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# UU Eye

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**Sunday, April 11, 2010: “Slap That Bass!”** *Dianna Davis*

Please join Dianna Davis and the musicians of UUI as they celebrate the sounds of jazz music with music and readings by musicians such as Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Hoagy Carmicheal, and George and Ira Gershwin. The UUI choir will sing, as well as a small vocal ensemble and a special jazz combo featuring Lynne Perkins Socey singing. This fun music Sunday service will be sure to get your toes tapping and make you want to get up and dance in the aisles of UUI!

**Sunday, April 18, 2010: “Saving Energy, Saving Money, Saving the Planet ”** *Gary Houdek*

Join us at this multigenerational service featuring lots of music and an inspiring account of UUI's Green Sanctuary Accomplishments and the Sustainability Committee's Vision for the next 5 Years, as well as what You Can Do to Make a Difference! Yes, We Can and You Can Too!  
*Sam Horn will play the special music this Sunday.*

**Services by UUI ministerial candidate Rev. Stephen Sinclair**

**Sunday, April 25, 2010: “Our Spiritual Journeys ”**

We are all born into this world in the same manner, but from that moment on our life paths become uniquely our own, informed not only by the families and communities in which we live, but by our bodies and the qualities with which we are born. How we make sense of all this is what constitutes our spiritual journey. *The Children's Choir will sing the special music.*

**Sunday, May 2, 2010: “Our Sisters and Brothers as Ourselves”**

Our First Principle asks us to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. In the Gospels it is said that we should love our neighbor as our self. As a Unitarian Universalist congregation how do we put those words into action? What should we be doing as people of faith to ease the suffering of those in our communities and in the world? How do we know when to act and when to let others have those experiences that they need in order to learn, grow and evolve?  
*The UUI Choir will sing the special music.*

[This issue of the UU Eye features a special section about the candidate on pages 7-10]



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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### *Eye Deadlines and Submissions*

The *Eye* welcomes your submissions about congregational life and programs. The *Eye* is published monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. Submit material by e-mail to [uueye@uui.org](mailto:uueye@uui.org). **The next deadline is 8 p.m. Friday, April 30.**

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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.*

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## *In the Meantime*

*Rev. Barbara Child, Interim Minister*

Bob Kimball, who was my faculty advisor at Starr King School for the Ministry, always said that every student either had one foot in the door or one foot out. We were either still arriving or getting ready to be gone. Bob always thought it was a good idea for us to notice when the shift from one foot in to one foot out happened. Bob Kimball's wisdom on a number of matters has remained with me. And as an interim minister, a vagabond, I have been attuned to that shift in me everywhere I have served. For a little while now, I have had one foot out the UUI door.

In my final *Eye* column next month, I will say much more about the "good goodbye" I think it is essential to have. It doesn't happen all at once in the flash of an eye. It will finish with my last Sunday in the UUI pulpit on May 30. It has begun now with bits of conversation around the edges – and with this column.

Part of it is about making sure to say thank you for the wonderful hospitality I have found here and the energetic and cooperative spirit of so many, many people who have been open to my frequent tweaking of your interdependent web and who have risen with enthusiasm and flexibility to one experiment or innovation after another.

Very specifically right now, I want to thank the people who put great effort and creativity into the UUI Seder on March 28. When I got home that night, I realized with chagrin that I had forgotten to thank them on the spot. They were a wonderful amalgam of representatives from the Worship Associates and the Transition Team – Kim Beck, Jamie Hinson-Rieger, Colleen Kelly, Robin Riebsomer, and Jenni White – along with Ellie Siskind and David Jack-oway, who provided both resources and knowledge grounded in experience, and Ken Rader who worked at the sound board so that all the readers could be heard. We had a very festive Seder, complete with several eagle-eyed children who made sure they would find the hidden afikomen the first minute they were given a chance! And thanks too to everyone who stayed afterwards to clean the kitchen and put the sanctuary chairs back in their usual places.

Now I'm thinking ahead to the one more festive occasion I will be leading here – the dedication of children at the Sunday service on Mother's Day. Rev. Eva is sending the parents' information form to all parents of children involved in the Religious Education program. If you are a member of this congregation and would like your child of any age dedicated on Mother's Day, you can also pick up a copy of the form at the Welcome Center in the Social Hall any Sunday in April. I need it to be returned to my mail box in the cottage by May 3. Look for more information about the Child Dedication elsewhere in this issue. I look forward to a special Child Dedication service on May 9.

