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Sunday, June 14: “Standing on the Side of Love”

Rev. Barbara Child

On this weekend celebrating Gay Pride, I want to reflect on the proud history of Unitarian Universalists in support of gay rights and marriage as a civil right. Some of the stories of our involvement may break your heart, but I believe more will lift your spirit and make you proud of how we live our principles in the wider world. Liz Efroymson and special guest Kristen Bellisario will play music by Mozart, Haydn, and Dall'Abaco.

Sunday, June 21: “Searching for Success: Lessons from Corporate America”

Jim Hermiller

Employees want advancement in their careers, balance between their work and their lives, and a sense of meaning from their jobs. Employers want more contributions from, and are making ever more demands on, their workers. In this business environment, a new time management system sweeps through corporate America every few years, with great promises of helping everyone plan for personal achievement. When does all this searching for success begin to resemble a religion? Special music: Greg Sanders is the guest pianist for the service.

Sunday, June 28: “The Power of Human Reason: Gifts and Limits”

Robin Riebsomer

Today we will explore the power and limits of science and human reason and the importance of balancing these with ethics and other human gifts. A special UUI vocal improv group will sing this Sunday.

Sunday, July 5: “A Soceyological Look at Death”

Matthew Socey

Matthew Socey discusses his on-again, off-again, on-again history with The End. Mary Kinlen will be singing special music this Sunday.



Services start at 10:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.
Church of the Warm Heart, Open Mind and Helping Hands



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Did You Know?

Back issues of the *UU Eye* are available on the UUI website in the Archives section at uui.org/news.html.

UU Eye Goes Monthly

Beginning with the next issue, the *Eye* will be published on a monthly basis. The publication date will be the first Wednesday of each month. The deadline for submitting items to the *Eye* will be 8 p.m. on the Friday prior to the publication date.

Also beginning in July, the weekly e-newsletter will be expanded to include information about events occurring within two weeks of its publication.

The UU Eye

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The UU Eye informs and sustains UUI's congregational life. It connects members and friends to our varied church activities, including worship, religious education, the arts and community actions. It presents information of consequence and interest to the congregation and also reflects and fosters our purpose as a congregation and as Unitarian Universalists.

Eye Deadlines and Submissions

The *Eye* welcomes your submissions about congregational life and programs. **The next deadline is 8 p.m. Friday, June 26.** Submit material by e-mail to uueye@uui.org.

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In the Meantime

Rev. Barbara Child, Interim Minister

Nine of us gathered late on a Tuesday afternoon in my study. I began with a reading from Joanna Macy. “We call first on the Beings of the Past,” she says. “Be with us now all you who have gone before, you our ancestors and teachers.... Be present to us now that we may carry on the legacy you bequeathed us.... We call also on the Beings of the Present: All you with whom we live and work on this endangered planet, all you with whom we share this brink of time, be with us now.... Lastly, we call on the Beings of the Future. All you who will come after us on this Earth, be with us now.... It is for your sakes too, that we work to heal our world.”

The eight who reflected with me on Joanna Macy’s words were UUI folks who had been part of a Chalice Circle here in the past or who at least knew enough about them to be interested to discover how such a program might get to be part of UUI’s future.

I listened while the others talked about their Chalice Circles and what they valued about them. We generated a list of the practices that contribute to the success of such a group. I truly believe that a thriving small group ministry, however named, is pretty much essential to the well-being of a congregation as large as this one. As our twentieth century theologian James Luther Adams wrote:

An authentic religious community is one that weaves a network of human relationships to overcome the spatial, racial, economic, and other forms of segregation that mark, and mar, communal life. Associations may serve the narrow self-interests of groups; or may be agencies of social redemption, seeking to create more inclusive and just covenants.

With Adams, I believe that congregational life needs more than committees, various affinity groups, and even Sunday services, important as they are. It needs opportunities for people to get to know others who are different from themselves, to get beneath the surface of their lives, and to learn to know themselves better by way of relating to others. Even our “Building Your Own Theology” course (which I hope will be offered here next year) is based on the premise that we are called always to express our beliefs and have them refined through sharing them with others.

Our Tuesday gathering concluded with the group agreeing to read and reflect together over the summer on the ample body of literature on small group ministries in UU congregations. I will be eager to meet with the group at the end of the summer so that we can make real plans for a well designed program to get underway here in the fall. Meanwhile, if you would like to be part of the study group, please contact Marty Miles, the convener.

