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**Sunday, November 8: “People Make the Place”** *Rev. Barbara Child*

I was honored to be asked to lead a workshop this afternoon as part of the Spirit & Place Festival on what makes a place spiritual. Of course, I went straight back to Elie Wiesel’s statement that “sanctuary is a person” and that “we are each other’s shelter.” I remember how moved I was when I first heard the Indianapolis Women’s Chorus translate Wiesel’s statement into song, singing: “Love, prepare me to be a sanctuary.” There is much to think upon as we reflect on what makes a place spiritual or sacred. The question isn’t only about what the place does for us; it is also about what we might do for the places where we choose to be, or where we find ourselves quite aside from our own choosing. *Special music: Robin Riebsomer will be singing her song Godly Questions.*

**Sunday, November 15: “My Stroke of Insight”** *Tom Robertson*

Neurological researcher Jill Bolte Taylor’s book "My Stroke of Insight" chronicles the author’s recovery from a stroke at the age of 38 and how an unexpected crisis can create space for positive change. Tom Robertson discusses his own recovery from a stroke this summer, comparing his own journey with Dr. Bolte Taylor’s, and the lessons he has learned from his recovery process. (FYI, Dr. Bolte Taylor also tells her story at the Spirit & Place Festival the night before with singer Carrie Newcomer in a session titled “Transformative Stories,” 7-8:30pm at the Madame Walker Theatre.) *Special music: UUI’s instrumental improv ensemble Thin Air and vocal improv ensemble will provide the music*

**Sunday, November 22: “Changing the World – One Circle at a Time”** *Rev. Barbara Child*

You have heard Margaret Mead’s famous response to the cynical question whether a small group of people could ever do anything significant enough to change the world. “Indeed it’s the only thing,” she said, “that ever has.” At UUI over the past few months several small groups of people have been hard at work creating a new Chalice Circle program, that is, a small group program that will burst into flower in January. This morning’s service will show you just how much these small groups can do for the world – and for you. *Special music: The UUI choir will sing What A Wonderful World by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele*

**Sunday, November 29: “A Radical Faith”** *Rev. Barbara Child*

I have three stories to tell this morning – a Hindu tale about an ashram cat, a tale from the Islamic Sufi mystics about a garden full of weeds, and an entirely true story about a famous scholar and monk who was vilified by his own church but said he was healed in the company of Unitarian Universalists. What might be the healing power of our radical faith?



**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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*The UU Eye informs and sustains UII'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*

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## *In the Meantime*

*Rev. Barbara Child, Interim Minister*

I invite you and your family to join me for Thanksgiving Dinner at church – on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, at 1:00p.m. For years I have invited congregations to join me at church for Thanksgiving dinner, and last year, sadly, this happy personal tradition of mine got away from me. This year I reclaim it!

I hope you noticed that I made a point of inviting you and your family. This is not a dinner just for people – like me – who don't have family to share the holiday. If you have been thinking of inviting family to visit from out of town, I hope you will go ahead and invite them and bring the whole tribe. I will get the turkeys, and I will count on others to bring the rest of the meal. Look for a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center table, and please do sign up. It will help enormously to know how many people to expect. And since it's a pitch-in dinner, it will help you to see what others have already said they will bring.

I know that in some past years you have had a Thanksgiving dinner at church – not on Thanksgiving Day, I believe – that you accompanied with a Seder ritual. Well, I plan to have a Seder in the spring, at Passover time. A number of Unitarian Universalists over the years have written Haggadahs. (The Haggadah is the very detailed order of service. Well, it's really a script.) I know that people have sometimes raised questions about what is or is not appropriate use of a tradition not their own. I have had rich conversations with people about these questions. Here are two truths that matter to me. The first is that whether we grew up in ethnically Jewish households or not, the Exodus story in the Hebrew Bible is certainly part of our religious history. And the second truth is that the Exodus story – a story about what it means to be released from enslavement – contains powerful messages for all of us if we will attend to them.

It is important to me not to conflate giving thanks with getting free. Thanksgiving and Passover are each too complex and filled with meaning to cheat ourselves out of the fullness of each of them. So let's share Thanksgiving dinner in November and a Passover Seder Sunday evening, March 28, the evening before Passover begins. This way, anyone who will be attending a family Seder will be able to attend both. You could go ahead and mark it in your calendar now.

And with Thanksgiving, let this winter season of holidays begin!

