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Sunday, March 6th: "In Search of a Shore" *Sunshine J. Wolfe, M.Div.*
In the human experience, the body is the center of our existence. The body is the home of our births, lives, and deaths. The body is the home of our emotional and spiritual selves. Our bodies are the sacred vessels with which we engage our own souls, the people around us, and the blue marble on which we sail. What can our bodies tell us about the nature of our world and of divinity? What is your body telling you?

Sunday, March 13th: "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, March 20th: "So What? Now What?" *Jenni White*
We all have a past. Does it define us? Do we let ourselves get stuck in patterns or cycles that are simply habitual and not necessarily productive? How can we remember to look in the mirror and say "SO WHAT? NOW WHAT?" How can we do that for each other? We are perfect just the way we are. How do we get ourselves thinking about the now; and realizing our pasts do not define us? In the musical RENT, Jonathon Larson said, "There's only us. There's only this. Forget regrets or life is yours to miss." We will attempt to answer these questions and dig in on this harder-than-it-seems topic. "No day but today."

Sunday, March 27th: "Turning the Other Cheek" *Rev. Stephen Sinclair*
This, one of the most quoted teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, will be the basis for the service. We will look at this radical message of non-violence and non-aggression and look at how, if embraced, leads one to live a life of compassion. (Matthew 5:38-42)

Sunday, April 3rd: "Where is Your Heart" *Rev. Stephen Sinclair*
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.

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. **The next deadline is 8 p.m. Friday, April 1.**

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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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Congregational Life

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 9th 6:30p.m.

We will mark the beginning of the Lenten season with a service of chanting and prayer. Pastor Stephen will teach on the benefits of adopting a spiritual practice and/or an austerity during the forty days before Easter as a way to free one's self of emotional and spiritual impediments that keep one from being centered in the Divine.

Worship Associates Team is Recruiting

Worship Associates are members who are active in the church, with a special interest in the congregation's worship life and an interest to learn more through reflection, study, and conversation with the Minister and the other Worship Associates. If you would like to be considered, please write to Pastor Stephen by April 1st (email to minister@uui.org will be fine) to explain in as much detail as you wish why you would like to become a Worship Associate, what particular contributions you have to make to the program, and what you would hope to gain from serving UUI in this way. Jenni White and Jim Hermiller are co-chairs, if you would like to discuss anything with them before applying.

UUI's Celebration Fiesta

The UUI Stewardship Dinner will be held on April 9th from 6:30-9:00p.m.We have so much to celebrate...join us for our biggest fiesta of the year! There will be good food to be shared, dancing to be enjoyed, and friends to be celebrated.
This is a free all-ages celebration. Just RSVP through this website (www.eventbrite.com/event/1369617563) or by signing up at the Stewardship Campaign table in the Social Hall. We do need to know if you plan to attend since this will be a catered event. Please remember to bring your completed pledge form to the Fiesta if you have not already submitted it. We are celebrating YOUR generosity of time, talent and treasure.

Circles of Life

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

Our condolences to Barry Childs-Helton whose mother, Elizabeth S. Childs, passed away on Sunday, February 6 after a long illness.

We wish Mary Kinlen safe travels and success on her move to San Francisco.

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 for the choir. Rehearsals this month are March 2 and 9 at 7:30p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be singing at the Sunday morning service on March 13th. Next month, we will rehearse on April 6 and 13, singing at the Sunday morning service on April 17th. Questions? contact Dianna at music@uui.org.

Doris Brinkman Exhibit-Ending Reception

On Sunday, March 14, 2011, from 12:30 to 3:30 PM, there will be a closing reception for the Doris Brinkman Retrospective Exhibit and silent auction of the artworks. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society to benefit the "Relay for Life" of Washington Township. If you are unable to attend the auction, yet want to bid on an item, contact Wendy Dougherty (255-7039) or Wdougherty@indy.rr.com for a pre-auction bid form. This event is open to the public.

The Vagina Monologues by Eve Ensler

Presented by the UUI Social Justice Committee and partially underwritten by the UUI Beacon Fund, the proceeds from VDAY 2011 (www.vday.org) will benefit Coburn Place Safe Have.

Show dates:
Thursday, March 24, Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26, at 7 P.M. at UUI.

