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**Sunday, June 6, 2010: “When is it time to jump in?”** *John Russell*

Just about everyone has an opinion on big issues of the day: environmentalism, gay rights, war and peace. But some people, such as federal workers, teachers and journalists, face certain restrictions on how involved they can get. Take a stand on the wrong issue, and you could lose your job. Yet sometimes doing nothing is just as wrong. With the Pride Parade coming up next weekend, we look at the complicated issue of when to jump in, and when to stand on the sidelines. *Special music: Jeremy Sebens will sing and play guitar to Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-changin'"*

**Sunday, June 13, 2010: “Everyday Spiritual Practices”** *Jim Hermiller*

What is the difference between a routine activity and a spiritual practice? What are the benefits of having a spiritual practice? Why would we want to engage in a spiritual practice every day? At this worship service, we will seek answers to these questions and consider one example of a spiritual practice. We will also celebrate the life of this congregation with an ingathering of several new members. *Special music: Debbie Gates will sing and play guitar to “Holy Now” by Peter Mayer*

**Sunday, June 21, 2010: “The Faiths of our Fathers”** *Jamie Hinson-Rieger*

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day in its traditional sense, and also take a look at four "Founding Fathers" of Unitarian Universalism in America: Channing, Emerson, Parker, and Bal-lou. We'll look at what Unitarian Universalism has to say about parenting as expressed in UUI's own Coming of Age program, and ask what it might mean to foster a religious faith as radical as ours. What would our "Church Fathers" think of the direction we've taken their work? What will our own children build on the foundations we have laid for them? *Special music: Jeremy Sebens.*

**Sunday, June 28, 2010: “Living the Welcoming Congregation”** *Colleen Kelley*

The UUA says, “Many of our congregations voted to be recognized as Welcoming Congregations, received their poster, and then stopped—from exhaustion, from feeling the need to address other matters, or, in some cases, because they thought that they were finished with the work of being a Welcoming Congregation.” But we are not done. Join me as we “see the world” through the eyes of Jeffrey Barnes and “hear the world” through the music of Graham Brinklow. Then we will talk about going further and going deeper into the art of being “Welcoming”.



**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, July 2.**

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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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## *Greetings From New York!*

*Rev. Stephen Sinclair*

My brothers and sisters, how I miss you. It's been almost a month since we last saw one another. I will always cherish the time we spent together during candidating week and look forward to walking with you for many years down the road of destiny. It's an honor for me and for our faith to have engaged with you in the process leading up to being called to serve you as your settled minister. Hey, we did a good job, didn't we!?

After the congregational meeting Arthur and I hit the road in a rainstorm that got heavier the further east we drove. We're talking downpour. We stopped for gas somewhere in Ohio. After filling the tank at a small service station next to an empty strip mall I took Arthur for a walk around the parking lot. As I came back to the car a young man with long blond hair approached us. He was carrying a small backpack and walked very slowly, leaning forward to protect himself from the rain. As he came up to us he lifted his head. He appeared to be in his early twenties with large, bright blue eyes. He looked at me and said, "I'm homeless and need money. Can you help me?"

If you were at the worship service that Sunday you may remember that in my sermon I spoke about helping those in need and how sometimes, due to pride, we walk away from people who ask us for money because we don't want others to think we're gullible and are being "had." I don't recall ever being asked for money at a service station, especially one along the Interstate. Where did this young man come from?

I recalled what I had just said in the service about the messiah being among us and about divine beings coming to teach us and I thought to myself, "Maybe *he* is the messiah." "Maybe *he* is a divine being come to teach *me*." I was thrilled and delighted by this possibility. I reached for my wallet and took out a twenty dollar bill. His eyes got even bigger as he reached out his hand, opened it and let me place it in his palm. We stood there for a moment looking at each other. I then asked him if I could pray for him and bless him. He nodded his head and said, "Please." I placed my hand on his head and as I choked back my tears, blessed him and said a prayer. After we both said "Amen" he lifted up his face. I then realized that it was he who had blessed me.

