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Sunday, February 6th: “A Speck in the Eye” *Rev. Stephen Sinclair*

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.” (Matthew 7:1-5) Utilizing this teaching from the Sermon on the Mount we will look at how self-reflection helps us to acknowledge our own flawed natures which then leads us to a place where, rather than judging others, we are able to accept them for who and what they are.

Sunday, February 13th: “My Beloved” *Rev. Vera Markovitz*

“I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine” is a phrase from the Song of Songs in the Hebrew scriptures. The Rev. Vera Markovitz, a member of the congregation, will be sharing stories from her hospital chaplaincy ministry that have taught her to understand what it means to love someone beyond the images that are often shared during the Valentine’s Day holiday.

Sunday, February 20th: “Concerning Anger” *Rev. Stephen Sinclair*

The Buddha said that “holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.” With that in mind, we will look at the nature of anger and examine how in the Sermon on the Mount it is taught that anger damages our relationships and deprives us of serenity (Matthew 5:21-16).

Sunday, February 27th: “To Have and to Hold” *Rev. Stephen Sinclair*

In their marriage or commitment vows, couples often say they will love and cherish each other ‘til death do they part. What does that actually mean? In this age of social networking and instantly viewable pornography, how do we decide what is and isn’t adulterous? Also, what effect does breaking the covenant of marriage through divorce have on our spiritual well-being? We will continue to look at the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:27-30) and other pertinent teachings to help answer these questions.



Services start at 10:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.
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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. **The next deadline is 8 p.m. Friday, February 25.**

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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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The Pastor's Page

Rev. Stephen Sinclair

As the temperature of the Earth continues rise, the world's glaciers and snow fields are melting at a faster pace. The phenomenon of global warming is having a direct effect on climate and weather patterns everywhere and has contributed to the rising of sea levels. What else that has begun to happen, as has been reported in the media for the past number of years, is that with the melting of the snow and ice, especially in mountainous regions, climbers and hikers are discovering the wrecks of planes that have crashed in bad weather. Pieces of metal, fuselages, cargo, and even the remains of crew or passengers, often mummified or encased in ice, have been discovered. Soldiers and ancient travelers have been found. These discoveries are aiding anthropologists in their study of human migration as well as assisting historians in putting to rest rumors and speculation that often surround a missing plane or person. Also, the families of those killed or missing are able to find peace. I am intrigued by the idea of these people and wrecks, for years obscured by snow and ice, slowly being revealed in the light of day. For years they were hidden from view, but still exerted a pull on the imaginations and emotions of those who knew of their existence, though not of their actual location.

What an apt metaphor for our spiritual journeys. As we commit to becoming enlightened, knowing why it is we are here in this earthly existence and who it is we really are, the illusions that we have created for ourselves--our glaciers--begin to recede, exposing the wrecks of our past: failed relationships, abandoned hopes, dashed dreams, hurts and injuries committed against others. We are given the opportunity to examine them in the illuminating light of faith in order to learn from our mistakes and to see the patterns of behavior that continually ensnare us, keeping us from being our best possible selves. The ice of self-delusion and ego melts in the light of Spirit and as it pulls away, our true nature is revealed; our real Self that has been concealed, like layers of snow on a mountainside, by our personality selves, often formed in response to the criticisms of our parents, images in the media, the expectations of others, and the internalizing of the mores and social codes of our culture. In order to be who we think our parents and society want us to be, we often turn our backs on our eternal Self and tune out that voice within, our intuition, that is the source of wisdom and direction for us as we journey through life.

This opportunity to grow is always available to us; we don't have to wait for an emotional meltdown to see what's been covered over by denial or obscured by desire in order to examine our lives and then to change. All we need is to commit ourselves to the journey and then "ask and it will be given us; seek, and we will find; knock, and it will be opened to us."

Peace be with you.

