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<p><b>Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:15 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Stephen Sinclair</i></p> <p>Aileen Caparella Roman, one of UUI's new vocal soloists, will be singing.</p>	<p><b>“Where is Your Heart?”</b></p> <p>In the Sermon on the Mount it is taught that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21) Where we put our energies and what we make our priorities ultimately form our values. We will look at how we become what we do, think, and value and how that affects our well-being and that of those around us.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup></b> 9:15 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Stephen Sinclair</i></p> <p>UUI's adult choir will sing an energized spiritual by Greg Gilpin</p>	<p><b>“Palm Sunday”</b></p> <p>In the tradition of the Universalists and the Unitarians we will mark Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, the culmination of his three year journey in ministry, reflecting upon our own journeys which have been shaped by our destinies, our desires, and that which is called free will.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9:15 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Stephen Sinclair</i></p> <p>THIN AIR, UUI's improvisational group, will be creating music for the service.</p>	<p><b>“Easter Sunday”</b></p> <p>Through his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and the limitations of the body. How do we, in our own lives, resurrect ourselves after we are brought low by illness, grief, or disappointment and what role does our faith community play in that process?</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup></b> 9:15 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m. <i>Dr. Dennis Jackson</i></p>	<p><b>“Are Moral Values Taught or Caught?”</b></p> <p>Individuals have long pondered the question of whether virtue can be taught, or if we must merely hope that we can catch it when it is bestowed on us. This is not just an academic question, numerous individuals and institutions believe that virtues can indeed be taught. Religious education programs thrive on that assumption. What do you believe?</p>



**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 [ueeye@uui.org](mailto:ueeye@uui.org). **The next deadline is 8 p.m. Friday, April 29.**

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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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## Pastor's Reflections

*Rev. Stephen Sinclair*

I grew up in northern Wisconsin on the dairy farm my grandparents started after settling on land that prior to their arrival had been a white pine forest, home to the Chippewa Indians. All my paternal aunts and uncles had farms within a mile or two of our own. My grandfather, along with the other settlers, founded a church, built a one-room school, and formed a milk cooperative. Because they worked together they were able to survive in the inhospitable climate to which they had emigrated.

The farm of one my uncles was bordered by a dirt road that wound around the edges of a small spring-fed lake. Up the road a bit was a path that led through some trees down to the lake. To the left of it, nestled into the hillside and shaded by an oak tree, was the spring itself. At some point a wooden box had been built around it so water could collect there before spilling down into the lake. Tied to the box by a piece of cord was an old white enameled tin cup, put there so one could drink from the spring without having to lie on the ground. The handle was bent and some of the enamel was chipped away, but other than that, was in fine shape.

I loved dipping the cup into the water and pulling it out, overflowing, before lifting it to my mouth, feeling the cool, hard edge of the rim against my lips; smelling the freshness of the water as it cooled the air flowing into my nostrils as I inhaled, ready to drink. It was water like no other--fresh, pure, and cold, even on the hottest days of summer. Any time we visited my aunt and uncle we would we try to get our dad to stop at the spring so we could drink from the tin cup. When I got old enough to drive I would go there by myself and sit under the oak tree watching the water gurgle out of the spring while I held the cup in my hands, imagining all the people who had drunk from it over the years.

How considerate it was of the person who had tied the cup there so that anyone who was nearby and thirsty could stop by and drink. The settlers and the native people before them valued the spring because it provided for them that which was needed to quench their thirst; that which was needed for them to keep going when it was hot and they still had work to do or miles yet to journey. They safeguarded this spot and made it available to everyone.

Faith is like that water, ceaselessly flowing out of the earth, awaiting those who are thirsty for a deeper relationship with God and humanity to stop and drink. And just as the spring was available to all, so must the faith which has been put into our care be available to all--stranger and friend alike.

So, come, lift the cup and drink . Then fill the cup again and offer it to someone else. We, none of us, need ever be thirsty again.

Peace be with you.