Peace be with you!

*Pastor Stephen*



# Relating

*Reverend Eva Českava, Interim Religious Educator*

The entire congregation is grateful to so many people for its vibrant ministry with our young people. You can recognize these dedicated people by the grins on their faces each Sunday that they get to teach our young people. Please thank them when you see them. Ask them how you can be part of this group.

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## *Religious Education*

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMER 2010 SESSION**

The UUI summer session for children and youth begins Sunday, June 6, and continues through August 8. There are three programs plus TLC for infants and toddlers.

**Preschool:** *Lessons From Dr. Seuss* gives these young children the opportunity to hear familiar stories and discuss them with teachers they have known and some new faces. Activities and games are part of their morning.

**Elementary:** *UU World Travelers* take these school-aged children to eight different lands with UUI adults and families as their tour guides. They will experience a little of the culture, religion and history through stories and pictures, ritual, music and dance, arts and crafts, costumes, foods, games and activities. Bon Voyage party is June 6.

**Youth:** *The Gospel According to the Simpsons* gives our junior and senior high youth the opportunity to view and discuss a *Simpsons* animated episode, then discuss the moral, ethical and spiritual implications from a Unitarian Universalist perspective.

**Parent helpers** are needed each week in the preschool and elementary groups. Please sign up at the Religious Education table in the Social Hall.

### *Now Accepting Application*

The Religious Education Council is now accepting applications for teaching team members and other volunteer positions for the coming church year, which begins August 15. Applications are available in the Social Hall at the RE table, in the RE Office and from any RE Council member.

The focus of sessions in the coming year is the Unitarian Universalist Sources from which our tradition springs. The young people's age-appropriate experiences will include wisdom from the world's faith traditions, including Judaism and Christianity, humanist teachings and the lives of prophetic women and men.

Many adults are needed as teachers, substitutes and RE Associates. It truly does take a village to raise thoughtful UUs.

### *Congratulations Graduates*

We offer our sincere congratulations to our UUI graduates.

Graduating from high school and headed for college are Harrison Becher, Ruth Hinkle and Sam Horn.

Completing the year-long Coming of Age Program are Neil Bassett, Adrienne Beck, Emmaline Ensign, Libby Ferber, Jack Horn, Caroline Horn, Eric Langowski, Spencer Phillips, Steven Russell, Lucas Schneider, and Graham Turner.

All our good wishes for your future.

## UU Connections

### *"Don't Ask Don't Tell" Vote*

The push for a repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" will probably result in a vote in Congress soon. Many Indiana elected officials in Washington thus far have indicated a reluctance to take a stance. Please contact your Senators and Representatives.

Some things you might tell them are:

The countries that ban gays in the military are: Cuba, China, Egypt, Greece, Iran, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, South Korea, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, United States, Venezuela, and Yemen

Since "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" took effect in 1993, 13,389 have been discharged as a direct result. Otherwise, their military records were fine. Many were highly trained and highly skilled including 68 Arabic and Farsi translators. The cost of continuing this policy will result in losing more trained, experienced people, which is a cost we can ill afford. The Government Accountability Office estimated the cost to replace this personnel to be \$95.4 million for recruiting and \$95.1 million for training replacements. A Blue Ribbon Commission placed the total closer to \$363 million because of additional costs and training.

The opinion of the American public has shifted and is now far more accepting of gays and lesbians serving openly in the military, and it may now actually be a

majority. The opinion of those serving in the military has also become far more favorable. It has been demonstrated again and again that Blacks and other minorities serving as equals in the military only strengthen our overall military power. Check out the UUA's Standing on the Side of Love website at

<http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/>

### *UUA General Assembly*

If you're thinking about a place to go this summer, you still can attend all or part of GA. It will be held in Minneapolis on June 23-27, a 9-10 hour drive from Indy. There are activities, lectures, workshops and services for all ages, and just being around so many UUs is exhilarating.