**Barbara**



## *Relating*

*Reverend Eva Českava, Interim Religious Educator*

You can't really call it shade, but the shadows the bare branches make on a sunny day are, well, fatter. Leaf buds are swelling on the trees. In fact, I've seen a couple of trees in the neighborhood with the beginnings of blossoms. Everyone seems to be in a better frame of mind. Even seasoned Hoosiers, stoic about the gray skies and cold temperatures of winter, are smiling more broadly. The wheel of the seasons has turned us into spring at last.

Some of us are already planting our peas and planning what else we'll grow this year. Our minds also turn to vacation and plans for the summer, anticipating time for relaxation and a reduced work schedule. Yet, for those of us in the "church business," we have already begun scheduling projects and activities for the next church year. I'd like to share some of our plans.

The RE Council has created a curriculum plan for our children and youth, alternating emphasis between the Unitarian Universalist principles and the sources of our faith in a two-year cycle. The 2010-2011 church year will focus on the six sources of our tradition, including many of the world's religions. Teaching...and learning with...our young people about our neighbors is of vital importance in today's world.

A colleague shared a story on our professional chat list from the mother of a middle school boy. His social studies teacher had asked the class to write a definition of the term "Muslim," then asked the students to share their answers. This UU boy was the only one who didn't include "terrorist" in his definition, and wrote that a Muslim is a person who practices Islam and included some of the beliefs and practices. When asked where he'd learned about Islam, he told the class he'd learned it at church, had visited a mosque and met and talked with Muslims. Later in the hallway, some of the other students called him a terrorist. Friends, we have a lot of work to do.

It is very important what we do as a faith community, what we teach our young people and how. It is vital that we have caring adults traveling with them on this journey toward adulthood. I hope you will seriously consider being part of a teaching team for next year. Watch for the Curriculum Fair April 18 after the worship service!

## Religious Education

### *Share Your Adventures*

Are you a traveler willing to share your vacation stories? Have you lived in another culture and have songs and games to share with our young people? Here's your perfect opportunity to do that with UUI's children for an hour on a summer Sunday morning.

The 2010 summer program for rising kindergarteners through sixth graders is a favorite of many congregations: *UU World Travelers*. The children meet as a group and, with a "tour guide," vicariously experience travel to foreign lands. Each week they "tour" a different country, learning about the culture, religion and history through stories and pictures, ritual and spiritual practice, music and dance, arts and crafts, costumes, games and activities. With the help of volunteers, they prepare their own passports, which get stamped each Sunday with a flag sticker of the country they have "visited."

If you would like to share your experience of another culture, please sign up at the Religious Education table in the Social Hall, or contact the RE Office (317-346-5077 or [dre@uui.org](mailto:dre@uui.org)). You'll have a chance to experience your travels again through the eyes of our children.

*"Whether a family chooses to light a chalice as they share meaningful words, engage in a regular meditation practice, pray together, or walk a labyrinth, they are choosing to give their children a special gift for the future, the gift of a faith tradition ."*

*-Michelle Richards, UU Parenting Blog*

### *New UU Parenting Blog*

Just when you thought that being a Unitarian Universalist parent is something that you have to figure out all on your own, a new resource has been developed just for you! Be sure to check out the new UU Parenting Blog, with UU Religious Educator, Michelle Richards, author of *Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting*. UU World magazine is hosting this blog and the link is: <http://blogs.uuworld.org/parenting/>  
*Nancy Combs-Morgan, Heartland UU District Faith Development Director*

### *Understanding the Bible: An introduction for skeptics, seekers and religious liberals*

The Adult Religious Education committee will be offering a class based on this book written by John Buehrens, a renowned Unitarian Universalist minister, author and former President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. These sessions will cover the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) discussed in the first half of the book. Discover how to read this most important literature in a new way and why it is important for Unitarian Universalists to do so.

The class will be held in the Cottage library at 7PM each Thursday evening in May. Registration will be available after services on Sunday morning on April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost of the book is \$14 and will be available for purchase at the time of registration. For more information, contact the facilitator, Larry Miller at [boxbay@aol.com](mailto:boxbay@aol.com), 255-4084 or in church on Sunday morning.