Pastor Stephen



Creative Arts



UUI Choir

The UUI adult choir is open to all interested singers! Babysitting is provided at every rehearsal (the choir takes up a collection) and we welcome anyone who is interested in trying out the choir. Rehearsals this month are Feb. 2 and 9 at 7:30 in the sanctuary. We will be singing at the Sunday morning service on Feb. 13th. Next month, we will rehearse on March 2 and 9, singing at the Sunday morning service on March 13th. Questions? contact Dianna at music@uui.org

Deep Fried Acoustiblasters

The [Indy Folk Series](#) on Saturday, February 19, 7 p.m. at UUI featuring the music of the [Deep Fried Acoustiblasters](#). They play a mixture of Bluegrass, Blues, New-Acoustic, Rock and Jazz in an all-acoustic format. The band is made up of rock-solid players who bring their experience and maturity together to create captivating, soul-stirring rhythms. The energy of the Deep Fried Acoustiblasters is complemented by four uniquely distinct voices -- individually, they offer an audience vocal variety, but combined bring it together for a perfectly harmonious blend.

Tickets \$10 at the door (age 12 and under free)

Arty Bash Date Change

Please change your calendars. The Arty Bash will take place on Saturday, May 7 from 6:30 to 9 PM. This not-to-be-missed evening of art, meeting the artists, entertainment, refreshments, and socialization is planned by the Fine Arts Committee and the Music Committee. We hope this hasn't caused any inconvenience to any one.

Art Reflection and Discussion

On Saturday, February 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon there will be a community-wide Meditative Reflection and Discussion in the Sanctuary in connection with the retrospective exhibit of the artwork of Doris J. Brinkman that will be at UUI from February 14 through March 13. All writers and art lovers and others are invited.

UUI Photo Club

The UUI Photo Club meets the second Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Cottage Library. The assignments for Monday, February 14, 2011, are (1) a self-portrait with your significant other or your pet. You must take the photo yourself. It cannot be done by putting two photos together in PhotoShop or other picture editing program, and (2) go to Butler U and photograph the carillon bell tower and the fountain below it at night. For more information, contact Wendy Dougherty at Wdougherty@indy.rr.com or 255-7039.

Religious Education

Eva's Recovery

Rev. Eva Ceskava, our former DRE, had spinal surgery last week and is recovering at home. She is being assisted by her son and daughter for the first week and a half. Cards would certainly cheer her up during her recovery! (4208 Sunset Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46208)

The Laramie Project

UUI's youth group is putting on a movie night! Come watch the movie version of "The Laramie Project" on February 5th at 7 PM. This event is being put on to show our support for LGBTQ youth and our protest against the recent deaths and bullying; invite friends, family, everyone! Come to show your support! Suggested donation: \$10 adults, \$5 students. All proceeds will benefit the Indiana Youth Group (www.indianayouthgroup.org). Childcare provided. For more information, go find a youth!

UUI Annual Soup Kitchen

Our annual soup kitchen is quickly approaching! Please plan on staying after service on Sunday, February 6th for a filling lunch of soup, bread, and dessert and enjoy wonderful fellowship as well. All donations will be gratefully accepted and donated to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center to support the wonderful work they do in our local neighborhood.

Everyone needs to play a part in making this event successful. Here's the plan:

- Families with children and youth in RE classes will make pots of soup.
- Everyone else with last names ending A-N should bring a dessert.
- Everyone else with last names ending O-Z should bring sliced bread, corn-bread squares/muffins or rolls.

Junior High youth and parents will assist with set-up, serving, and clean-up.

Please contact Carolyn Murphy at (317) 418-4533 or carolyn.murphy@erac.com with questions or to sign up to make a pot of soup.



Congregational Life



Congregational Meeting

Please plan on attending the next Congregational Meeting. It will be held after service on Sunday, March 6.

Souls and Spirits III

We have a new "Person in Charge" for Souls and Spirits III booklet. Donna Jacobsen has offered to do the job! Now we need writers, photographers, copy-readers, etc. If YOU are interested on working on this most interesting project, please let Donna know at donna-jacobsen@sbcglobal.net. The writers interview all members 65 years and older. The photographers photograph them. UII-ers have such interesting stories to tell, even if they don't realize it. The library has a few copies of Souls and Spirits I and II for you to see. There are also copies which may be purchased at \$10 a copy. They are treasures!