You can participate from home too. Streaming video is available on the web (<http://uugrowth.com/2010/05/22/participating-in-general-assembly-via-the-web/>). There are also blogs, Tweets, and Facebook.

Some very important issues will be debated and decided this year including moving the 2012 General Assembly from Phoenix; major changes to the size of the UUA Board and how the UUA President is elected; and changing General Assembly to only once every two years with a focus only on business. There will also be opportunities to participate in forging the future of several social justice initiatives.

Don't miss out!!!



## Social Justice



UUI's Social Justice Committee provides the congregation opportunities to promote equality, justice, and compassion in the local community and the world through education, advocacy, activism and volunteerism. The committee's annual projects include participating in the Circle City Pride Parade, a giving tree during December for families in need, C.R.O.P.

Walk for Hunger (<http://home.earthlink.net/~jdunson/>), Guest at Your Table ([http://www.uusc.org/guest\\_at\\_your\\_table](http://www.uusc.org/guest_at_your_table)) and a community garden each Spring. We perform a multitude of other projects throughout the year such as letter writing campaigns, peace meditations, film screenings, and our "Second Saturday" program that offers the congregation a chance to do hands-on volunteer work for a variety of organizations each second Saturday of the month. The committee also has collection bins for various charities set up in the social hall and we proudly sponsored the production of the Vagina Monologues in 2009 and 2010.

What are we working on next? The Pride Parade on June 12, Peace Day Camp on June 14-18, Second Saturdays, film screenings and "Ethical Eating".

But what we would like to know is, what is YOUR passion? What breaks YOUR heart? Join the Social Justice Committee in the Cottage at our next meeting at noon on Sunday, June 6. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME! If you can't make it that day,

we meet on the first Sunday of each month and you're always welcome to stop by. If you're unable to attend our meetings, but would like to be involved in our efforts, please let us know! Also, if you're not sure you want to join the committee, but would like to attend a meeting to see what we're about, we would love to have you visit.

For more information or to sign up for our weekly (ish) mailing list, please contact Susanne Hinson-Rieger, Social Justice Committee Chair at either 317-418-1679 or [susannehinson@gmail.com](mailto:susannehinson@gmail.com). Also check out our blog at <http://uuisocialjustice.blogspot.com/>

### Ethical Eating and Summer Reading—Your vote counts!

"Ethical Eating" was selected to be the 2008-2012 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. (<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/ethicaleating/index.shtml>). A Congregational Study/Action Issue is an invitation for congregations to take the chosen topic and confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, and comment on it. Therefore, we would like to invite you to visit our blog at <http://uuisocialjustice.blogspot.com/> to participate in a survey to choose a book for the congregation to read on this subject. Book discussions will be scheduled in the fall.



## Social Justice



### Peace Camp

Peace Camp? I know you're wondering exactly what Peace Camp is. This is a project that came out of the G3 meeting of the local UU congregations. Depending on the faith tradition of your childhood years, you may have fond memories of Vacation Bible School. Peace Camp is VBS, only with a Unitarian Universalist twist! 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 (games, art, music, dance, cooking and more!) fun week. We're very excited about this project but we need you! If you haven't already, it's time to register your children and if you have time to volunteer, please contact me as soon as possible. We would love to have you help out for as little or as much time as you can contribute. The camp will be held on the UII campus and is for children ages Kindergarten through 6th grade. For more information, please contact Susanne Hinson-Rieger [susannehinson@gmail.com](mailto:susannehinson@gmail.com) or call 317-418-1679. Information online can be found at <http://www.summerpeacecamp.blogspot.com/>.



June 14—18, 2010  
8:00 am—4:00 pm

Children ages Kindergarten through 6th grade will learn ways to embrace peace in their daily lives using the Unitarian Universalist Principles during a fun, activity-based week!