## *Creative Arts*



### ***The Arty Bash***

Be sure to put Saturday, May 8, 2010, 6:30 PM to 9 PM on your calendar! The Fine Arts Committee and the Music Committee join to give you a wonderful opportunity to see the best of UUI's musical, dramatic, and visual arts talent as well as the most delectable and artistic sweet or savory snacks during the intermission. There will be demonstrations by artists and musicians and interviews with some of the artists and entertainers. AND it's FREE! So, do come. Bring a friend.

### ***UUI Choir***

The UUI choir will be singing on April 11th for our special music Sunday service. We will also have rehearsals for our 5/2 performance and the UU choral fest on April 21 and 28. New singers are always welcomed. If you have questions please email Dianna Davis at [Dianna.Davis@gmail.com](mailto:Dianna.Davis@gmail.com).

### ***New Heartland Choral Festival***

On Saturday and Sunday May 15-16 All Souls Unitarian Church will host the Heartland Choral Festival. We're preparing Hymnody of Earth by Malcolm Dalglish. Rehearsals begin at 10 am Saturday for our concert Sunday at 4 pm. See Dianna for a brochure, or contact Ollie Howe at [heartlandchoralfest@yahoo.com](mailto:heartlandchoralfest@yahoo.com), or 317-840-2614.

### ***All-Church April Exhibit***

Participating in "Children as Seen through Adult Eyes" all-church exhibit are Judy Archer, Lynne Arrowsmith, Susan Beauchamp, Susan Burns, Wendy Dougherty, Sandra Gruber, Susan Ham, Gail Henrie, Pat Lawler, Sharon Lipford, Lowell McCoskey, Georgie Perkins, Charlotte Schrock, and Karl Zemlin. This show will be up through Sunday, April 25 after the service.

### ***Calling All Artists***

The next all church exhibit will be the Arty Bash exhibit. Artwork for that exhibit will be taken in on Friday, April 30 (6 P.M. to 8 P.M.) and Saturday morning, May 1, from 10 until noon. The Arty Bash itself will take place on May 8. Contact Wendy Dougherty ([Wdougherty@indy.rr.com](mailto:Wdougherty@indy.rr.com)) to be e-mailed the form that should accompany each piece of art. When the work is brought in, please have your name and phone number on the back of the artwork and your name, and the title of the artwork on a Post-it on the front of the artwork. Please send all label information (your name, the title of the artwork, and the medium) to Wendy by Monday, April 26. All media are acceptable (such as photography, printmaking, painting, drawing, fiber art, ceramics, sculpture, etc.) The work should be matted or framed and ready to be hung.



## Ministerial Candidate



### *Rev. Stephen Sinclair*

On March 21, 2010 the UUI Ministerial Search Committee announced Rev. Stephen Sinclair as their unanimous choice as candidate to be the church's next settled minister. Rev. Sinclair was selected after a nine month search process which included soliciting input from the congregation, preparing a church packet, reviewing ministerial records of fifteen candidates, phone interviews with several candidates, and three pre-candidating weekends.

Rev. Sinclair received a master of divinity degree, with honors, from Meadville Lombard Theological School. He has worked as a chaplain at hospitals in Chicago and Cleveland. He served his internship at the UU Church in Rockville, Maryland. He served as interim minister at Second Unitarian in Omaha from 2008 to 2009.

When I first read Rev. Sinclair's packet I was looking for words and phrases that spoke to our congregation's needs. The phrases: high quality worship, commitment to social justice issues, shared ministry, meaningful spiritual practices, inclusive language during worship, inclusive church community, and the importance of pastoral care were among the many phrases that spoke to me. In preparing for our first conversation with Rev. Sinclair, he asked that we light a chalice before we call and he said he would also light one. In my opinion Rev. Sinclair's words and actions are indicators of the spiritual man who will be able to create and hold the sacred space our congregation needs at this time.

*Cindy Jackson, chair of the Ministerial Search Committee*

### *What's Next?*

Over the next three weeks the Ministerial Search Committee will be providing more information about Rev. Sinclair and will be manning a table after service on Sundays to answer any questions.

Rev. Sinclair will arrive at UUI on April 24th and a series of events have been scheduled for people to meet him. A schedule of the events open to the entire congregation is provided on page 9.