Tickets:
$15 general admission; $10 students/seniors. Buy tickets from cast members; at UUI on Sunday, March 20, 10 A.M. to 12 noon, or e-mail vdayuui2011@gmail.com for reservations. Cash or check only. Available at the door!

Directed by Jenni White, The Vagina Monologues features the following fabulous women: Diana Asberry-Ferber, Megan Bennett, Nan Brooks, Desy Burdette, Ali Curtis, Stephanie Dayton, Pam Dunlap, Lucy Fields, Kelly Graham-MacDonald, Lesley Meier, Kelli Monedero, Pam Mueller, Casey O'Leary, Kim Stroup, Malia Vanaman, Jill Moore and Judy Wolf.

Community Action

Calling All Earth Loving Gardeners - Aspiring to Expert!

UUI's Sustainability Committee has a proud tradition of nurturing our congregation to be Green Citizens of the World, in keeping with UUI signing the Earth Charter more than a decade ago. One traditional reminder of our need to Respect and Care for the community of life is Earth Day, will soon be upon us (April 22).

In light thereof and our approaching spring, we will host a Gardening Workshop on Sunday, March 13th at 11:45am, outside/behind the Sanctuary/RE building, to help you get your 2011 vegetable gardens launched. We will provide a beautiful assortment of seeds for you to plant now and take home to nurture, for your upcoming summer gardens - whether that be at your home or in our very own UUI Community Garden (a few plots are still available to committed gardeners - contact Susan Porter). Knowledgeable gardeners will be on hand to encourage and advise your green thumbs.

Wonderful tomato, pepper, broccoli, squash, beans, melon and lettuce, as well as some beautiful flower selections, will be provided and available for you to get started. If anyone wants to bring/share heirloom seeds to the cause, that would be great!

Save the date and join us to get your green genes stirring! Please let us know of your interest/plan to participate, so we can plan accordingly.

Gary Houdek *UUI Sustainability Committee* houdek123@sbcglobal.net

Neighborhood Cleanup Planned

Jeannette Rowe is working to get as many people together as possible to participate in the cleanup of the area surrounding UUI this spring. Mayor Ballard has organized a cleanup of Indianapolis every April. Jeannette has notified Keep Indianapolis Beautiful that we will be participating again this year on Saturday, April 23. Tentative hours are 10 am to 2 pm. We want to make Indianapolis as beautiful as it can be, so please plan to work with us toward that goal. Official times and details will be announced soon so please save that time and date on your calendar.

Annual Rummage Sale Time

It's that time again! It's time to start planning for the Habitat for Humanity Rummage Sale which happens on April 16, 2011. We need volunteers to sign up for various shifts during the week of April 9 – April 16. This is our annual fundraiser for the youth to help Habitat For Humanity in Michigan. For more information, or to sign up for a shift, please contact Sandra (Volunteer Coordinator) at 407-1852 or email sgruber@mw.net, or sign up online on the UUI website. Specific shift times will be determined soon, so make plans now to help the youth and sign up asap!

Religious Education

Religious Educator Search

The ongoing search for a Religious Educator to serve our congregation since the conclusion of Rev. Ceskava's interim service is currently moving forward.

Thank you to the sixty or so people who participated in the electronic survey concerning Religious Education. We utilized the information you provided us in crafting the documents we shared with candidates for the Religious Educator position. We will be providing a summary of the survey in the coming weeks for your careful consideration in hopes of providing further enlightenment as to your congregation's RE needs and aspirations.

Our search process officially started on January 19th and we have publicized a March 11 deadline for requesting resumes (see www.uui.org/employment for our public message). We currently have three candidates with whom we have shared information whom have expressed interest in interviewing with us. We will begin interviewing in the beginning of March. Our goal is to have a new Religious Educator beginning their service with us sometime between June 1 and August 1, 2011.

Please contact any member of the search committee with any further input or questions about the process we are undertaking. Your search taskforce members: Chris Blystone, Nancy Cobb, Faunette Johnston, Peter Langowski (chair), Stacy Robinson, Susan Weickum.

Sunday School for Adults!!