*Barbara*



## *Relating*

*Reverend Eva Českava, Interim Religious Educator*

The chilly winds of changing seasons are upon us. Those beautiful colors that gave our Indiana world a special glow last week have succumbed to the cold rains and now lie soggy and faded at our feet. It seems to me sometimes that just as I'm getting used to one change, like moving from the west coast to the Midwest, another change jostles my life, like having to find those wool sweaters I haven't seen in a very long time. But for the most part, we humans do pretty well with change.

It's *being* changed that is the real challenge, to us individually and to our systems of relationship.

Last week I attended the Liberal Religious Educator's Fall Conference in Providence, RI, with keynote speakers Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke of the Alban Institute, a student of Edwin Friedman and leading presenter on family and church systems; and Rev. Dr. Thandeka, our own research scholar and professor at Meadville Lombard Theological School (UU). It was a full three days of learning, music, conversations and valuable connections with colleagues. With the theme "A Time to Exhale: Breathing Transformation into the Challenges and Opportunities of Unitarian Universalist Leadership," we explored the tasks of leading congregations in anxious times.

With so much information and new ideas and insights, it was hard to take notes fast enough. Yet the piece that I consider critical to the weekend was how important it is for us to stay connected: connected to ourselves, aware of our own emotions and which ones we choose to respond to; and connected to others, staying in relationship even when anger and anxiety are rife.

As a congregation with "in between" leadership in your three professional positions, UUI is changing. The individual members are changing, too, and that can produce anxiety. I am changing by being part of this congregation. So staying connected, with ourselves as individuals, being aware of our bodies and what they are telling us; and connected with each other, listening with all our senses, being present, remaining in conversation is essential. The key to change, said our leaders, is hope. Although humans prefer the status quo, stasis, to happiness, hope can lead us all to productive changes and closer to our goals of a beloved community.

## *Religious Education*



## *Creative Arts*

### *Elevator Speeches*

The senior high youth advisors are collecting personal "UU elevator speeches" from UII members. Your short concise statement of your personal UU faith and religious viewpoint will be transcribed to a 3"x5" index card and utilized in an RE setting with the senior high youth. Please indicate if your statement should be labeled "anonymous" or if you would want your name attributed to it. Send your written version of your personal elevator speech to Peter Langowski at [mandplango@gmail.com](mailto:mandplango@gmail.com).

### *Thriving Through the Holidays*

The Adult Religious Education Committee is offering a special workshop on Saturday, December 5 from 10am to 1pm. This will be a time for sharing memories of what has helped you thrive during the holiday season. Bring cookies to exchange and tips for helping each other through this season, and bring something for the food pantry. The workshop will be led by Meredith Eastwood and Susan Weickum. We'll bring tea.

### *Upcoming ARE Classes*

**Jan:** Engaging our Theological Diversity

**Mar:** Welcoming Congregation Revisited

**Apr:** Tent of Abraham, Stories of Hope & Peace for Jews, Christians and Muslims

**May:** Understanding the Bible

### *Choir Rehearsals*

The UII Choir will be rehearsing for it's 11/22 performance and 12/6 Music Sunday performance at its next rehearsals. They are Nov 11, 18, and Dec 2 from 7:30 - 9pm in the choir room and Dec 5 (Saturday morning) at 9 AM in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcomed! Questions: contact Dianna Davis, [Dianna.Davis@gmail.com](mailto:Dianna.Davis@gmail.com) or 259-7443.

### *Winter Solstice Celebration*

Indianapolis' only public Winter Solstice Celebration is searching for choir members. This family-friendly event--a deeply moving and non-denominational ritual that weaves song and story together--will be held on Saturday, December 19 at UII. Choir members will learn chants/rounds, sing-along's and simple part songs. Singers of all skills levels are welcome. Youth participation is encouraged.

You don't have to attend all rehearsals, but many would be nice. :) The dress rehearsal is mandatory. The rehearsal/performance are:  
Sunday, November 22, 2:30-4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 6, 2:30-4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Sunday, December 13, 2:30-4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 18, 7 pm (required dress rehearsal)**

**Saturday, December 19, 7 pm - Winter Solstice Celebration**

If you plan to participate or have questions, please contact Pam Blevins Hinkle at [pbhinkle@gmail.com](mailto:pbhinkle@gmail.com). Hope to see you!



