

This Week at First Unitarian Church

January 31, 2010



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.

Sunday: Adult Religious Exploration

Exploring the Roots of Religion. The series will be offered by practicing archaeologist and masterful storyteller Professor John R. Hale, Director of Liberal Studies at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Brunner Chapel as we study, discuss, and have fun exploring these relevant topics together. For further information, contact Susan Madison: susan@firstuuwilm.org

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

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“Service of the Living Tradition”

The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder:

This is our annual tradition honoring significant membership anniversaries. What does it mean to give yourself to a cause greater than your self? A good deal if it is the cause of liberal religion in Wilmington, Delaware. Come celebrate our members of all tenures!

NEXT SUNDAY!

February 7: “Recapturing Sabbath Time”

Susan Madison: As a young child I learned that Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, was set aside for rest and religious observance. For me that meant my best dress, Sunday school, and visits with extended family. As an adult with a full productive life and an often frantic Sunday schedule at church, it has come to take on a quite different meaning. On this Sunday, I will talk about why we need to re-think our commitment to the celebration of Sabbath and share with you what I am doing to make Sabbath a part of my every day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”

- James M. Barrie

“Mardi Gras: The Masks We Wear”

On February 5, at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate Mardi Gras, or Carnival, which is a celebration of a “farewell to the flesh,” meaning that our carefree nature prevails over the everyday self. In this worship service, we will explore the masks we wear either on a daily basis or on unique occasions. Led by Scott Ward, and writer/photographers Jenn Phillips and Lindsey Kling. Musical guests will be Tim Plimpton’s jazz trio. Please join us!

Valentine Dinner and Family Fun!

Friday, February 5, 2010 -- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Please attend this FUNDRAISER for the *Coming of Age* trip to Boston. The *Coming of Age* participants and their families are providing an Italian Dinner for your enjoyment! Soda and juice will be served. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments. Pay at the door: \$10.00 adults \$5.00 children

Please bring a dessert to share.

After dinner, join the Family Ministry Team for some Crafts and Games:

Valentine Card Making: Make cards for members in nursing homes or who are unable to attend church.

Games: Foos ball, Apples to Apples, Uno, Twister & More!

- Pay the night of the event or buy a ticket in Parish hall on Sunday.
- Not going to attend the dinner, but want to make a donation? Donations will be accepted Sunday, January 31, in Parish Hall.

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Alliance News!

You are invited to join members and friends of the Women's Alliance at noon on Monday, February 1, in the Parish Hall. Please bring your own lunch and our hostess of the month will provide beverages and dessert.

Since February brings to mind special people in our lives, we would like to share stories of those who have influenced or helped us at some time. Besides our parents and spouses, we often have a warm place in our hearts and minds for other special persons. Come and enjoy some good memories. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Mary Collat

Bring a friend. Or come meet new friends!

Green Sanctuary

Please join us at February Green Sanctuary meeting!!

The meetings will now be scheduled earlier in the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 4th**. Please join us!! For information, contact Maggie Duffy: mdu@verizon.net

CYRE Art Show!

Starting Sunday, February 14 there will be an art show in the hallway next to the Brunner Chapel featuring art work created by our children and youth.

So take down that work of art from the refrigerator, and submit it to Scott Ward or Catherine Williamson to be part of the show. The item(s) must be able to be hung on the wall; we will have very little space for sculptures. The piece should be titled and signed, framed if possible. Please submit artwork by February 13th. This art show is open to anyone from birth to 18. There will be a reception in the hallway Sunday, February 14, after church. The show will hang for three months. Please share your artistic talents!

Guest At Your Table: Thanks to our support, our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is working throughout the United States and around the world to advance human rights. Soon we will close our Guest at Your Table program and ask you to return your box with the form on the back filled out. Remember ... your generosity with the Guest at Your Table is tax deductible and gifts of \$100 can be matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock!

Thanks to you!

- ❖ We received **\$4423** towards the **1/24/2010** special collection for **UUSC-Haiti Relief Fund**.
- ❖ We also received **\$175** towards **UUSC-Guest at your Table**.

You may contribute online at www.uusc.org, or mail checks made payable to UUSC/UUA Haiti Earthquake Relief fund to UUSC, P.O. Box 844001, Boston, MA 02284-4001.

Pathway To Membership

No one pamphlet can entirely respond to all the questions we receive about our Unitarian Universalist faith: our history, our worship, our ministers, our covenant, our music, our community.

For that reason, we invite all newcomers and those considering membership to join us as we "open the door" for you through a series of newcomer classes. The next series of classes will be held on Feb 7th, 14th, and 21st in Brunner Chapel following the worship service.

The class series will provide an opportunity for you to meet both the ministers and one another.

Registration may be made at the Membership Table on Sundays or by emailing Membership Coordinator Susan Madison at susan@firstuuwilm.org.

2010/11 Pledge Campaign Gets Under Way

As a church community, we strive together to do our part to promote Unitarian Universalist values at home and in the world, and to provide a compassionate and nurturing environment in which to explore diverse spiritual interests and views. As members, we each strive to do our part for our church through active participation and support.

This year the theme of our pledge campaign is "Doing Our Part." We'll celebrate with a special weekend of activities including a talent show on Friday, March 12 and a Commitment Sunday service on March 14. We'll have many more details for you soon. Keep checking the Sunday orders of service, the church Web page, as well as your mail and email.

Pacem in Terris Events

- ❖ February 18, Thursday, at 7 p.m. , Grace Hall, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1506 West 13th St., Wilmington. Peter Lems, American Friends Service Committee National Program Director for Education on Iraq & Afghanistan, will speak about the connections between the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- ❖ March 21, Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1506 West 13th St., Wilmington. Afghani musician E. Shawn Quassaune, and soloist Sharon Sable will give a concert featuring world music to benefit Pacem in Terris. Shawn will play some Afghan music as well as more familiar songs. His family will highlight some of their historical and cultural background.

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