Barbara



Creative Arts



Solar Flair: A Stellar Event!

The Indianapolis Women's Chorus heats things up on the summer solstice weekend with a family-friendly show on Saturday, June 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 21 at 4 p.m..

"Solar Flair" will feature fun and familiar "sun" songs, including Irving Berlin's *I Got the Sun in the Morning* and *Blue Skies*, the Beatles' *Here Comes the Sun*, *Every Night When the Sun Goes In* (traditional Appalachian), and *Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In*. Other works include include a Cherokee morning song; a rompin' Georgia Sea Island song, a work by Holly Near, a gospel tune, and more.

Tickets are \$18; \$15 in advance from any chorus member or at Out Word Bound Bookstore (625 N. East Street). Kids tickets are \$5. UUI is the long-time rehearsal home for the chorus.

Pam Blevins Hinkle

Calling all musicians!!

UUI will be having a booth at this year's Pride festival on June 13 from 11-7 at University park. We would love to have musicians playing and singing at our booth all throughout the day. If you are interested, please e-mail Dianna Davis at Dianna.Davis@gmail.com for more information. Hope to see you there!

Community Action

Pride Parade

We need you! If you have 1.5 hours on Saturday, June 13 (from 9:30 to 11:00), please come march in the Pride Parade with us! Meet us at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and College Avenue (find parking then walk along the line up of participants until you find us). Or, if you would rather, meet at UUI at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the parade kick-off site. If you have questions or are interested in staffing the booth in the Pride Festival that follows the parade, please contact Susanne Hinson-Rieger at 418-1679 or susannehinson@gmail.com.

UU Connections

UUA Presidential Election

At this month's General Assembly a new president of the UUA will be elected. The candidates are Rev. Laurel Hallman and Rev. Peter Morales. You may learn about these candidates at their websites hallmanforuuapresident.com and moralesforuuapresident.org. More information is also available at the UUA Elections website uuu.org/aboutus/governance/elections/index.shtml. Please share your thoughts about these candidates with UUI's delegates to GA - Ken Chestek, Gail Henrie, Ann and Larry Miller, Tim Murphy and Carol Paddock.



Financial Summit

Do you have ideas for innovative ways to raise money? Can you think of ways in which costs can be reduced or eliminated? Please join us at an all-church meeting on Saturday, June 20, in the Cottage, to help brainstorm ideas (and to lay plans for implementing them!).

The meeting will last from 9:00 a.m. until approximately noon. Please let Ken Chestek know if you can attend (you can reach him at kchestek@iupui.edu). Even if you can't attend, feel free to send him your ideas on fundraising and/or cost savings measures that can help us close the anticipated gap between income and expense in the coming year.

Ken Chestek, Treasurer

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately after church on Sunday June 21, 2009. The agenda item for this meeting is to vote on a few open positions for officers of the Board and committee chairs.

By the Numbers: April 2009

Pledge income/Month: \$18,476

Pledge income/YTD: \$212,807

Pledges made/YTD: \$241,519

Budgeted Pledge Income: \$250,000

Number of active pledges: 193

Average Sunday Adults: 123

Average Sunday Children/Youth: 37

Ministers on Call This Summer

Rev. Barbara Child will be away June 15-August 18. Ministers on call in case of pastoral emergency will be:

Rev. Julia Aegerter (519-4544)

Rev. Loring Prosser (271-3361)

Rev. Susan Weickum (690-2200)

Rev. Prosser will be unavailable June 18-July 21, and Rev. Weickum will be unavailable July 3-12. President Eric Hinkle will be able to reach Rev. Child throughout the summer.

Thanks to Terry

Many thanks to Terry Knickerbocker who tediously wrapped pieces of wood to go on the floor behind chairs that line the perimeter of the Sanctuary. They keep the chair backs from scarring the paint on the walls behind them.

Welcome to Our Visitors

Attending on May 24

Nancy Anzovena

Christina Garten

Jessica Garten

Tom Kendi

A. Diana Lovins

Maggie Lovins & Chad Caster

Alexandra & Michael Ridgway

Jennifer Silvers

Emily Trine

Religious Education

July 5th Picnic - Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Memorial Day weekend picnic on Sunday, May 24. It was such a successful community builder that we decided to host another community-wide picnic on Sunday, July 5. We'll put out the sprinklers and serve up some popsicles so bring your swimsuit and towel (if you plan to get wet), a picnic lunch for yourself/family, and a chair/blanket to church on Sunday then meet near the playground after service to enjoy our beautiful grounds and wonderful community.