Remembering UII

The Endowment Committee is establishing a UII Legacy Circle for those who have remembered UII in their estate planning. If you have done so please contact Cindy Wilson at lmwilson@butler.edu or call her at 317-872-6770.

New Website for UII

Check out our beautiful new site at www.uui.org! It was a herculean task that couldn't happen without significant collaboration and support. Many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed countless hours: the Communications Committee (Susan Weickum, Susanne Hinson-Reiger, David Lynch, and Pam Blevins Hinkle), who spent months designing a new architecture and collecting/writing copy; committee chairs, who prepared copy and pdfs; Karl Zemlin, who managed the site for a LONG time and advised site development; and Bryan and Lori Sirtosky, who have worked extensively in recent months to launch the site and make it beautiful. If you have questions about the new site, contact Communications Committee Chair Pam Blevins Hinkle at pbhinkle@gmail.com.

UII on Twitter/Facebook!

Want to stay current on UII happenings? Find us on Facebook (Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis) and on Twitter @UUIndy. You can also read the most recent posts on our homepage at uui.org.

Pam Blevins Hinkle



Congregational Life



Have Fun Hosting Social Hour

There are still many open dates for hosting Social Hour on Sunday mornings! The only dates that are tentatively filled are: Feb 6, Feb 13, and March 6. All other dates are open.

One Chalice Circle has volunteered to host on two Sundays so all their members are involved. Its members have discovered that only 4-5 volunteers are needed on a Sunday; 2-3 for the early set-up and 2-3 to clean-up at the end. That way, the kitchen is not too crowded, no one has a super-long Sunday, and the other Circle members get to host on another morning. Complete instructions are provided and it is fun to work together in serving your church.

So Much to Celebrate!

There's so much to celebrate! We're looking for a few good men and women to help us celebrate UUI's new future. Wonderful things are on the horizon for our community and we need YOUR help to make them a reality. Sound good? Please contact Stacy Robinson at 317-385-9674 or sr_robinson521@yahoo.com to learn more about how you can become involved in the 2011 Stewardship Campaign - "So Much to Celebrate!". You can devote as little or as much of your time as you would like. Most campaign activities take place in the spring and early summer. It's a great way to meet new people and take part in making UUI's dreams a reality.

Welcome to our January Visitors

January 2

Alan McDaniel, Amanda Stover,
Andy & Tina Korty, Mint Evans.

January 9

Kristen Cheyney, Liz Mast,
Kimberly Van Ess, Carly Brock,
Kelsie Longway-Vince.

January 23

Everett Barnard, Rachael Spadone,
Joshua Wilkinson, Ian Wilson,
Sam Robinson, Gary Osborn, Ben Iwrey,
Sam & Deanna Carman, Carey Roselee,
Jeff Willoughby, Beckie A. Wagner,
Alek & Viva Castillo, Jay Thompson,
Alexis Pendencygraft, Amanda Stover,
Susanne Smeltzer

January 30

Jeff Stanley, Kristen & Shawn Mather,
Mike Rhodes, Dawn McClimon,
Jocele Harrison

Community Action

Share the Plate

During the past year half of each week's offering was donated to local charities. Here are the groups that benefitted from your generosity.

January	Indiana Youth Group	\$ 1,006.00
February	Gleaners' Food Bank of Indiana	\$ 937.50
March	Horizon House	\$ 761.50
April	Second Helpings	\$ 1,000.50
May	Gennesaret Free Clinic	\$ 1,306.50
June	The Damien Center	\$ 505.00
July	Latino Coalition Against Dom and Sex Violence	\$ 437.75
August	Improving Kids' Environment	\$ 960.17
September	Child Advocates	\$ 762.00
October	Planned Parenthood of Indiana	\$ 1,099.32
November	Gennesaret Free Clinic	\$ 904.96
December	The Julian Center	\$ 649.50
		\$10,330.70

Help Hungry Hoosiers

Gleaners Food Bank receives, sorts, packs, and delivers food items to 24 Indiana counties. Our congregation has supported their efforts by making them our "Share the Plate" charity and hosting a food drive. Let's continue to lend a helping hand... literally! Join the Social Justice committee as we volunteer at Gleaners on Saturday, February 24, from 10:30 to 1:30. Anyone over age eight is welcome and car-pooling is available for those interested. To sign up, visit the committee table on Sunday or email Jess Brannam or Liz Greene.