### *Sunday Flowers*

#### **A Message of Thanks and an Invitation**

Sunday after Sunday, for as long as I have been here and I'm sure much longer, beautiful flowers have appeared on the pedestal in front of the pulpit, thanks usually to Carlyn Johnson and sometimes to Camille Trolson. Without fanfare, Carlyn and Camille have brought those flowers in, and it is high time they receive a proper thank you. Drum roll, please. Thank you, Carlyn and Camille, thank you!

Carlyn, Camille, and I agree that it would be good to give others an opportunity to bring flowers too. It is a common practice in churches for people to bring the flowers on a given Sunday in memory of someone dear or in honor of a birthday, an anniversary, or some other special event. And then it is noted in the Sunday bulletin to let everyone know who has brought the flowers and what they commemorate.

We invite you to choose a Sunday that is special for you to bring flowers, starting with the first Sunday in December. Please call Vanessa Fry in the church office at 283-4760 or email her at [office@uui.org](mailto:office@uui.org) to let her know the date you choose and whom you will be honoring or remembering so that she can put the information in the bulletin that Sunday.

*Barbara Child*

### *.Chalice Circles Are Coming!*

“Most of us come to church looking for real connections – the kind that take root and grow and mature into relationships that bring people together and help them feel known. In a time when many of us rarely see the same doctor twice and spend more time talking to machines than to living persons, we are longing to be known, a process that often takes time and effort.” So wrote Rev. Marni Harmony when she began to describe what a small group program can do for the benefit of the individuals who participate and the church community as a whole.

UUI had a small group program for a time. Over the past several months some who took part in those groups have met in consultation with me, with a view towards launching a new small group program here. Plans and preparations have accelerated in recent weeks, and it's a real joy to announce that new Chalice Circles will begin meeting in January, and each group will have trained co-facilitators.

You will hear more about the Chalice Circles at the Sunday service on November 22, and starting that day, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a Chalice Circle. I hope you will choose to participate. You will be doing yourself a favor – and the UUI community as well.

*Barbara Child*



## Congregational Life



### *Huusier Paluuzza, a G3 project*

Central Indiana UU congregations are collaborating to organize a Huusier Paluuzza in September 2010. The project, birthed at the Greater Good Gathering (G3) of Central Indiana UUs last June, will celebrate the creative spirit of Unitarian Universalism and make visible the uncommon denomination. This afternoon/evening extravaganza will explore the sensory dimensions of our faith with activities for families with children of all ages, a youth-led worship service, a rock band, a potluck meal, and an evening full of guest preachers, good humor, and plenty of congregational singing led by a rousing mass choir.

Join us on Monday, November 30 at 7 p.m. (Cottage Music Room) to share your ideas. The ever-expanding planning team currently includes Ann Bracket (All Souls), Barry and Sally Childs-Helton (UUI), Becky Elliot (Heartland UU), Eric and Pam Hinkle (UUI), Brian Kemp (UUI), Rev. Amy Kindred (Terre Haute UU), Ann Miller (UUI), Stephanie and Tom Robertson (UUI), and Steve Viehwig (Oaklandon UU). For more info, contact Pam Hinkle at [pbhinkle@gmail.com](mailto:pbhinkle@gmail.com).



### *UUI and Spirit & Place Festival*

UUI is pleased to be part of three events during the 2009 Spirit & Place Festival, which celebrates the theme "Inspiring Places"

- Rev. Barbara Child is the featured speaker in "People Make the Place," sponsored by PFLAG on November 8
- UUI is collaborating with Oaklandon Community Theatre to present the play, "The Beams are Creaking," on November 8, 13 and 14,
- UUI is one of 8 organizations presenting "Bill McKibben: Pursuing Prosperity and Local Sustainability" on November 9.

Visit [www.spiritandplace.org](http://www.spiritandplace.org) for details.

### *Welcome to our October Visitors*

#### **October 4:**

Valerie & Richard Meyer

#### **October 11:**

Cara & Kailani Cephus

Janet Chartres

Gretchen Fisher

Tom & Rita Sizemore

#### **October 18:**

Jenny, Ryan, & Henry Hammer

Tom Payne

#### **October 25:**

Becky Hoort

Ron & Betty Jordan

B.J. Pennington

Sandra Squire & Sean Willey



### *UUI Participation in Scrip Program*

If you could get your local supermarket to donate 5% of your weekly grocery purchases to UUI, would you do it? Would you like Starbucks to contribute 7% of your coffee purchases to UUI? How about 4% or 5% of your next purchase at the hardware store? Nine per cent at the bookstore? Nine to 11% at any of a number of local restaurants?