Art  
Theater  
Dance & Music  
Cooking

Rates are \$50 for the first camper in each family & \$25 for each additional camper.

Need extended child care? We've got it! Extended hours are 7:30 am—5:30 pm and an additional \$35 per child.

Campers will bring sack lunches. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Scholarships available.

This day camp will be held on the beautiful campus of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis (615 W. 43rd Street).

For more information or for reservations, please contact Susanne Hinson-Rieger at 317-418-1679, [susannehinson@gmail.com](mailto:susannehinson@gmail.com) or visit [www.summerpeacecamp.blogspot.com](http://www.summerpeacecamp.blogspot.com)



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### Share the Plate Results

When it was proposed to donate half of every Sunday's undesignated offering to area charities, there was faith that our members, friends and visitors would not disappoint. That faith was justified.

From January 1 through the May 23 service, our members, friends and visitors put a total of \$9,560 into the Sunday offering plate. (During the same period in 2009, the offering was only \$4,579.) Therefore, as a result of your generosity, we have donated \$4,780 to local charities this year.

UII is truly the church of the helping hand! Thanks to all of our generous members, friends and visitors.

*The Finance Committee*



## Social Justice



### *Pride Parade*

I think it's so important that UUI be a beacon for liberal religion in Indianapolis. It's important to demonstrate that religion doesn't have to be synonymous with conservative Christianity. When people speak out on issues of marriage, poverty, education and other social justice issues, it really matters that those of us in liberal faith traditions stand up and make our voices heard. The upcoming Pride Parade (<http://www.indyprideinc.com/>) is the perfect opportunity to make your liberal voice heard, to demonstrate your support for UUI's commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation, and to demonstrate your support for equal rights for everyone (aka Affirming the Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person). Plus, it's an amazing experience!!

So if you have 1.5 hours on Saturday, June 12 (from 9:30 to 11:00), please come march in the Pride Parade with us! Families are welcome and encouraged to attend! We'll have a cool "walking float", fabulous rainbow sashes to wear, courtesy of the wonderful Susan Pratt and banners to carry. 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, please contact Susanne Hinson-Rieger at 418-1679 or [susannehinson@gmail.com](mailto:susannehinson@gmail.com).





## Social Justice



### *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. to choose a volunteer task to work on. If you have questions or ideas for volunteer opportunities, please let me know! So far, we've worked in a soup kitchen and a thrift store that supports victims of domestic violence. So mark your calendars—we always have great projects to work on! And while you're at it, why not go ahead and mark Second Saturday on your calendar for all the coming months? Children and non-members are very welcome! (in other words, bring a friend!). It's community building right where we live and worship, and it's good for the soul. All of that in a couple of hours once a month! (Note: in June, Second Saturday is June 12, so we'll be participating in the Pride Parade).

### *Shelter Boxes for Haiti*

The UUI Senior High Youth Group raised \$821 for ShelterBoxes for Haiti. This money was raised through a service auction. The youth volunteered to mow lawns, paint rooms, babysit, and bake cakes and our congregants bid on these services. The money will help a family in Haiti restart their lives with a ShelterBox.

### *Donation Boxes*

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

UUI continues to work against poverty and donation boxes for the following organizations are in the social hall each week:

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 (<http://www.coburnplace.org/>)

canned goods and other non-perishable food items to donate to the Martin Luther King Center (<http://www.mlk-msc.org/>)

Our new donation box is for Outreach Packets items that will be put together at a future Second Saturday to donate to Horizon House. (<http://www.horizonhouse.cc>). Horizon House will distribute the packs to our homeless neighbors on the streets of Indianapolis. Items needed are vienna sausages (any pop-top meat!), granola bars, juice boxes, crackers (individual packs), bottled water, fruit cups and pudding cups.

