

January 22, 2012
This Week at



Welcome Visitors! After the service today, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall to introduce yourself and find information about First Unitarian Church and its programs and activities.

This Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m.

January 22: The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder. "What Islam Has to Teach Us." Despite all of the headlines, or perhaps because of all of the headlines, Islam remains one of the least understood/misunderstood religions in the world today. One of the sources of Unitarian Universalism, according to our Principles and Purposes, is the insight of the religions of the world. We have considered passages of the Koran before in our worship services, but this morning we will go deeper than we have in the past as to what we can learn from the Koran and the tradition of Islam.

This Sunday - Adult Forum 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Brunner Chapel

January 22: Our course on *Comparative Religion* continues with "Ritual Sacrifices in the World's Religions." In this video lecture series, Professor Charles Kimball of the University of Oklahoma explores for us the complex and multi-dimensional nature of the world's five major religions.

This Sunday: Faithful Dialogues "Being in the Universe." 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Room 25

January 22: A conversation on being – the spiritual implications of not being alone in the universe. Facilitators: Carolyn Stankiewicz and Jeff Lott.

Next Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m.

January 29: Rev. Alison Hyder. "Breaking Some Eggs." Most beings resist change and the havoc it can do to our self-identity. But we're also made to take risks. Rev. Alison invites you to come and explore the tension between comfort and growth. You can't make an omelet without breaking some eggs.

Next Sunday - Adult Forum 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Brunner Chapel

January 29: Our *Comparative Religion* video series continues with a lecture entitled "The Human Predicament." Each lecture is designed to stand alone, so even if you are unable to attend every week, please consider joining us when you can.

Next Sunday: Faithful Dialogues - "Spirit, Biology, and Being." 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Room 25

January 29: "Our lives march to a molecular beat of our tissues. Our spirit sings to the music of our biology." Come join in a conversation about spirit, biology, and being. Facilitator: Maria McCabe.

Add A Spark to the Chalice Lighters Flame February 5

The Joseph Priestley District Chalice Lighters program provides grant money to organize new congregations, hire professional staff, acquire land or buildings, and fund innovative growth efforts throughout the JPD.

On Sunday, February 5, our entire congregation will be asked to join the 29% of our friends and members who already support this program's vital work. One hundred percent of all donations from nearly 2,800 pledge units goes directly to congregations to fund expansion needs.

No donation is required at the time you sign up. Donation "calls" are made three times each year by e-mail, with a suggested minimum donation amount of \$20 per e-mailed "call."

Take two minutes of time on February 5 to add your spark to the Chalice Lighters flame and see how much brighter the light will shine for congregations in need.

All-Church Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 6 p.m.



Everyone's invited to join us for "Noodlin' Around for Justice," a dinner to raise funds for youth to attend Justice General Assembly in June 2012. Suggested donation for

the dinner is \$8 for an adult serving, \$5 for a child serving and \$25 for a family. Under 3 FREE!

Everyone's invited – bring your friends and enjoy a meal with your church community. Please let us know you'll be there so we can prepare enough – **RSVP by January 25th** to the church office, 478-2384 or by email to cindyscohen@comcast.net with the number of adults and children you will be bringing.

UUSC Guest-At-Your-Table Boxes

If you have been collecting cash donations in your GAYT boxes in support of UUSC programs, it is now time to return the boxes to the church. Our target is to have all boxes returned during the next two weeks of January 22nd and 29th. Please leave your box in the church office on Sunday or any work day during the week. Thank you for participating in this program and supporting UUSC.

Celebrate Scott's 20th Anniversary!

Come to the party in honor of Scott Ward who has been the Music Director and Honorary Minister of Music at First Unitarian Church for 20 years! The party will take place in the Parish hall on February 12th after the service. Come and enjoy the fun!

You are welcome to contribute to a purse for Scott by writing a check to First Unitarian Church and putting 'Scott's 20th Anniversary' in the memo line. You can drop it in the Sunday collection during a service, take it to the church office personally, or mail it. Please feel free to do this anytime before Feb. 12th.

We are also making a memory book. Look for a table in the Parish hall after Sunday services where you can pick up pages to use for your submission. See June Peterson, Nan Norling, or Jan Shay with questions about the memory book. Time is short, so please drop off your completed submission at the Parish hall table or in the church office on Sunday, February 5th. **The final due date for submissions will be February 9th.**

Celebrating Nature Through the Art of Photography!

Our Green Sanctuary Committee and the church staff is moving along on the plans for our photography exhibit during the month of February (A good time to enjoy the outdoors through photographs!) Again, we plan to display your works in Parish Hall, the Foyer, and the hallway outside Brunner Chapel. We hope to have a good response to our request for your photographic work and can change the display as often as necessary during the month so that everyone is honored, who would like to be. We ask that you provide labels for your photos.

If you would like to participate in the exhibit, please send your photographs to Suzie Cornell by **February 10th**. We look forward to hearing from you and to viewing your photos in February.

Suzie Cornell (610) 925-0510; suzcornell@verizon.net
Scott Ward at iamscottw@aol.com

We Need Your Help

Our Caring Friends teams cannot help unless we learn someone needs us. PLEASE call the church office to report your own need or the needs of others. Do not worry about duplicate calls for the same person. We are troubled when no one informs us and we can't help.

Particularly, we need information about hospitalizations. Because of the HIPPA law, hospitals can give no information, even to the clergy. Our ministers need to know the facility and specific room number in order to call or visit.

We are a caring community. Help us to help you, your family or your friend.

January Board Meeting Change

The January Board of Trustees meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. in Room 25.**

CYRE Classroom Connection Parties



The CYRE team has been planning Classroom Connection parties for the families of children in the CYRE program. Our annual parties provide an opportunity to meet new families in our church and reconnect with familiar faces. The Questers and Jr. Youth

Group had their party in October, and now the Nursery/Chalice Children will have their party on Saturday, February 5th and the Rainbow Walkers/Seekers will have their party on Sunday, January 29th after church. We look forward to seeing you there!

Living on Less

Are you struggling to make ends meet? Trying to downsize your home and lifestyle? Perhaps you are simply trying to get your priorities straight. Whatever your situation, you are invited to join a Living on Less interest group. We will offer support, understanding, and practical ideas to help us adjust to our changing realities.



Rev. Alison is offering two "Living On Less" open groups; one the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m., and the other on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Both groups will start the week of January 23rd. You may join one or both groups, but some commitment and consistency would be best for everyone.