The UUI Finance Committee has been looking at creative ways to raise money from persons other than our own members. One great way to do this is to participate, as a church, in a program known as “scrip” payments. “Scrip” is essentially “substitute money.” Vendors agree to sell “scrip” to charitable organizations at discounts ranging from four to 11 percent (or more in a few cases). Those organizations then re-sell the scrip to their members at face value, and the members can then exchange the scrip dollar-for-dollar for groceries, coffee, dinner, or whatever the vendor sells.

For example, several area supermarkets (including Marsh and Whole Foods) offer 5% discounts. UUI would purchase scrip with a face value of \$1,000 for \$950. It would then sell the scrip to UUI members for \$1,000, and members could then “spend” the scrip at the store at face value. UUI keeps the \$50 “profit” on the sale to help balance our budget; but you pay the same amount for the same groceries you would normally buy anyway. (We know of churches that have made more than \$10,000 annually using this program.)

The Board of Trustees has authorized the Finance Committee to begin buying and selling scrip in order to help plug the large hole in the adopted church budget. In order to do this, we need to determine which vendors to begin with. Please help us out by taking a very short online survey, which you can find at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/UUIScripSurvey>

At that website, you will find a list of vendors who participate in scrip programs. Please estimate how much you spend in an average month at the stores and restaurants listed; this information will help us determine which stores and restaurants to approach first.

We will also need a group of people to help purchase and re-sell the scrip at church. We envision a table set up every Sunday in the Social Hall, staffed by a rotating set of volunteers, who will sell the scrip that we have available (and perhaps take requests from members to go buy scrip at other stores). The more people who volunteer to staff this table, the less frequently each one will have to do so. There is a spot on the online survey where you can volunteer to staff the table.

You’ve got to buy groceries anyway. Why not help the church out by having stores donate 5% of the purchase price? Please take our survey and help us get this program running!

*UUI Finance Committee*



***Wanted : Habitat for Humanity Rummage Sale Coordinators***

For the past six years it has been my privilege to run the rummage sale benefiting our Senior High Youth trips to Michigan and Tennessee to build Habitat homes. This is an event close to my heart and always will be, however it is time for me to let go. Each of my girls, Madeline and Samantha, had attended the trip for four years. Wonderful experiences they will never forget. Now they are grown and off to work and college, I no longer need to be the Rummage mom, someone else should step up. It has been suggested we have a committee of three to run this event, I agree. If you are interested in this energetic and extremely rewarding event please contact me at your earliest convenience. Kathy Oguss 317-255-8619, [kdoguss@att.net](mailto:kdoguss@att.net).

***Anniversary Party***

The UUI 30th Anniversary Party "Celebrating our Pearls of Wisdom" was a great time. More than 110 people were in attendance and through donations alone, we covered the costs of the entire evening and made a \$300 donation to the UUI Endowment Fund. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it a special evening. Jay Harvey's winning poem from the poetry contest is printed on the last page of this issue.

***Website Enhancements***

Thanks to all who submitted suggestions for revamping the UUI website. On Saturday, November 21 at 10 a.m. (Cottage Music Room), the Communications Committee will review upcoming plans. Everyone is welcome. If you are unable to attend, but would like to see the plans, email committee chair Pam Blevins Hinkle at [pbhinkle@gmail.com](mailto:pbhinkle@gmail.com).

***Present and Upcoming All-Church Displays***

The Fine Arts Committee has displayed "Inspiring Places" to correlate with the citywide Spirit and Place theme. Participating are Lynne Arrowsmith, Ken Chestek, Sally Childs-Helton, Wendy Dougherty, Dave Ellis, Susan C. Ham, Gail Henrie, Lowell and Lucy McCoskey, Alsie and Joe Nesbit, Judy Pleiss, Stephanie Robertson, Charlotte Schrock, Ellie Siskind, and Karl Zemlin. This exhibit will be up through Sunday, November 29.

In February there will be another all-church display: "Children through Adult Eyes". All media and techniques are acceptable.

The Arty Bash will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010. Please put this on your calendar. The Arty Bash artwork will be taken in on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, 2010.