*Pastor Stephen*



## *Creative Arts*



### *Notes from Dianna*

Changes are abounding at UUI! Creating a hands free way to sing our hymns has been a time consuming task, but I think all this work is worth it. I love seeing people looking up and singing without having to look down at a hymnal. But no worries music readers, we will continue to list the hymn numbers, so you can still read the music. There are many issues to work out with the projector, but we are working on them. As usual, a lot of it comes down to money; we are investigating buying better equipment to run things smoother. We'd like to have two screens to work with on the sides, so everyone can see the words clearly. This way we wouldn't have to use the pull down screen in the middle (that tends to stick when you move it up and down). So please be patient, and remember, the work we do is to create a powerful worship experience for you.

Yes, yes, the order of service is gone. Thank goodness! It was such time consuming work to create that edited, formatted sheet of paper. I love the flexibility of adjusting the order of service in the moment, to reflect that moment. It is so wonderful working with people to create meaningful worship that is relevant in the here and now. Also, think of all the paper we are saving. Another way to live out our UU principles. We will of course continue putting all of the important info in the Sunday times so you can be informed on how to contact your leaders in the church, what the music was in the service, and what's going on at UUI.

I've been working here at UUI for almost 6 years, and I've never been as excited to be serving this congregation as I am today. I'm looking forward to transitioning into two services and seeing what the future brings. As always, I welcome your comments and ideas about the music at UUI. Communication is important in a healthy community and I will always be there to listen. I honor the trust you put in me to shape the direction of music at UUI, and I look forward to continue to change together and celebrate our growing community.

### *UUI Choir*

The Adult Choir will rehearse April 6, 13, and 27, and May 4 and 11 at 7:30 in the sanctuary. The choir will sing at the Sunday services on April 17 and will do a music Sunday service on May 15. New singers are always welcomed - please email Dianna with any questions, [music@uui.org](mailto:music@uui.org). Childcare is provided at all rehearsals and Sunday morning.



## *Creative Arts*



### ***Arty Bash***

The UUI program of the year ... the Arty Bash ... will take place on Saturday, May 7 from 6:30 to 9. It's an evening of viewing art, meeting the artists, being entertained with a varied program of musicians, drama, surprises, and fantastic refreshments provided by the Fine Arts Committee and the Music Committee. This year this is all presented with an international theme. Best of all ... it's all FREE! Bring a friend or three!

If you would like to participate in the Arty Bash visual art show, you need to bring in your artwork (one piece) on Sunday, April 17, right after the service. It can be of any subject in any medium: painting, print, fabric art, sculpture, ceramics, etc. However you need to give your label information (title, medium, and anything else you would like to be on the label) to Wendy Dougherty, [Wdougherty@indy.rr.com](mailto:Wdougherty@indy.rr.com), by Monday, April 11. There is a form to be filled out for the program that will be distributed at the Arty Bash. The Arty Bash art show comes down after the service on May 22.

### ***Arty Bash Table Decorations***

This year each of the thirteen tables that will be used in the Sanctuary will be decorated by anyone who wishes to participate. Each table will be decorated in based on a different country. So far the following countries have been spoken for: Costa Rica, England, South Africa, China Tibet, and Denmark. If YOU would like to select a country and bring the decorations for it, contact Wendy Dougherty at 255-7039 or [Wdougherty@indy.rr.com](mailto:Wdougherty@indy.rr.com). You may use the tablecloth from UUI.

### ***Indy Folk Series – Davis & Devitt*** **Saturday, April 16, 7 p.m. at UUI**

Sharlee Davis and Will Devitt have taken their rootsy blend of folk rock, blues, country and acoustic pop/jazz to countless audiences throughout the Midwest. They have shared the stage with k.d.lang, John Prine, Cowboy Junkies, Greg Brown, Tuck and Patti and Carrie Newcomer to name a few. Inventive guitar, strong vocals and great songs all add up to a unique and exciting sound heralded by critics and fans alike. Their latest CD "body of water" is a tasteful collection of new Davis/Devitt originals. [www.myspace.com/davisdevitt](http://www.myspace.com/davisdevitt)  
Tickets \$10 at the door (age 12 and under free)

## ***Religious Education***

### ***Getting to Know UU and UII***

A Series for Seekers and Explorers, New Members, and People Who Have Been Here Years and Years.