Begins on Sunday March 13th from 9 am to 10 am. We will meet in the Commons Building which is near the RE Building. Every Sunday we will explore Unitarian Universalism through ideas, history, biographies, one hour at a time. Join us. All materials will be supplied. For more information or for any questions, call Susan Weickum, 690-2200, co-chair of the Adult Religious Education Committee.

Learn to Meditate

March 24th, 31st & April 7th
Pastor Stephen and Rev. Charles Crenshaw of Inner Peace Yoga.

Wishing you had less stress in your life? Having trouble centering yourself or connecting with the Divine? Then meditation is for you. In this course you'll learn about the health benefits of meditation and the significance of breath in meditation and daily life. Relaxation exercises, breath awareness, and the practice of mindfulness will be taught as a preparation for meditation. If your body isn't able to sit cross-legged on the floor, don't worry! One can meditate while seated in a chair, too! All are welcome: beginners, experienced meditators, and those who need help with their current practice. For more information contact the pastor or Rev. Crenshaw. Sign-up at the Adult RE table in the Social Hall or email office@uui.org.

Religious Education

Letter from Rev. Eva Českava

Dear Caring Congregation,

Thank you for your support during my recent infirmity. The meals, cards, calls, visits, prayers, drug and grocery runs, and well wishes have meant so much. My recovery is coming along, though far too slowly for me. I can walk unassisted now, and look forward to dancing again soon.

Please take care of each other at least as well as you have cared for me. You are a special people.

With love,
Rev. Eva

The Laramie Project RESCHEDULED

Due to the snowstorm last month the showing of *The Laramie Project* has been rescheduled to Friday, March 18 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The Senior High RE and the Social Justice Committee are showing the film to raise funds for Indiana Youth Group. *The Laramie Project* is a film based on the play by Moisés Kaufman about the reaction to the 1998 murder of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie. The murder was a hate crime motivated by homophobia. A youth facilitated discussion will follow the film. Suggested donation: $10 for adults, $5 for students. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Childcare will be provided.

Healing the Greater Soul

What would it be like to be able to: Draw strength from past experiences? See how attachment in the early stages of life brings connection and intimacy NOW? Know the impact of the connection to the Father/Motherland of our ancestors? Hear the words of Love, hidden within the hearts of our family's history? And what would it be like to bring the strength and blessings of belonging to our lives?

Soulwork through systemic constellations opens us to receive gifts of strength, love, and blessing from our ancestral and spiritual lineages.This support allows us to live our lives in a good way.

Join us Friday evening April 8, 7-9:30pm, RE classroom, for an introduction to constellation soulwork. Christina Wright Lonheim M.A., M.F.T., has 22 years experience as a family therapist, spiritual counselor and healer. Dale Lonheim, M.S., has 10 years experience as a spiritual healer and 32 years as a nature guide.

Donations gratefully received. For more information contact Christina at hummingbirdspiritualcenter.com or Rita Horn ritahorn23@gmail.com

UU Connections

UUA General Assembly

Registration for UUA General Assembly in Charlotte June 22-26 opens at 9am on March 1. You can attend as many days as you like.

March 1 is the best time to make housing reservations, and you can view the options on line now at http://www.uua.org/ga/housing/index.shtml. Reservations are made through UUA and you have until May 19 to modify or cancel without penalty.

When booking a hotel consider not just the price but if it includes things like free breakfast, parking, shuttle from airport, frig, microwave, and wifi. What is the cost for other people in the room? How far is it from the convention center? Does it have a restaurant or are ones close? It's normally quite hot and humid in Charlotte so walking is more challenging. Local UU home hospitality is also available, but places go fast.

Scholarships are available, but you have to apply by March 31 (http://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/15005.shtml). There are also opportunities to be a GA volunteer to help keep costs down.

For more information go to http://www.uua.org/ga/ or contact Gail Henrie, Denominational Affairs Chair (283-2514, grhenrie@gmail.com) or anyone who has attended GA in the past.

Heartland District Meeting

Plan on attending the annual meeting of our district in Muncie on April 1-2. Muncie is just an hour's drive from Indy. The schedule for Friday evening includes registration, the Banner Parade, worship, and a reception. On Saturday morning there will be worship and interactive sessions, featuring keynote speaker Gini Courter, UUA Moderator, discussing the next 50 years of UUism. In the afternoon there will be the business meeting and awards ceremony, followed by workshops (see page 9). Saturday evening there's dinner and a benefit concert featuring Tim Grimm.
More info is available at http://heartlanduu.orgAnnual_Meeting_Pages/assembly_schedule.html .