## *Community Action*

The UUI Social Justice Committee meets each first Sunday of the month at noon in the Cottage Library and be sure to check out our blog at <http://uuisocialjustice.blogspot.com/>

### *Opportunities to Give*

#### **Donations**

On October 18, the Buckman Bridge UU Society's call for UUI to "Stand Up -- Take Action" resulted in donations of 456 items for the Martin Luther King center! The food drive is part of a youth group campaign to raise awareness about the Millennium Development Goals, which this country and about 200 others have signed onto. The aim is to eliminate extreme poverty in the world by 2015.

This is WONDERFUL, but don't stop there! Beginning Sunday, November 1, there will be collection boxes in the social hall each week to collect your donations for:

- Underneath it All, We're all the Same children's underwear drive;
- personal care items and paper products for women and children at Coburn Place [www.coburnplace.org/](http://www.coburnplace.org/)
- and don't forget to bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items to donate to the Martin Luther King Center!

#### **It's Time to Welcome a Guest at Your Table!**

On Sunday, November 22, we'll begin our annual Guest at Your Table program. Everyone will receive a Guest at Your Table collection box and a copy of Stories of Hope, written to teach children, youth, and adults how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee helps to change our world for the better. The stories introduce you to human-rights champions, like Jacinta, a tailor and single mother of two in Kenya who is empowering other informal workers and street vendors to stand up for their rights.

When we share our blessings with our guests, we ensure that UUSC and people like Jacinta can continue their important work.

## *Community Action*

### *Opportunities to Serve*

#### **Vacation Peace Camp**

We have a very exciting new project in the works! Plans for Vacation Peace Camp for June 14 through 18, 2010 are under way! Our mission is to educate children in ways to embrace peace in their daily lives using the UU principles, while providing a safe, activity-based, fun week. Volunteers are critical to the success of this very worthwhile project so please contact Susanne Hinson-Rieger at [susannehinson@gmail.com](mailto:susannehinson@gmail.com) or 317-418-1679 if you can help and consider saying “yes!” if someone from our committee contacts you in the near future.

#### **Second Saturdays**

Second Saturdays are a low-pressure, show-up-on-the-spur-of-the-moment opportunity to spend a couple of hours one Saturday a month doing social justice work in Indianapolis. We meet in the Wisdom Room in the Religious Education Building at 10:30 a.m. for donuts and to choose a volunteer task to work on. Questions or ideas for volunteer opportunities? Contact Hinson-Rieger at [susannehinson@gmail.com](mailto:susannehinson@gmail.com) or 317-418-1679 . The next Second Saturday date is November 14.

## *Ministerial Search*

The Ministerial Search Committee has completed the first major task on the trail to calling a minister to UUI! We have thoughtfully completed the Congregational Record (CR) and submitted it to the Transitions Office of UUA. The Congregational Record describes the nature of our congregation and the qualities we desire in a minister. The information to complete it was obtained from the survey, the forums, and small group meetings. Ministers who are in search of congregations to serve will read the CR. They are also preparing their own Ministerial Records that will be available for us to review after we complete our Informational Packet. Over the next few weeks we will be completing the Informational Packet that will present our congregation in story and pictures.

Copies of the CR will be placed in the library and on the Search Committee bulletin board in the social hall. A copy of the CR can also be requested by contacting the Search Committee at [uuisearch2010@gmail.com](mailto:uuisearch2010@gmail.com). Results from the congregational survey will also be available soon. Please contact us if you have any questions about the search process.

## *Community Action*

### *Walbicus Results Announced*

UUI was one of seven Indianapolis-area congregations that participated in the first WALBICUS on Sept. 25-27, and nearly 130 people walked, biked, carpooled or took the bus to attend church services that weekend. Northminster Presbyterian Church had the highest participation rate, with 16 percent of its congregation finding an alternative way to attend worship services. They will receive a bike rack donated by Health by Design.

In addition to UUI, with 13% participating, the other churches in the first WALBICUS weekend included Bethlehem Lutheran (15%), Epworth United Methodist (8%), All Souls Unitarian (6%), Trinity Episcopal (unknown %), St. Luke's United Methodist (0%), and Second Presbyterian (unknown %). WALBICUS was sponsored by Indianapolis Green Congregations, an interfaith group .

### *"350" Banner at UUI*

What is 350 and why is it on a banner At UUI? Quite simply, 350 is the number of parts per million of CO<sub>2</sub> that scientists have identified as the safe upper limit for CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere. We are currently at 390 ppm. UUI and a number of other churches and green-minded organizations are finding many creative ways to bring this number to the attention of Indianapolis area residents. So, please remember the number 350...and do what you can to reduce your carbon footprint—turn down the thermostat, turn the lights off, reduce driving and idling your engine, plant trees. Check out [www.350.org/](http://www.350.org/) for more information.