Summer Religious Education – We are excited to announce that we now have many experienced teachers lined up to teach this summer but we still need several people to serve as assistants. So this is the perfect opportunity for **anyone** who is curious or interested in the R.E. program to learn about what we do while helping out (even if you're only available one day during the summer). Just contact R.E. Administrator Matthew Brooks or any R.E. Associate (at the R.E. table in the Social Hall) if you are interested.

The Summer Religious Education classes will be organized as follows:

Preschool thru PreK – Leo Leoni curriculum

Kindergarten thru Second grade – In Our Hands: A Peace and Social Justice Program curriculum

Third thru Sixth grade – In Our Hands: A Peace and Social Justice Program curriculum

*As always, students will remain in their current R.E. grade level until the fall program begins.

The Senior High youth group is kicking off their summer with a well balanced day of spiritual enlightenment and adrenalin inducing fun by first visiting New Harmony, Indiana and later traveling to Kings Island on Saturday, June 13.

Stacy Robinson

Circles of Life

Congratulations to the Wrights

On May 22nd, Owen Alexander Wright was born to Mary and Brian Wright. Owen checked in at 8lbs and 4 oz, 19 inches. Mom and baby are recovering well, Dad isn't too sleep deprived, and Aidan is happy to be a big brother.

On June 5th, Mary and Brian Wright will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary.

Share your Milestones

The *UU Eye* wants to publish your important life events. Please submit milestone birthdays and anniversaries, birth and death announcements, and other significant passages in your life to ueeye@uui.org.



Happenings in June & July

SUN 14	MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THU 18	FRI 19	SAT 20
			Guitar Circle 7pm RE Wisdom Room			Financial Summit 9am-12pm Cottage Solar Flair: A Stellar Event! 8pm Sanctuary
21 Congrega- tional Meeting 12pm Sanctuary Solar Flair: A Stellar Event! 4pm Sanctuary	22 UUI Summer Solstice Celebration 7pm Sanctuary	23 Arts Task Force 7pm Cottage Music Room UU Knitters 7pm Cottage Library	24	25 Habitat Trip Meeting 6pm Cottage Music Room CUUPS 7pm Sanctuary	26	27 Interweave 6pm Cottage
28	29	30	01 Guitar Circle 7pm RE Wisdom Room	02	03	04

Do you have a big event coming up? Aside from announcing it in the E-Newsletter and the Sunday Times, you may also announce it on UUI's web site at <http://uui.org/events.html>. If you would like your event to appear on this page, send a brief description, no more than one paragraph, to office@uui.org. Updates take place on Mondays.

If you have an event where people are to RSVP to the office, please notify Vanessa Fry in advance at office@uui.org.

Small Groups

Board Games group will not meet in June or July. Contact Wendy Dougherty at Wdougherty@indy.rr.com.

BULBS (Birthday Unitarian Lunch Bunch) meets 1st Mondays. Pat Lawler, 329-2779 or patricialawler2@comcast.net.

Credo Forum meets 1st Sundays at 9:15 am in the Cottage Library to discuss topics related to Unitarian Universalism. For information and articles about this month's topic please visit <http://uuicredo.blogspot.com>.

CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagans) meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 pm in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall. Contact Colleen Kelly, wooglet@gmail.com or Robin Chestek, 280-1354.

UII Drum Circle meets shortly after noon on June 21 in the Sanctuary. Drum one, drum all—no experience necessary. Contact Robin Chestek, kchestek@earthlink.net or Sandra Gruber, sgruber@mw.net.

UII Knitting Group Meets 2nd Saturdays at 10 am and 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Cottage Library. Contact Judy Archer, 253-9770 or jisarcher@aol.com.

UII Photo Club meets 2nd Mondays at 7 pm in the Cottage Library. Contact Wendy Dougherty for the next topic. Wdougherty@indy.rr.com.

UII Women are invited to meet for dinner on Wednesday, July 1 at 6 pm at Nasisa Restaurant on Virginia Ave. in Fountain Square. Contact Susan Beauchamp, 634-2448 or beauartnow@yahoo.com.

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