**Saturday, May 14, 2011, 9:30am-3:30pm**

with Rev. Stephen Sinclair & Church Leaders

**If you have been attending** UII services and would like to know more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation –

**If you aren't sure** whether any church is for you, but this one might be –

**If UII is already your religious or spiritual home** and you would like to have a new look at your path and those who share it with you –

**Then please register** and come to this one-day session. We will explore

Our Life in and about This Congregation – The Meaning of Membership

Our Personal Religious or Spiritual Histories and Unitarian Universalist History

Our Principles and Purposes and Our Pluralism

Please register for this session by emailing [donnajacobsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnajacobsen@sbcglobal.net) or calling Donna Jacobsen at (317) 784-0859 by May 11th. You can also register at the Welcome Table in the Social Hall on Sundays through May 8th. This is not a drop-in group. You are asked to commit to being present for the session. If you are already a member, and have friends who are “UU’s without knowing it,” please encourage them to register for this series and join you in attending. Childcare is available with advance notification.

### ***Annual Easter Egg Hunt***

**Sunday, April 24th**

Come celebrate spring and rebirth with your church family. Everyone is invited to UII's Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 24th immediately following the conclusion of the second Easter service. Everyone is invited to watch from the sidelines as the young people search for their treasures. The preschoolers will hunt within the fenced playground. Older children will search a broader area on campus. Children are encouraged to bring something to put their eggs in (a basket or a bag) to church that morning.

All ages are invited to stay for punch and cookies in the Social Hall, sponsored by the Family Ministry Committee.

Please contact Carolyn Murphy, Family Ministry Chair, at [csmerac@aol.com](mailto:csmerac@aol.com) with any questions.



## *Congregational Life*



### ***Good Friday Service***

The Rev. Stephen Sinclair  
Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae, the service of shadows or darkness, will lead us from the Passover seder shared by Jesus and his disciples through the crucifixion using gospel readings, poetry, and song. Communion from our Universalist tradition will be performed.

### ***Easter Memorial Plants***

This Easter we would like to decorate the sanctuary with blooming spring plants in memory of loved ones who have died. If you would like to donate a plant, please contact the church administrator, and one will be picked out for you. You can also buy your own plant and bring it to the church on the Friday or Saturday before Easter, so we can include it in this special arrangement of plants. The names of the loved ones will be included in the bulletin.

### ***Child Dedications/Blessings***

During the worship service on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> the congregation and Pastor Stephen will dedicate and bless babies and children of families in our faith community. Please contact the pastor if you wish your child to participate in this ritual.

### ***Help Wanted***

**Writers \* Photographers \* Proof Readers**  
**Job Description:** Interview and photograph senior members of Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis for biographies to be included in *Souls and Spirits, Volume III*. Record and share the inspiring life stories of these Unitarian Universalists.  
**Benefits:** Meet amazing people, hear inspiring life experiences, flexible schedule, work with others who share your interest in preserving life histories and take part in celebrating the people who make this special publication possible.

**Interested?** Please contact Donna Jacobsen at [donnajacobsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnajacobsen@sbcglobal.net) or 317-784-0859 to learn more about this project.

### ***UII Campus Needs Attention***

Limbs and branches that have fallen during the winter due to ice and wind need to be cleaned up. *Gardens of Growth*, the company that mows the lawn, will soon begin a new season of mowing. Their workers do not clean up fallen limbs. So we need to do this before they start mowing.

On Saturday, April 16, six or eight UII eight members and friends are needed to clean up these limbs and branches. We will start at 10:00 a.m. and go until 2:00 p.m.

See Bob Hopp between the services or call at 259-0184 or e-mail at [hopp@msu.edu](mailto:hopp@msu.edu).



