

This Week at First Unitarian Church

July 25, 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 Forum

All Forum classes are held in Brunner Chapel on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The lectures and discussions are open to all.

Today, July 25: "Faiths Lost and Found."

The Sunday Adult Forum will conclude its Exploring the Roots of Religion lecture series at the end of July and begin a new series of lectures on Ingathering Sunday in September.

Next Week, August 1: "Religion and Ethics" series continues the discussion of the "War on drugs" hosted by Jim Davis. Join us in Brunner Chapel from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Sunday: Worship 10:30 a.m.

TODAY: "Twenty Years and Counting" led by Rev. Dr. Richard Speck, Joseph Priestley District Executive, celebrating 20 years in the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 1: "Salvation Right Now"

Led by Rev. Barbara H. Gadon. First in Rev. Gadon's series on Unitarian Universalist perspectives on the themes of traditional religion. What saves us? From what do we need to be saved? Come and find out!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Time is the coin of your life.
It is the only coin you have,
and only you can determine how it will be spent.
Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.
~Carl Sandburg.

HELP WITH THE JOB SEARCH

First Unitarian has a new group focused on helping people with the challenge of looking for a job.

Led by Rev. Barbara Gadon and others, the Job Search Work Team will be a task-oriented group that keeps job-seekers company, as well as on track with sending resumes, making contacts, and staying positive in the job search. They will use the book, "The Unwritten Rules for the Highly Effective Job Search" by Orville Pierson, which will be provided for members.

The group will meet weekly on Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For further information, call Rev. Gadon at 478-2384.

Children and Youth Religious Exploration Registration Form 2010/2011

Another great year is beginning at First Unitarian Church! You and your child (ren) don't want to miss a single day!

You can go to our web site at www.firstuuwilm.org. There we will have a link to register your child (ren) for Children and Youth Religious Exploration. Registering in a timely manner helps us plan so we can provide a better program for you and your child (ren)!

If you prefer to use paper registration forms there will also be a link to click for a printable version. Paper registration forms can also be obtained at the CYRE Table on Sunday mornings or by contacting Catherine Williamson, Director of Religious Exploration at catherine@firstuuwilm.org or (302) 478-2384.

Join the Summer Choir!

The second meeting of the Summer Choir will be Thursday, August 19, and sing for the service August 22. Even if you have never sung with the choir, you are welcome.

UU 201

Watch for a chance to deepen your faith as a Unitarian Universalist this fall. On Sunday mornings, you can learn about spiritual practices from people who connect them to their own faith as UUs. Janet Tillman will help introduce a variety of practices, such as yoga, meditation and walking, along with enthusiasts of each practice. Then we will learn about Unitarian Universalists Who Made a Difference – drawing from history as well as contemporary UUs who show us how to live our faith out in the world. On Wednesday evenings in October, Rev. Barbara and Susan Madison will co-teach a class on UU theology and where we each find ourselves within our tradition. Check it out!

Adult RE Classes August 2010

The Sunday Adult Forum schedule of topics for August is:

August 1: “Religion and Ethics” series continues the discussion of the “War on drugs” hosted by Jim Davis.

The **UUA Green Sanctuary Program** is encouraging congregations to view and discuss a documentary called *Renewal: Stories from America's Religious-Environmental Movement*. It is inspired by the many Americans who are answering a spiritual call to confront the enormous challenges of environmental degradation. With great courage, they are re-examining what it means to be human and how we choose to live on this planet. Come see how Christians, Jews, Buddhists and Muslims are finding ways to become caretakers of this Earth. Each story is 10-18 minutes long with discussion following:

August 8: *Ancient Roots*- The Teva Learning Center and Adamah bring environmental education to children and young adults together with Jewish tradition- discussion led by Donna González.

August 15: *Food for Faith*- Muslim tradition and charity forge bonds between urban communities and sustainable farms- discussion led by Jim Davis.

August 22: *Interfaith Power and Light*- Across America people of all faiths mount a religious response to global warming- discussion led by Chad Tolman.

August 29: *Compassion in Action*- Green Sangha, a Buddhist community, leads a campaign to save trees- discussion led by Donna González.

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An Invitation to all who like to sing!

On Saturday September 11, we will have a choir retreat. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome. We will have a light brunch, starting at 9:00 a.m. followed by a brief worship service led by Rev. Gadon, then yoga led by Robert Gadon, basic vocal training led by Marcie Schiff, a hymn sing led by Scott, a sight reading session and quickie music reading lesson, led by Scott, and a brief rehearsal for Ingathering Sunday! All from age 12 and up are welcome!

Join the Ingathering team

Ingathering Sunday, September 12, is not far off. Join Scott's Ingathering team - many hands makes the work easy. Starting at 9:30 a.m., we quickly set up tables, chairs, the buffet area; getting ready for our annual grand celebration. This year include a bubble hop! Please contact Scott (iamscottw@aol.com) or call the church office.

All-Church Retreat October 2-3

Mark your calendars for October 2-3! We will go on a retreat for all ages at Camp Tockwogh, on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. Join in outdoor activities, UU activities, worship, a bonfire and more! Camp is organized and sponsored by Rev. Barbara Gadon, Catherine Williamson and the Family Ministry Team.

It's time to mark your calendars for our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Start saving your donations! We'll need books, white elephant items, children's clothes and toys, plants, etc.

We need lots of helpers, too. The kitchen, dining room and the shops all need willing hands. So think about how you would like to take part in this great social and fundraising event.

Everyone says the enjoyment and sociability far exceed the time and energy given. More details will be published soon.