There will be two opportunities for you to hear Rev. Sinclair preach, on April 26 and on May 2. Descriptions of these services are provided on page 1.

**After coffee hour on May 2 there will be a congregational meeting to call Rev. Sinclair as the next minister of UUI. Please plan on attending this meeting!**



## *Ministerial Candidate*



### **Greetings to you, the members, friends, youth, children & staff of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis!**

I was delighted to accept your ministerial search committee's offer to candidate with you at the end of April. I will be leading two Sunday worship services as well as joining you for social gatherings and meetings during the week. It will be an opportunity for us to start to get to know one another and will be part of the process leading up to the congregational meeting in which a vote will be taken to extend a call to settled ministry. Please introduce yourselves and feel free to ask me questions about myself and ministry or to tell me about your hopes and dreams for your congregation.

This year there were over fifty congregations in search for a settled minister and all of them posted their records online with the UUA Transitions Office so that we ministers could read through them. I read them all. One of the things that attracted me to UUI's record was how it so clearly articulated what you felt you needed and wanted in a minister. This showed me that you had spent time and energy in assessing who you are as a congregation and then discerning what characteristics and qualities would be desired in a minister. Your identity as a faith community, your mission and vision complement my own ideas of what we as Unitarian Universalists are called to do in the world and within our communities. I feel that I have many of the skills and qualities that are needed by your congregation. As your pastor I would engage with you in shared ministry, utilizing all of my background as a minister and chaplain, my education, my training, my life experience and, most of all, who I am, so that we can walk together and make a reality of our hopes and dreams.

This all sounds very serious, so let's not forget that we are here on this earth to not only help make it a better place by working for social justice; being good caretakers of the planet and all of its inhabitants; to deepen our own understanding of who we are, where we came from and what is the purpose of life, but also to have fun and be joyful!

I am excitedly anticipating my time with you in the wonderful city of Indianapolis.

Peace be with you,  
the Reverend Stephen Sinclair



## Ministerial Candidate



Compassion is what comes to mind when I think of Rev. Sinclair. When asked about his pastoral work at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, he said that the children were often so ill that it was the families he worked with. Because he is able to accept things the way they are, he helped them accept the reality of their situation, even though sometimes it required of them the courage to let go. A few weeks ago, Lynne Socey shared in a worship service the statement that acting is the profession of compassion. Rev. Sinclair viewed his career in the performance arts as ministry; I believe he has been a minister all his life. He will be a caring and healing presence at UUI. -- *Barb Hosein*

One weekend may not seem like enough time to get to know someone. However, from the casual Friday evening meal during the Super Bowl weekend snow-storm, to the drive back from Muncie on Sunday afternoon, I feel like I was able to get to know Rev. Sinclair well enough to see the potential he brings to UUI. During our extended interview, I was impressed by his ability to gather his thoughts and concisely convey them to the entire search committee. I also saw his ability to enjoy life during our time duck-pin bowling as well as during our meals together. For all these reasons, I am excited for everyone to meet and see the life that Rev. Sinclair will bring to UUI. -- *Matt Bassett*

### *Candidating Week*

Several events have been scheduled for everyone in the congregation to meet and talk with Rev. Sinclair. Two social events will be held on each of the Saturday evenings. The Sunday Town Hall meeting will offer an opportunity to ask questions of Rev. Sinclair or the Search Committee. The weeknight forums will offer discussion about specific church ministries. All events will be held in the sanctuary except for the picnic, which will be held outdoors weather permitting. Please join us for these fun and informative events.

Saturday, April 24 6:00-9:00pm  
**All Church Potluck**

Sunday, April 25 12:00-1:00pm  
**Candidate Q&A Town Hall Meeting**

Monday, April 26 7:00-9:00pm  
**Lifespan RE Forum**

Tuesday, April 27 7:00-9:00pm  
**Worship & Arts Forum**

Wednesday, April 28 7:00-9:00pm  
**Social Justice & Outreach Forum**

Thursday, April 29 7:00-9:00pm  
**Stewardship & Membership Forum**

Saturday, May 1 6:00-8:30pm  
**All Church BBQ/Picnic**



## Ministerial Candidate



Serving on a search committee is not easy. There's a lot of work, a lot of tough decisions and sometimes a little shouting. But when you can find a ministerial candidate who can bring the committee together -- whether in laughter at duckpin bowling or in deep conversation about environmentalism or worship or civil rights -- you know you've found someone special, someone who probably can bring an entire congregation together. Rev. Sinclair is a warm, kind, approachable person. He shares our UU values. He will bring joy to our congregation, and an energy to our mission. He has the people skills all congregations hope to find. He gives creative, thoughtful sermons. We have found someone who will give his whole heart to our church.