### *Shepherd's Center Fundraiser*

A Jazz brunch & Auction fundraiser will be held for the Mid-North Shepherd's Center, an organization which the UUI Beacon Fund has supported for the past few years. The fundraiser will take place at North United Methodist Church (38th & Meridian) on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. It will feature the Carol Hines band & Brenda Williams. For more information contact Molly Hicks at 353-8885.

### *Starfish Initiative*

Do you have time, an ear to lend and extra love to share? The Starfish Initiative is a mentoring program for High School Freshman through their High School years with one intention, encourage them to finish school and go on to college. You will serve as a role model and friend, plan and participate in events together, even just a walk in the park or visit a college campus together, monitor progress and encourage a college education. Can you help? For more information call me, Kathy Oguss 317/255-8619 or contact Starfish Initiative directly, 317/955-7912 or [www.starfishinitiative.org](http://www.starfishinitiative.org)

## *Community Action*

### *Recycling Update*

Recycling in Indianapolis has expanded -- and now includes all forms of cardboard, cereal boxes, corrugated, etc. and ALL plastics with a triangle and a number 1 thru 7 in the triangle. But, if you live in northwest Indy and are accustomed to delivering your items to the bins that formerly were at the parking lot north of Sam's, just east of route 421, those bins are now gone. However, there is another company that collects recyclables and they have bins just north of the 86th St./Zionsville Rd. intersection, on the east side of the street. Also, Broad Ripple Park's bins are more difficult to get to now. To get to their bins, go to Keystone and turn into 65th Street, and when you get to Evanston, go south and you'll find the bins. If you cannot find a place to recycle near you, please email Jeannette Rowe at [jrowe@iupui.edu](mailto:jrowe@iupui.edu) for directions.

### *Phone Book Recycling Made Easy*

With delivery of the new Indianapolis AT&T Real Yellow page directory scheduled to continue through Dec. 15, it's time to think about recycling old phone books. Now, AT&T, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, and Republic Waste Service and Recycling of Indiana have joined to provide seven recycling locations:

- Broad Ripple Park, 450 Broad Ripple Ave
- Circle City Recycling, 3617 Southeastern Ave.
- Langsdale Recycling, 832 Langsdale Ave.
- Perry Park, 415 E. Stop 11
- Product Development Corp. warehouse, 3000 S. Shelby St.
- Republic Services 96th St. Transfer Station, 4934 Robinson Road
- Sahm Park, 6801 E. 91st.

If your curbside recycler pickup is Republic, you may put phone books in your bins for pickup.

In addition, you can help four schools earn money by dropping off your phone books there between October 29 - December 7. Each school gets \$50 per ton and the top collector will get an additional \$250. The schools are: Greenbriar Elementary School, 8201 Ditch Road; Cold Spring Academy, 3650 Cold Spring Road; Craig Middle School, 6501 Sunnyside Road; and Southport High School, 971 E. Banta Road.

## *Small Groups*

The **UUI Board Games** Group will no longer be meeting on the first Sundays of the month.

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

As the holiday season is upon us the **Credo Forum** will discuss belief in angels. Join us on Sunday December 6 at 9:15 am in the Cottage Library. Contact Lowell McCoskey ([Monontrailbiker@aol.com](mailto:Monontrailbiker@aol.com)) for more information.

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

The **UU Downtown Lunch** group meets at 11:30 on the second Wednesday of each month. This group of UUs meets at the Sky City Café at the Eiteljorg Museum to enjoy lunch and conversation. If you would like an email reminder drop a note to Eric Hinkle at [ehinkle@eiteljorg.com](mailto:ehinkle@eiteljorg.com).

**UUI Drum Circle** meets at noon on Sunday November 22 in the Sanctuary. Drum one, drum all—no experience necessary. Contact Sandra Gruber, [sgruber@mw.net](mailto:sgruber@mw.net), or Robin Chestek, [kchestek@earthlink.net](mailto:kchestek@earthlink.net)

The next meeting of **UUI Knitters** on Saturday, November 14, will be a field trip to Sheep Street in Morgantown, IN. Check it out at [www.sheepstreet.com](http://www.sheepstreet.com). We will meet in the UUI parking lot at 10:00 am and car-pool/caravan as we have on previous field trips. For more information, contact Judy Archer, 317-253-9770, [jisarcher@aol.com](mailto:jisarcher@aol.com).