## *UU Connections*

### *Tennessee and Kentucky Floods Update*

UUI donated over \$400 to the relief funds for UU flood victims in Kentucky and Tennessee. It has been determined that more than 70 families who are members of the two Nashville UU churches have suffered anything from minor to total loss of their homes. The churches in Nashville have a combined membership of 480. That means 15% of their members were seriously affected. Most in Nashville did not have flood insurance because they do not live in areas ever hit by floods. They will be eligible for FEMA loans, but even at low interest, they have to be paid back.

The Bowling Green congregation building will need about \$60K in repairs which is not covered by insurance. They have 138 members.

Thus far the UUA and the Heartland District have collected \$27,500 for a need that already exceeds half a million. If you haven't helped already or can help more, please do. To donate go to [uua.kintera.org/TNKYFloodRelief](http://uua.kintera.org/TNKYFloodRelief) or to [www.heartlanduu.org](http://www.heartlanduu.org).

### *UU Service Committee Update*

Thus far UUs have donated over \$1.8 million to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) to help with relief efforts in Haiti. UUI contributed over \$1500, which was matched by the Beacon Fund to UUSC Haiti Relief.

Over half a million people have left Port Au Prince for outlying areas of Haiti, and much of the effort of UUSC has been focused on helping those moving out of the city as well as helping the areas to which they are moving. These areas were already having problems feeding their populations. Now the problems are even worse. UUSC continues to work with grass roots groups to keep administrative costs low and money for direct help as high as possible.

Thanks to all of you who have helped. It will be a long recovery for a country that was already in serious crisis.

### *UUSC Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey, July 10–17*

Join UUSC for one week that could change your whole life! The 2010 Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey — an inspiring, intergenerational experience — will take you to sites of significance in the U.S. civil-rights movement.

Participants will travel by bus from Atlanta, Ga., to the historic cities of Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Ala. There, you will meet and hear directly from some of the courageous people who worked to desegregate schools, register new voters, and bring an end to racial discrimination in the United States.

For more information or to download a flyer or application, please visit our website at [www.uusc.org/content/freedom-summer-civil-rights-journey-2010](http://www.uusc.org/content/freedom-summer-civil-rights-journey-2010)



## *Congregational Life*



### **For the times they are a-changin’**

On Monday May 17 several of us met in the Cottage to launch a new way of approaching maintenance and care of the UUI buildings and grounds using the concept of dividing what was once done by a few people into teams. This is the culmination of months of work by the Facilities Task Force who prepared Charters and checklists for each of these seven new teams. Leaders were selected from the more than 30 volunteers and team members were selected based on skills and inclinations. There are several members at large and members with special knowledge and skills that will be called upon by the leaders as needed.

**Exterior Care and Maintenance** Leader – Matt Bassett, 251-0668, [bassett.m.h@gmail.com](mailto:bassett.m.h@gmail.com)

It is the job of this group to do maintenance that is considered outside the scope of routine custodial tasks on the exterior of the buildings, parking lots, signage, lighting – electrical, carpentry, HVAC, painting, masonry

**Interior Care and Maintenance** Leader – Colin Murphy, 845-0048, [Colin.murphy@familyhorizons.com](mailto:Colin.murphy@familyhorizons.com)

This group does maintenance that is considered outside the scope of routine custodial tasks on the interior of the buildings – plumbing, electrical, carpentry, HVAC, equipment repairs.

**Custodial Exterior** Leader – Peter Langowski, 571-8871, [mandplango@gmail.com](mailto:mandplango@gmail.com)

This group manages the lawn maintenance, snow plowing, and to do cleaning, light maintenance on the exterior of the buildings and the grounds.

**Custodial Interior** Leader – Kathy Ogus, 255-8619, [kdoguss@att.net](mailto:kdoguss@att.net)

This group cleans and performs light maintenance on the interior of the buildings.

**Grounds** Leader – Bob Hopp, 259-0184, [hopp@msu.edu](mailto:hopp@msu.edu)

This group takes care of the plants and landscaping on the church grounds and the memorial garden.