*John Russell*

How does an intentionally diverse church find a minister who is a good fit with the congregation? That is a question I have been struggling with the past few years and my time on the Search Committee has helped me formulate an answer to this question. While we may have diverse expectations for our minister, I believe these expectations are rooted in a set of common qualities that we desire our minister to possess. Our minister should be authentic, someone who tells us what he believes. Our minister should have integrity, someone we trust implicitly. Our minister should have compassion for the members of our community and for the world. Our minister should have the courage to speak truth to authority. Our minister should be able to console us when darkness enters our life, and celebrate with us during

times of joy. Rev. Sinclair has all of these qualities in abundance. I encourage you to meet him and see for yourself what the members of the Search Committee saw—a good man, a good minister, a good fit for UUI.

*David Jackoway*

My fervent wish is that every voting member of UUI would hear Rev. Stephen Sinclair preach on April 25 and/or May 2, have a conversation with him during the week, attend the congregational meeting on May 25, and vote to approve the unanimous recommendation of the search committee that UUI call Rev. Sinclair as our settled minister. If you hear him preach and have a conversation with him, I am confident you will share our enthusiasm for the future of UUI with Rev. Sinclair as our minister.

If you have reservations about voting to call Rev. Sinclair as our minister it would be much appreciated if you would share your concerns with a member of the search committee and give one of us an opportunity to tell you why we are so excited about Rev. Sinclair.

An overwhelming vote in favor of calling Rev. Sinclair would be an important vote of confidence for him to build on at UUI and it would be a much needed demonstration of unity in the congregation that we could all build on.

Personally, I wholeheartedly support the recommendation to call Rev. Sinclair and encourage you to do the same.

*Bill Marsh*



## *Creative Arts*

### ***Indy Folk Series - Kara Barnard***

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm UII will host the Indy Folk Series featuring Kara Barnard. Kara is a singer-songwriter and a nationally competing multi-instrumentalist. Already counted among the nation's finest fingerstyle guitarists, she is also currently Indiana's top-ranked female mandolinist. Her mountain dulcimer skills earned her an invitation to perform and give workshops at an international convention in Bogota, Colombia in 1997. *Tickets \$10 at the door (age 12 and under free).*

### ***Vagina Monologues a Success***

I am THRILLED to announce that we made \$4,245 with V-DAY 2010! That's over \$1,000 MORE than last year! \$3,621.00 will go to the Indiana Transgender Rights Advocacy Alliance. Approximately 300 people saw the show, laughed, cried and visited UII for perhaps the first time and hopefully not the last. On top of the myriad of reasons, we do this show for woman and girls everywhere; it's an added bonus that we get to promote UII to so many people in our community. We are the church of the open mind, caring heart and helping hands...may the greater Indianapolis community come to know and appreciate that! Thank you all for everything you did to help us in our journey. Vagina Power! Alleluia!

*Jenni White*

## *Congregational Life*

### ***Bylaws Revision***

The Governance Task Force is proposing a revision of Article III of the UII bylaws (Membership) to be voted on at the May congregational meeting. The bylaw would be changed to require, rather than just recommend, that new members follow a Path to Membership program before joining the church. The bylaw would also be changed to simplify the process for removing someone from membership either by resignation or when the member has stopped participating, pledging, and paying a pledge, and the bylaw would no longer contain the categories of Friend and Returning Visitor. Finally, the proposed revision cleans up some cumbersome language.

### ***Welcome to our Recent Visitors***

#### **February 28:**

Avery Stearman, Deb Buehler, Darren Waschow, Joan Marshall, Gary Fowler, Jason Jones

#### **March 14:**

Jason Rogers, Melissa Burgess

#### **March 21:**

Elliot Eismin, Laura Tease, Colin Nisbet, Victoria Goodspeed & David Anderson, Matt & Jenny Aricle, Andrew Goodwin, Jeremy Waterman

#### **March 28**

Andrew Baintola, James Forrest, Jordan Brown



*All Church Rummage Sale*

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Habitat For Humanity Senior High Trip To Michigan

**Heavy Pick Up Day – Saturday, April 17**

Please contact Sarah Phillips, [sarah.rose.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.rose.phillips@gmail.com) or 317/850-1415, to schedule your heavy item pick up items. Pick up hours will be determined by request and/or location.