Become a CASA Quarterback

Did you know that sixty percent of the children in foster care in Marion County are boys? Did you know that most of the volunteers that visit children in foster care are females? When you were a kid, wouldn't you have preferred to have a guy to talk with about 'guy' things? If you know of a male at least 21 years of age who is interested in making a difference in our community, please direct him to LaDonna Wattley at 205-3055 x2237, or at www.childadvocates.net. This is a unique chance to improve life for a young person.

Circles of Life

These Joys and Concerns were entered into the book located at the back of the Sanctuary during Sunday services in December and January.

Barry Childs-Helton lit a candle for his cousin's wife, Beth Swisher, who died in November.

Jay Harvey's mother died on December 11 in Grand Blanc, MI after two years of declining health. She was 89.

The brother of Pam Mueller's friend Anne Murphy passed away and was buried on December 13.

Tina Nehrling missed her brother during the Christmas season. He died in June.

Matt Bassett's aunt Cindi died on New Year's Eve after battling pancreatic cancer.

The New Year saw the engagement of Charles Arthur Wuthrich III to Rachel Scarl.

Linda Farrell thanks everyone for their support, kind words and presence to help her through the period after the death of her mother.

Jay Harvey recently suffered a ruptured appendix and was hospitalized for several days.

UU Connections

Heartland District Assembly

The Heartland District Assembly will be held in Muncie, IN on April 1-2. You may register for it at the district website at <http://www.heartlanduu.org/>.

The Keynote Speaker is Gini Courter, UUA Moderator, whose topic is the next 50 years for UUism. She is a fantastic speaker and well worth the one hour drive to Muncie. Seeing the other UU's there is also a wonderful experience.

UUA Board of Trustees

David Jackoway will be serving UUI and the other congregations of the Heartland District as their trustee on the UUA Board of Trustees starting this June. He wishes to thank everyone at UUI for their encouragement and support of his candidacy for this position.



Small Groups

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

At the next **Credo Forum** we will discuss Borrowed Practices. We use practices from other religions and cultures, but do we honor them by doing them tight? The Credo Forum will meet on Sunday, February 6 at 9:15am in the Cottage Library. For more information contact Lowell McCoskey at Monotrailbiker@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 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.

UII Drum Circle usually meets every first and third Sundays of each month in the Commons. We start around 12:15pm and play for an hour. Contact Sandra at sgruber@mw.net or 407-1852 for more information.

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.

For the next meeting of the **UII Men's Breakfast Group** please contact Bob Kirk, rkirk1937@aol.com.

The **UII Photo Club** meets the second Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Cottage Library. See the article in the Creative Arts section for more information about the assignment..

All of the **Women of UII** are invited to meet for dinner on Wednesday, February 2 at 6 pm at Sawasadee Restaurant at 1222 W 86th St. For more information, contact Susan Beauchamp at 634-2448 or 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. There is no critiquing, just an open sharing and discussion. New members are welcome. Contact Sylvia Reichel, reichelronald@sbcglobal.net.

Happenings in February & March

SUN 06	MON 07	TUE 08	WED 09	THU 10	FRI 11	SAT 12
Credo Forum Library, 9:15am Drum Circle Commons, 12:15pm		UUI Board Meeting Cottage, 7pm	Choir Rehearsal Cottage,7pm	CUUPS Cottage,7pm Understanding the Bible Cottage,7pm		UUI Knitters Cottage,10am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Denomina-tional Affairs Cottage 11:45am	Photo Club Library, 7pm	Program Team Music Rm, 7pm Women's Spirituality Writing Group Library,7pm		Understanding the Bible Cottage,7pm		Indy Folk Series Sanctuary, 7pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Drum Circle Commons, 12:15pm		UUI Knitters Cottage,7pm		CUUPS Cottage,7pm Understanding the Bible Cottage,7pm		Art Reflection/Meditation Sanctuary, 10am
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			Choir Rehearsal Cottage,7pm			

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