Contact Bob Kirk, [rkirk1937@aol.com](mailto:rkirk1937@aol.com), for information about the next meeting of the **UUI Men's Breakfast Group** .

The **UUI Photo Club** meets 2nd Mondays at 7 P.M. in the Cottage Library. The topic for November is Blatantly Industrial/Construction Sites and/or Store Windows, to be interpreted any way you wish. Contact Wendy Dougherty, at [Wdougherty@indy.rr.com](mailto:Wdougherty@indy.rr.com) to be included on the e-mail notification list and to receive the photo file to be changed in some way.

The **Women's Spirituality Writing Group** meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Cottage Library. For more information contact Sylvia Reichel at [reichelronald@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reichelronald@sbcglobal.net).

The **Women of UUI** are meeting for dinner on Wednesday, November 4 at 6 pm at the Havana Cafe at 3839 Moller Rd. No program, just conversation and food. For more information, contact Susan Beauchamp at 634-2448 or [beauartnow@yahoo.com](mailto:beauartnow@yahoo.com).

## *Happenings in November & December*

SUN 08	MON 09	TUE 10	WED 11	THU 12	FRI 13	SAT 14
Getting to Know UU & UII Cottage, 12:30pm	Photo Club Cottage, 7pm	UII Board Meeting Cottage, 7pm	Choir Rehearsal Music Rm, 7pm	Adult RE Cottage, 7pm  CUUPS Sanctuary, 7pm		UII Knitters Cottage, 10am  TDOR Sanctuary, 6pm <i>see note below</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Women's Spirituality Writing Group Cottage, 7pm	Choir Rehearsal Music Rm, 7pm  Guitar Circle Wisdom Rm, 7pm	Adult RE Cottage, 7pm		UII Website Plan Review Cottage, 10am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Drumming Circle, 12pm  Leaf Raking & Chili Party after church		UII Knitters Cottage, 7pm	Choir Rehearsal Music Rm, 7pm	Thanksgiving Feast, Sanctuary, 1pm		Indy Folk Series Sanctuary, 7pm
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Getting to Know UU & UII Cottage, 12:30pm	Huusier Paluza Planning Meeting Cottage, 7pm		Choir Rehearsal Music Rm, 7pm  Guitar Circle Wisdom Rm, 7pm	Adult RE Cottage, 7pm		Choir Rehearsal Music Rm, 9am

The UII Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Presented by INTRAA (Indiana Transgender Rights Advocacy Alliance), this event is held to raise awareness of the consequences of intolerance and fear directed toward people who may live outside "traditional" gender stereotypes. This year's program will include a live performance of "TransActions" (performance followed by a moderated discussion with audience); a memorial vigil; and other program items followed by light refreshments and an opportunity for fellowship. Contact [tdor@intraa.org](mailto:tdor@intraa.org) to volunteer or find out more.

*Winning Poem from Anniversary Party*

**Homily from the Heavens**

**By Jay Harvey**

Oh, the retrospective mood strikes hard  
When anniversaries arise.  
Shuffle deck, turn over the top card  
To see how fate might warp or curve us:  
    It's a time of pride and praises,  
    But meeting my backward gaze is  
When the storm brought down two trees at Sunday  
service.

Appropriately, the sky was vexed  
The day the lay-led theme was nature --  
Who knew she'd punctuate the text  
With thunderclaps to make us nervous,  
    Plus savage lightning hits  
    To give the faithful fits,  
When the storm brought down two trees at Sunday  
service?

Can covenants withstand the shock  
When trees are shredded from above?  
Is creedlessness upon the block  
With no bids up? Do we deserve this:  
    Our values swiftly dwindling  
    To a theology of kindling  
As the storm brings down two trees at Sunday ser-  
vice?

Wind whipped our words and pulverized  
Notions of nature's benevolence.  
If spared impact, don't be surprised --  
Grow gratitude for where its swerve is:  
    Once nature blew the whistle  
    There was no kids' dismissal  
When the storm brought down two trees at Sunday  
service.

Years hence, I see me in decline  
As kids (the ones I don't scare) gather  
For something in the wisdom line --  
My brain whirls like a drunken dervish,  
    Slows briefly, then recalls  
    A scene that still appalls:  
"When the storm brought down two trees at Sunday  
service!"

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