**Donation Drop Off times at church:**

Tuesday April 20, 2010	Collect donations at church from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 21, 2010	Collect donations at church from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday April 22, 2010	Collect donations at church from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday April 23, 2010	Collect donations at church from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**All Church Preview Sale Friday April 23, 2010 6:00- 8:00 P.M.**

**Community Rummage Sale Saturday April 24, 2010 6:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

*Child Dedication on Mothers' Day*

One of the special rites of passage in Unitarian Universalist congregations is the Dedication of Children. Some parents choose to have their children dedicated soon after birth or at least while they are babies. Some choose to wait until the children are old enough to appreciate the significance of the ceremony. Sometimes parents who have recently joined the church choose to have their children dedicated even though the children are a little older because this is a way to have them introduced to the congregation.

We will have a Dedication of Children during the Sunday service on May 9. We will acknowledge each child as unique and precious. We will witness each parent's commitment. And we will announce that as a religious and spiritual community, we are here to support both child and parent as each child grows in mind and body and spirit.

I have prepared an information sheet so that I can gather in advance the information I need about all the children being dedicated. There will be copies available at the Welcome Table in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings in April. Or I will happily send the information sheet to anyone who writes to me at [minister@uui.org](mailto:minister@uui.org) to ask for it. The completed form can be returned by email attachment or by paper copy in my mail box in the Cottage. I need the forms by Monday, May 3.

I look forward to sharing this special occasion with the entire congregation, people of all ages.

*Barbara Child*



## *Congregational Life*



### ***Taking Wing Initiatives***

On March 13 many UUI members participated in the Taking Wing workshop. This produced a dozen new initiatives to engage us more deeply in strengthening ties to both congregation and community. If you are interested in participating in any of these groups please contact the specified convener.

**Maintenance Projects for Kids and Families:** youth and adults working together to learn skills and maintain the UUI campus. Ed Cook [Naggy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Naggy@sbcglobal.net) 789-0172

**Life-span Mentoring:** new members (adults and children) matched up with longer term members. Heliene Houdek 809-1003 (cell) 255-7119 (home) [Hmhoudek@yahoo.com](mailto:Hmhoudek@yahoo.com)

**Building Community One Party at a Time:** neighborhood events at UUI. Priscilla Ryder [Prisryder@gmail.com](mailto:Prisryder@gmail.com) 353-1781

**Beacon in the Neighborhood:** canvas the area to learn more about UUI neighborhood and its needs. Linda Farrell 902-8192 [Farrell.linda8@gmail.com](mailto:Farrell.linda8@gmail.com)

**Fully Funded Childcare Without Worry**  
**Convener:** Ken Koeppel 787-4376  
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**Here We Grow Again:** putting together a UUI marketing team to construct a coordinated marketing plan. Colin Murphy [Colin.murphy@familyhorizons.com](mailto:Colin.murphy@familyhorizons.com) 250-2580

**Wings of Worship:** looking at a second service with alternative forms of worship, such as Friday night, electronic music, etc. Jay Harvey [Sraccoli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Sraccoli@sbcglobal.net) 910-8841

**Creativity Workshop Series:** activities that would involve members and neighborhood such as Christmas workshop with cookie baking, crafts, music, etc. Wendy Dougherty [Wdougherty@indy.rr.com](mailto:Wdougherty@indy.rr.com) 255-7039

**Church-wide Hot and Spicy BBQ and Cookout** Mary Kinlen 869-3631  
[Mkinlen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mkinlen@sbcglobal.net)

**Church-wide dances:** for young and old (and non-dancers!) to have fun together. Tatjana Gordon [Gordon@ips.k12.in.us](mailto:Gordon@ips.k12.in.us)

**Member-to-Member Networking Services:** resources for jobs, services, etc. Nancy Cobb 291-8598  
[Nacobb9@comcast.net](mailto:Nacobb9@comcast.net)

## *Small Groups*

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

How spiritual are you? We will discuss this at the **Credo Forum** on Sunday, May 2 at 9:15 am in the Cottage Library. For more information contact Lowell McCoskey at [Monontrailbiker@aol.com](mailto:Monontrailbiker@aol.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](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. For more information contact Eric Hinkle at [ehinkle@eiteljorg.com](mailto:ehinkle@eiteljorg.com).