## *Congregational Life*



### *Usher Team is Recruiting*

UUI is growing and we've added a second service! Now is the perfect opportunity to get involved and join the Usher Team. Ushering is fun and easy, and a great way to meet people! You can choose to usher one Sunday a month, either at the first service OR the second service, or as a substitute as needed. If you would like to join the Usher Team, please contact Joanne Smiddie-Brush at [Jsmiddiebrush@comcast.net](mailto:Jsmiddiebrush@comcast.net) or 466-7953.

### ***“Bonus Bucks 4 UU’s”\$ - UUI Shopping Card Program - \$***

Did you know you can also give money to UUI at *NO cost to yourself?* *Why you should participate in “Bonus Bucks 4 UU’s”*

UUI needs money in order to operate. UUI receives almost all of its money as real \$ from you, the members and friends of UUI. You give this money as a pledge and also in fundraising events such as garage sales and auctions.

#### How UUI makes money from the program

UUI sells gift/shopping cards as part of what is called a "Scrip" program. This is our “Bonus Bucks 4 UU’s” program. The gift/shopping cards are identical to those you can purchase yourself in the shops. For every card we sell, the retailer gives us 5% or more of the purchase price. For example, if you buy a \$50.00 Marsh card you pay \$50.00 and can use the card for \$50.00 worth of stuff at Marsh. *Marsh gives \$5.00 to UUI. It costs you nothing.* Some retailers give as much as 19% of the cards purchase price.

#### How to purchase shopping cards

One of our committee will be at our table in the Social Hall every Sunday morning. We have a large stock of cards available for sale at UUI every Sunday. If we do not have the cards you want, we will order them for you. Please place orders at UUI on Sunday mornings, or by e mailing your order to Mervyn Cohen at [mecohen@iupui.edu](mailto:mecohen@iupui.edu). In your e-mail please indicate the name of the retailer, the \$ amount of the desired card and the number of cards you need. You can collect your cards and pay at UUI on any subsequent Sunday morning.

#### What shopping cards are available?

Over 500 retailers participate in the program. A list of all retailers is available at our desk in the social hall every Sunday. You can also see a list of the participating retailers at [glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com). Just click on the alphabetical or category retailer lists on the left side just above the login section.

*We will be at a table in the social hall before and after service every Sunday.*

**Your Bonus Bucks committee is Mervyn Cohen, Gary Houdek, Larry Messing, Ken Chestek and Jan Knaus.**

## *Community Action*

### ***Neighborhood Clean-Up Needs YOU!***

April 23rd promises to be a very big day for Indianapolis, UUI and the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association (BTNA). That's when UUI will be partnering with the BTNA and many students from Butler University to help clean up the alleys in our church community. And you are urged to help in this very worthy project.

This day's clean-up will be our joint part in the city-wide program that Indianapolis Mayor Ballard is hosting every Saturday in April. And there's more! Keep Indianapolis Beautiful will furnish the backup by providing gloves and tools for all of us who help that day.

Here's how the project will work: As we pick up the debris, it will be placed in plastic bags and left along the way. Workers in a pickup truck from Butler will then gather up the bags and take them to a central depository truck parked in the church parking lot.

Bottom line: we still need your help to make the project truly successful. So, plan now to sign up and urge all of our church family to sign up at the APRIL CLEANUP table before or after church. Cleaning up our neighborhood will be a real community-building experience. It will also be a wonderful way to honor Earth Day and to help beautify this beautiful planet...our earth home. You won't want to miss being a part of it.

### ***Rummage Sale!***

Proceeds benefit our annual youth Habitat for Humanity trip to Michigan in July.

Two ways to help:

- DONATE items to sell! Household, furniture, kitchen, holiday, jewelry, books, CDs, sports equipment, decorative items, artwork, toys, tools, etc. Your junk is someone else's treasure. No clothing, please. If you need assistance transporting your items to church, please contact Sarah Phillips ([sarah.rose.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.rose.phillips@gmail.com) or 291-6208) A heavy pick-up crew will be out on Saturday, April 9th from 10a.m.-2p.m. Donations will be gratefully received in the social hall Sunday April 10th- Friday April 15th.
- Come and Shop at the Sale! UUI Members and Friends Preview Sale, Friday April 15th 5-8pm. Sale open to the public Saturday April 16th 6am-Noon

Questions? Contact Sandra Gruber at 407-1852 or [sgruber@mw.net](mailto:sgruber@mw.net).