Volunteers needed for Heartland District Meeting

If you would be willing to represent UUI by carrying our banner in the Banner Parade on Friday evening, April 1 please contact Gail Henrie, Denominational Affairs Chair (283-2514 or grhenrie@gmail.com). The pole and harness are not very heavy.

Also, if you are interested in being an official UUI delegate to the district meeting and have not contacted Gail Henrie, please do so as soon as possible. Anyone can attend the meeting with or without delegate designation.

UU Connections

District Meeting Workshops on April 2

Two-Hour Workshops (2:15-4:30 pm)

A Taste of Cakes - The "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" curriculum

Don't Forget About the Old People!

GROW

Leadership in Challenging Times

[RE] Songleading for the Faint of Heart

Spiritual Mentoring

The Art and Craft of Creating Worship

Focus Group for Members of Committees on Ministry (max 12 participants)

Focus Group for Worship Teams (max 12 participants)

One-Hour Workshops (2:15-3:15 pm)

MidAmerica Presidents Hear You & Answer Questions

Thinking Outside the Box: What Can Youth Ministry Be?

One-Hour Workshops (3:30-4:30 pm):

Illegal Aliens or Undocumented Workers? DREAM-ing in the Heartland

Heartland Town Hall Meeting

For more workshop information go to http://heartlanduu.org/Annual_Meeting_Pages/Assembly_workshops.html

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 right? The Credo Forum will meet on Sunday, March 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.

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 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.

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

The **UUI Photo Club** meets the second Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Cottage Library. The assignments for Monday, March 14, 2011, (1) "Shadows" and (2) Ken Chestek wants his picture improved. He says "The assignment is to edit this photograph to come up with the most natural-looking lighting." For his file and for more information, contact Wendy Dougherty at Wdougherty@indy.rr.com or call at 255-7039.

The **Women of UUI** meet monthly for dinner and conversation. 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 March & April

SUN 06	MON 07	TUE 08	WED 09	THU 10	FRI 11	SAT 12
Congregational Meeting Sanctuary, 12pm		**UUI Board Meeting** Cottage, 7pm	**Choir Rehearsal** Cottage,7pm	**CUUPS** Cottage,7pm		**UUI Knitters** Cottage,10am
13 **Denomina-tional Affairs** Cottage 11:45am **Art Reception** Sanctuary, 12:30pm	**14** **Photo Club** Library, 7pm	**15** **Program Team** Music Rm, 7pm **Women's Spirituality Writing Group** Library,7pm	**16**	**17**	**18** **The Laramie Project** Sanctuary, 7pm	**19** **Indy Folk Series** Sanctuary, 7pm
20 **Drum Circle** Commons, 12:15pm	**21**	**22** **UUI Knitters** Cottage,7pm	**23**	**24** **Vagina Monologues** Sanctuary, 7pm **Meditation** Cottage,7pm	**25** **Vagina Monologues** Sanctuary, 7pm	**26** **Vagina Mono-logues** Sanctuary, 7pm
27	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31** **Meditation** Cottage,7pm	***01***	***02***
03	***04***	***05***	***06*** **Choir Rehearsal** Cottage,7pm	***07*** **Meditation** Cottage,7pm	***08*** **Healing the Greater Soul** RE Bldg,7pm	***09*** **Healing the Greater Soul** RE Bldg,10am **Stewardship Dinner,** Sanctuary

Indy Folk Series: Bobbie Lancaster Singer-songwriter Bobbie Lancaster will perform on Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m. A finalist in the prestigious 2010 Kerrville Folk Festival, she found her voice in Americana, blues, roots and original music. Her performance was hailed as a highlight of the popular "Hoosier Springsteen" show, and she was chosen for the top-flight cast of "Pure Prine" at the Phoenix Theatre in Indianapolis. According to NUVO newsweekly, "The woman can crank it up like Bonnie Raitt & Sheryl Crow." Tickets $10 at the door (age 12 and under free)

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