**UII Drum Circle** meets at noon on Sunday April 18 in the Sanctuary. Drum one, drum all—no experience necessary. Contact Robin Chestek, [kchestek@earthlink.net](mailto:kchestek@earthlink.net) or Sandra Gruber, [sgruber@mw.net](mailto: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](mailto:jisarcher@aol.com).

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

The **UII Photo Club** meets 2nd Mondays at 7 P.M. in the Cottage Library. The topic for April 12 is "Wind", 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 any way one wishes.

Contact Susan Beauchamp for information about the next meeting of the **Women of UII** at [beauartnow@yahoo.com](mailto:beauartnow@yahoo.com) or 634-2448.

The **Women's Spirituality in Writing** group meets the third Tuesday of the month in the cottage library to listen to each others' written responses to an assigned topic. There is no critiquing, just an open sharing and discussion. New members are welcome. Contact Sylvia Reichel, [reichelronald@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reichelronald@sbcglobal.net).

## *Happenings in April & May*

SUN 11	MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THU 15	FRI 16	SAT 17
	Photo Club Cottage, 7pm	UUI Board Meeting Cottage, 7pm  Habitat Mtg Social Hall 7pm	Choir Rehearsal	Adult RE Cottage Library, 7pm		Indy Folk Series Sanctuary, 7pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Drumming Circle, Sanctuary 12pm		Women's Spirituality Writing Group Cottage, 7pm	Choir Rehearsal Music Rm, 7pm  Guitar Circle Wisdom Rm, 7pm	Adult RE RE Bldg, 7pm  CUUPS Cottage, 7pm	Rummage Sale Preview Sanctuary, 6pm	Rummage Sale Sanctuary, 6am  Church Pot- luck Sanctuary, 6pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
Ministerial Candidate Service and Town Hall Sanctuary 10:30am	Lifespan RE Forum Sanctuary, 7pm	Worship & Arts Forum Sanctuary, 7pm	Soc Justice & Outreach Fo- rum Sanctuary, 7pm  Choir Rehearsal Music Rm, 7pm	Stewardship & Member- ship Forum Sanctuary, 7pm		Church BBQ/ Picnic Sanctuary, 6pm
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Ministerial Candidate Service and Congregational Meeting Sanctuary 10:30am			Choir Rehearsal Music Rm, 7pm  Guitar Circle Wisdom Rm, 7pm	Adult RE Cottage, 7pm		Arty Bash Sanctuary, 6:30pm

### *Congregational meetings*

- A Special Congregational Meeting will be held after coffee hour on May 2 to call Rev. Stephen Sinclair as the next minister of UUI.
- The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held after church on May 16. At this meeting we elect officers and trustees, committee chairs, approve the budget and bylaws revisions. We encourage everyone to attend these important meetings!

## *Circles of Life*

*If you have an important event in your life or the life of your family that you wish to share, please send a brief announcement to [uueye@uui.org](mailto:uueye@uui.org).*

Janet and Tim Pillsbury are hoping to adopt a second child and would like help in finding the right match. If you think you could assist their search please visit their website or share it with others ([www.HelpGrowOurGarden.com](http://www.HelpGrowOurGarden.com)).

Patrick Whelan Mullen is starring as the title character in "JACK", an adaptation of "Jack and the Beanstalk", at the Children's Museum, directed by Ty Stover. Although it's not a musical, there is lively bluegrass music throughout the show, including Patrick playing the guitar and singing. There are various public performance times beginning March 13 and continuing through April 18. Tickets are free with museum admission, and members can reserve tickets via phone or website. This show is suitable for all ages! (see <http://childrensmuseum.org/themuseum/lillytheater/index.htm> for all show dates and times).

William Harvey has begun teaching violin at the Afghanistan National Institute of Music. You may read about his time there on his blog [harmonybeat.blogspot.com](http://harmonybeat.blogspot.com).

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