## *Small Groups*

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

The **Credo Forum** will meet on Sunday, May 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Cottage Library to discuss Peace. Peace may refer to your Inner Peace; Peace among family, friends, and colleagues; or Peace in international relations. For more information contact Lowell McCoskey at [Monotrail-biker@aol.com](mailto:Monotrail-biker@aol.com). Hope to see you there!

**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).

The **UUI Drum Circle** meets the first and third Sundays each month from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in the Commons. Bring your percussion or use items provided by the facilitator. This circle is open to men and women that want to experience a rhythmic community with a fun educational spirit. For more info, contact Sandra at [sgruber@mw.net](mailto:sgruber@mw.net) or 407-1852, or on Facebook.

**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).

For the next meeting of the **UUI Men's Breakfast Group** please contact Bob Kirk, [rkirk1937@aol.com](mailto:rkirk1937@aol.com).

The next **UUI Photo Club** meeting will be on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 in the Cottage Library. The assignment topic for April is "Rock(s)". The assignment for May will be "Earth" and for June will be "Graffiti". Email Wendy Dougherty, [Wdougherty@indy.rr.com](mailto:Wdougherty@indy.rr.com) if interested.

The women of UUI are invited to meet for dinner together on Wednesday, April 6 at 6 pm at The Barking Dog Cafe at 115 E. 49th Street. No program. Just good conversation and food. On Thursday, May 5, we will meet at Santorini Greek Restaurant at 1415 E. Prospect St. For more information, contact Susan Beauchamp at 634-2448 or [beauartnow@yahoo.com](mailto:beauartnow@yahoo.com).

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. 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 10	MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THU 14	FRI 15	SAT 16
Two Services Start 9:15am & 11:00am	Photo Club Library, 7pm	UII Board Meeting Cottage, 7pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary, 7pm	CUUPS Cottage, 7pm		Indy Folk Series Sanctuary, 7pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Drum Circle Commons, 12:15pm		Women's Spirituality Writing Group Library, 7pm			Good Friday Service Sanctuary, 7pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		UII Knitters Cottage, 7pm		CUUPS Cottage, 7pm	Bridging Con All Church, 7pm	Bridging Con All Church
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Credo Forum Cottage, 9:15am  Drum Circle Commons, 12:15pm			Choir Rehearsal Cottage, 7pm			Arty Bash Sanctuary, 6:30pm

### *UU Growth Lab on Facebook*

The UU Growth Lab, a brand new Facebook group, is a free space and think tank for Unitarian Universalist change agents. Lots of energy, great ideas and information, along with resources. There are offshoot pages too for more in-depth areas. Check it out.

## ***UU Connections***

### ***UUSC starts Japan Relief Fund.***

UUs have always had strong connections in Japan including UUA partnerships with several religious groups there. On March 14, UUA President Peter Morales issued a statement regarding the tragedy (<http://uua.org/news/newssubmissions/179179.shtml>).

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has started a relief fund for Japan. UUSC is an affiliate of UUA but is a separate organization and receives no direct financial support from the UUA. Go to [UUSC.org](http://UUSC.org) to learn more and click on the tab for the Japan disaster to donate.

### ***General Assembly Registration***

Registration is at record levels for the UUA General Assembly which will be held in Charlotte from June 22-26. Registration started March 1 and housing sold out almost immediately, so the UUA has negotiated new blocks of hotel rooms.

At this rate we may exceed the 2007 Portland attendance number of 5787. So, if you're thinking about going to GA, firm up your plans as soon as possible. It's going to be a fantastic event.

Check out <http://www.uua.org/ga/>, <http://generalassembly.blogs.uua.org/>, UUA Twitter @uua\_ga, and several Facebook pages. The UUA listserve is at <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/uua-ga> for people thinking about or planning to attend GA and have questions.

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