate greenhouse gases (GHGs), and this is a good time to express your support and say thank you.



Because of Delaware's low average elevation (60 feet - the lowest of any state in the country) Delaware is especially vulnerable to sea level rise – one of the consequences of global warming caused by burning fossil fuels. Senator Murkowski of Alaska is now attempting to overturn a 2007 endangerment finding by the Supreme Court and cripple the EPA on this issue – much to the detriment of Delaware and other low-lying coastal states. Since we don't have the oil and gas that Alaska does, we have a lot more to lose from unbri-dled GHG emissions - including our beautiful beaches, marshes, and buildings along the coast.

Fortunately Delaware's Senator Tom Carper (302-573-6291) has taken the lead in opposing Murkowski's move, supported by Senator Kaufman (302-573-6345.) In his press release of January 21, 2010, Senator Carper said: "I strongly oppose Sen. Murkowski's resolution to overturn the EPA endangerment finding because the science about global warming is clear: Greenhouse gases endanger public health."



In another strong pro-environment move, DE Representative Mike Castle (302-428-1902) voted in June for H.R. 2454 to begin to reduce GHG emissions and support the transition to a sustainable energy future and the new industries and jobs it will bring to our economy.

Emmanuel Dining Room and our Church's Vision

As you may be aware, our church theme this year is "Growth – Within, Among and Beyond." So how do our Emmanuel Dining Room efforts support that theme?

Growth Within – Spiritual journeys come in many forms. Our two ongoing efforts with Emmanuel Dining Room offer the opportunity not only to help others, but to be changed in the process. We encourage you to partake in one of the efforts below and see if you don't come away spiritually enriched while having fun along the way.



Growth Among – Enjoy a night out, dining on sumptuous food with fellow First U'ers, all while benefitting EDR! We've just begun a new program – hosting a table at EDR's monthly International Nights, where guest chefs volunteer their time to prepare meals from around the world. Contact David Weiss (kdweiss1@verizon.net or 302.668.7431) to reserve your seat. Up-coming meals include:



- **March 28 – Irish Night** (hosted by Deerfield Golf & Country Club)
- **April 18 – American Night** (hosted by the Knights of Columbus, John Paul II Council)
- **May 23 – Thai Night** (hosted by Chef Noah Mathay, DE Food Bank)

Growth Beyond – We're in our second year of preparing a hot lunch for those in need, and our new "Chicken Shepherd's Pie" recipe is a great hit. Come be a part of the fun, either by helping to cook the meal in the church kitchen on the 19th, or by serving it at EDR on the 20th. We'll welcome you with open arms. Contact Cindy Cohen (cindyscohen@comcast.net or 302-475-5814) for more details.

ILYA (Independent Living for Young Adults) – a Heartfelt Thank You

Dear ILYA and Friends from First Unitarian Church:

We just wanted to express our gratitude for your Holiday Giving program. As we were gathering lists from our youth, it really struck home how valuable your support and services are. The current difficult economic times have placed many of our clients in financial distress. Your generosity brought them a moment of hope for their families.

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who provided gifts, gift wrapping, and donations. A special thanks to Barbara Perry and Betty Wier who were instrumental in coordinating this enormous effort. Your caring and compassion will always be valued by each of the families you helped this Christmas season.



Sincerely,
 Suzan Dougherty Pam Richards Antoine Warren
 Program Director IL Coordinator IL Coordinator

This letter, from the staff at Northeast Treatment Center (NET) came just after the press deadline for the last Quest. We wanted to share it now, late as it is, to thank all of you who helped ILYA make a difference this past Christmas. For more information or to help with ILYA, contact Betty Wier: (302-475-6751) bwier@UDel.Edu.

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Submission deadline for *QUEST* is by noon on the 15th of each month for events the following month.

Any announcement suggestions for the **Order of Service** and the **Broadcast E-news** must be in by Tuesdays at noon and may also be sent to **Karen@firstuuwilm.org** and will be placed according to available space. If possible, please make submissions via E-mail. Otherwise, neatly prepared copy can be submitted to Karen Rockhold's mail box in the church office.



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 **March 2010**

Our Purpose:

First Unitarian Church is a caring, diverse faith community, rooted in UU principles, inspiring and celebrating lives of inclusion, justices, and love.