**Facilities Logistics** Leader – Cindy Wilson, 842-6770, [lmwilson@butler.edu](mailto:lmwilson@butler.edu)

It is the job of this group to find out how all the different groups in the church function in relationship to facilities - who needs what, where those things should be, what should be kept around and what should be discarded. These folks know, for example, what is in the storage rooms, sheds, basements, closets, and who uses it. If items are found and no owner can be identified, these folks have the authority to get rid of it or find a proper home for it. They deal with out of place items that accumulate in many locations around the facilities.

### ***Pulpit Flowers***

Summer is a wonderful time for fresh flowers! If you would like to provide flowers for the front of the church, please contact Diana Anzorena at [diana-anzoren@att.net](mailto:diana-anzoren@att.net) or see Diana during Social Hour and sign up. You may include a dedication in honor or in memory of someone/thing and this information will be included in the Sunday Order of Service.

*Judy Pleiss*



### ***New Office Hours***

Beginning June 1, Vanessa's office hours will be 5 -8 P.M. The deadline for the e-blast and Sunday Times has not changed. Volunteers will be in the office during the day, 10 A.M.-2P.M., just in case you need to stop by to use items, such as the copier or fax machine, or need access into a building.

### ***Social Hour***

The Caring Associates are suggesting some changes to the Social Hour for the summer months. Summer Sundays are more lightly attended plus attendees often bolt away quickly to go to other activities--they don't linger as long! So, a less structured approach for Social Hour seems appropriate. In order to reduce the prep time and simplify the tasks, we suggest that cold beverages be served instead of coffee during these hot months. We are asking groups or individuals to volunteer to be the hosts in June, July, and August. If you or your group would like to sign up for any Sunday after May 30, please contact Lynne Arrowsmith ([learrowsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:learrowsmith@yahoo.com); 755-8132). If no one is scheduled for a Sunday, we will just punt with whoever and whatever shows up! If we have refreshments, that's great but we can socialize without them, too.

### ***Scrip Volunteers Needed!***

We believe the scrip program has the potential to earn as much as \$5,000 next year to support our work. This is a no-cost way to raise significant money for our church! But we need a group of volunteers who can help sell scrip before and after church, on a rotating basis, every Sunday. Please contact Ken Chestek at [kchestek@iupui.edu](mailto:kchestek@iupui.edu) or Paul Hill at [phill47@msn.com](mailto:phill47@msn.com) if you would like to volunteer. And we urge everyone to stop by the scrip table and purchase some scrip.

### ***Stewardship Campaign Update***

As of the May 16th congregational meeting only \$209,831 of the \$265,000 pledge goal had been reached. The congregation voted to push back the vote for the 2010-2011 budget until June 20th in an effort to continue the pledge campaign to raise at least the \$236,000 in pledge income needed to fund a realistic and balanced budget next year. Without the additional pledge income we would be forced to reduce our budget by 4.5% across all expense line items – including the salaries of all paid employees and our dues to the UUA. Applause broke out as the decision was made to come together by increasing our pledges to secure the future of our community.

Many members and friends recognized the importance of stepping up to help our community move into our new future which will include ministry with Rev. Sinclair. These supporters dug even deeper to increase their already increased pledges. In addition, all members of the UUI Board of Trustees elected to increase their pledges as a show of support for this initiative. Now, we are asking everyone else within our congregation to do the same. We need EVERYONE to make a pledge or to increase their current pledge.

If you have not yet pledged, now is the time. If you have never made a financial commitment to UUI, please do so and join us in building the church home you deserve. To ensure your increased or new pledge is received as soon as possible, please complete a new pledge form online at [www.uui.org/steward.html](http://www.uui.org/steward.html) or complete and return the new pledge form which has been mailed to your home.

The buzz of excitement about our future is in the air. We are on the cusp of a new vision and incarnation as a leadership church in the region. We need you to make it happen – every person at UUI makes a difference in our community.

