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Sunday, May 3: “A Celebration of Learning, Teaching, and Growing Youth”

Rev. Barbara Child and Other UUI Religious Educators

As the school and congregational year draw near to closing, it is fitting to celebrate the lifespan religious education that has enriched us all this year. If you are a teacher, please come receive thanks. If you or your child are learners, please come offer thanks. And of course you may be both teacher and learner! You also won't want to miss the moving “Bridging Ceremony” that is a hallmark rite of passage for UU youth.

Jeremy Sebens will sing "Wohin?" (“To Where?”) from Die Schöne Müllerin by Franz Schubert.

Sunday May 10: “Saying Hello”

Rev. Barbara Child

We will celebrate Mother's Day with the special Unitarian Universalist ceremony of Child Dedication. Parents who have registered will bring forth their children (of any age) who are new to this congregation so that we may welcome and honor them and make vows of caring and support. At the time of Words for All Ages, the children who are not new here will be invited to offer their own special kind of hello to the new ones. If your spirits need lifting, this will be a day for that too.

The Children's Choir will sing *A Wondrous Circle of Love*, words and music by Terry D. Taylor.

Sunday, May 17: Provocative Propositions for the Future of UUI

Rev. Barbara Child and Members of the UU Connections Planning Group

During the Sunday service on April 5 Pam Blevins Hinkle and Judy Pleiss shared their reflections on what UUI members have said they value about this congregation and their experiences here. Today two more of the UU Connections Project's Planning Group will share reflections on what members have said they want to see here in the next few years. Fasten your seat belts – provocative propositions heading this way!

Special music by guest woodwind trio.



Services start at 10:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.

Church of the Warm Heart, Open Mind and Helping Hands



UU Connections

UUs Connect on June 6

Don't miss this festive gathering of Central Indiana UUs on Saturday, June 6 at All Souls Unitarian Church. We will celebrate with music, group-singing and food, and explore cool ideas for putting our faith into action--together! The event is sponsored by *UU Connections for the Greater Good: A Project of Central Indiana Unitarian Universalist Congregations*.

UU University 2009

UUI members who attend General Assembly will bring back a wealth of information. If you can't attend, please contact those who will to ask them to bring you information, ask questions, and locate contacts for you later.

Nine hours of GA programming will be dedicated to Unitarian Universalist University, including six programmed tracks.

Each track is being developed and led by some of our top leaders and will provide opportunities for in-depth exploration of each topic. Reflection, activities and different learning styles will all be used to ensure the programs speak to GA participants of all ages, with all levels of experience of UUism, and from congregations of all sizes. The tracks are:

Finding Our Commonwealth: Stewardship as Transformational Ministry

A Family Under One Sky: Ministry Across the Generations (Multigenerational)

Soul Work: Creating Welcoming Multicultural UU Communities

Governance: Lighting the Leadership Chalice

A People So Bold: Justice and Congregational Mission

Theology for a Secular Age

Congregational Life

Congregational Meeting May 17

On Sunday May 17, we will hold the spring congregational meeting. As directed by our bylaws, we have several items on the agenda. Included are: Congregational approval of our next budget, Election of officers and board of trustee members, Election of standing committee chairs, Appointment of delegates to the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

This spring the meeting will also include the members of the congregation selecting a portion of the members of the Ministerial Search committee. This committee will lead our search for our next settled minister.

Please plan to attend and take part in our democratic process.

Happenings

Sunday, May 3

Credo Forum, 9:15 am, Cottage

Getting to Know UU/UUI, 12:30 pm, Cottage

Wednesday, May 6

UUI Women, 6 pm @ Gusto Restaurant

Thursday, May 7

Rituals of Our Lives, 7-9 pm, Cottage

Friday, May 8

Eye deadline, 5 pm (uueye@uui.org)

Thursday, May 14

Rituals of Our Lives, 7-9 pm, Cottage

Saturday, May 16

Drum Circle, noon, Sanctuary

Celtic Celebration, 7-9 pm, Sanctuary



In the Meantime

Rev. Barbara Child, Interim Minister

Lately you have probably heard people here refer to the “UU Connections Project.” I wonder though if you know how central this project is to the congregation making ready to proceed successfully in search for a new called minister next year.

You probably know that the paired interviews that happened in late February and early March yielded important information about what UUI means to people and what you would like to see in its future. Maybe you heard Pam Blevins Hinkle and Judy Pleiss at the April 5 service share key themes expressed in those interviews. Pam and Judy are two of UUI’s contingent on the 16-member Planning Group for the UU Connections Project. The others from UUI are Cindy Jackson, Marty Miles, and Ray Wilson, all instrumental participants in the Path Forward Task Forces that formed last summer.

You may not know that the Planning Group also includes representatives from the other UU congregations in Greater Indianapolis: All Souls Church, Circle UU Fellowship, the UU Community Church in Danville, Heartland UU Church in Zionsville, and Oaklandon UU Church. Recently the good news came that First UU Congregation of Terre Haute wants to join — so now it makes sense to say we are a “Central Indiana” project, not merely a “Greater Indianapolis” one.

The whole name of the project is “UU Connections for the Greater Good.” This means we are committed to working for the greater good of each of the congregations involved but also for all of us setting our sights beyond our own doors to seek the greater good of Unitarian Universalism in Central Indiana.

It has been thrilling for me to watch our work unfold and now to see around the bend to our grand finale, a great gathering of Unitarian Universalists at All Souls Church on June 6. It’s still in the planning. It doesn’t even have a name yet. But I know there will be lots of food and fun and music – from guess who! It will be a chance for UUI folks’ provocative propositions for the future to get real attention. I hope you will be there, doing UUI proud.

Oh yes, and about those interim tasks. You may not have noticed, but this is what you and the UUI members of the UU Connections Planning Group have been accomplishing all along: Coming to terms with your history and discovering what to bring forward from it. Articulating what is UUI’s present identity. Your visions for the future that will get attention in the May 17 Sunday service. It’s all there. It’s all part of your moving into a thriving future with new ministry. Meanwhile, put June 6 at All Souls in your calendar. At least until that gathering gets a better name, I’m calling it a Wing Ding.

Barbara

Creative Arts

Celtic Celebration May 16

The Indy Folk Series presents “A Celtic Celebration with Emily Ann Thompson and Friends”

7 – 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16

\$10 (12 and under free)

Emily Ann Thompson's Celtic fiddling has been described as “organic, lively and passionate.” She plays traditional Irish, Scottish and Cape Breton tunes in highly energetic and original arrangements. This concert will feature Emily on Celtic fiddle with Kelly Thompson on guitar and guest artists TH Gillespie (piano, bass, guitar), Alberta Lathan (voice, flute) and Ann Thurber (Irish dance). Info at www.indyfolkseries.org.

Amy Carol Webb enchanted those at the April 18 concert. Special thanks to Ken Rader for deftly filling in at the audio console, and to Rocio Carrasco, Liz Efroymsen, Beth and Dan Henkel, Janet McCabe, Dick and Sarah Patterson, Don Somers and Peter Vanderberg—and to all who pitched in, set up or otherwise helped out.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Children's Choir will be on **Sunday, May 3**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room in the Cottage and on **Sunday, May 10**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary before the service, when the Children's Choir performs.

The children will be singing *A Wondrous Circle of Love* (the recipe for a loving family). Words and music are by Terry D. Taylor. We would love to have new singing voices in first through sixth grades join us.

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