## *Small Groups*

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

Is truth absolute or relative? We will discuss this at the **Credo Forum** on Sunday, June 6 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. Contact Eric Hinkle at [ehinkle@eiteljorg.com](mailto:ehinkle@eiteljorg.com).

**UUI Drum circles** meet on the first and third Sundays each month in the Sanctuary. The Experienced drum circle meet the first Sunday at 2 PM, and the All Skill circle (we will provide drum/percussion items) meet the third Sunday at noon. For more information, contact Sandra Gruber at [sgruber@mw.net](mailto:sgruber@mw.net) or call 407-1852.

**UUI 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 **UUI Men's Breakfast Group** at [rkirk1937@aol.com](mailto:rkirk1937@aol.com).

The **UUI Photo Club** meets 2nd Mondays at 7 P.M. in the Cottage Library. The topic for June 14 is "Do the same photo digitally as once done in black and white". On June 13, after the service, a display of the UUI Photo Club photos will go up. It concludes after the service on July 11. Contact Wendy Dougherty, at [Wdougherty@indy.rr.com](mailto:Wdougherty@indy.rr.com) to be included on the e-mail notification list.

The **Women of UUI** are invited to meet for dinner on Thursday, June 3, 6 pm, Red Lion Grog House, located at 1043 Virginia Ave. This is a new English style restaurant in Fountain Square. You can park on the street or behind the Murphy Building. There will be no program, just good conversation and food. For more information, email Susan Beauchamp at [beauartnow@yahoo.com](mailto:beauartnow@yahoo.com) or contact her at (317) 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 June & July*

SUN 06	MON 07	TUE 08	WED 09	THU 10	FRI 11	SAT 12
Habitat Mtg Music Rm 12pm  Drumming Circle Sanctuary 2pm		UII Board Meeting Cottage, 7pm		CUUPS Cottage,7pm		UII Knitters Cottage 10am  Second Saturday RE Wisdom Rm., 10:30am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Photo Club Library, 7pm		Habitat Mtg Commons 6pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Congregational Meeting Sanctuary 12pm				CUUPS Cottage,7pm		
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
Drumming Circle Sanctuary 2pm						
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Credo Forum Library 9:15am				CUUPS Cottage,7pm		UII Knitters Cottage 10am

### *Summer Cleaning*

In the Cottage hallway, there are several items in need of a new home: overhead projector, magazines on the bottom shelf of the bookshelf, black and white card boxes on top of the bookshelf, pictures and picture frames on the bottom shelf of the mailbox area, and a window screen behind the kitchen door. If you think you could put any of these items to use, please stop by the office during the hours of 10 A.M.-2 P.M., to collect them. All remaining items will be thrown out on Tuesday, June 15. --Vanessa Fry

## *Community Action*

### *Recycling after Earth Day*

Let's keep on recycling everything we always have and looking to see what more we can do. For example, Indianapolis now recycles cardboard. What Indianapolis has NOT done is advertise that they recycle cardboard. As I drive around, I see lots of cardboard in trash bins for trash pickup. Let's be leaders and mention to our neighbors that cardboard can be recycled. Remember: boxes must be collapsed.

If you have curbside pickup, just put it into your blue and yellow bin. If you do not, there are places where it is collected.. Sites are listed on the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) website: <http://www.kibi.org/> under "recycling" in the bar at the top of the page.

If you want to get your neighborhood to clean up the area, contact Keep Indianapolis Beautiful using their Apply For Help link and they will give you some help and some suggestions. Keep on taking care of our beautiful planet. Remember, it belongs to our children. We've only borrowed it.

Please do not bring computers to church to be recycled. They can be recycled free, of course, at Tox Drops the first and third Saturdays of the month, 9 am to 2 pm. You'll also find addresses for them on the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful web page. If you have questions about any other recycling issues, email me at [jrowe@iupui.edu](mailto:jrowe@iupui.edu).

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