

The Uniter



*Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church
of Urbana-Champaign*

February 10, 2010

Our Mission

*Build community.
Seek inspiration.
Promote justice.
Find peace.*

Our Vision

*We dedicate ourselves
to:*

*- Expanding religious,
educational, and social
activities that serve
our congregation and
the larger community.*

*- Acting on our indi-
vidual and collective
commitment to pro-
mote social justice.*

*- Enhancing the diver-
sity of our liberal reli-
gious community.*

*- Improving the acces-
sibility and function-
ality of our facilities,
and ensuring that
they are an asset to
our community.*

February 14

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

“Love in Action”

Commitment Sunday

The Rev. Axel H. Gehrman

Second Sunday Potluck

Remember to

Return Your Pledge by Today!

February 21

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

“Religion in a Digital Age”

The Rev. Axel H. Gerhmann

February 28

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

“This I Believe. How About You?”

The Rev. Lone Jensen Broussard

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Minister's Corner

-Axel H. Gehrmann

Over the course of recent years, the personal computer has worked its way deeply into my daily routine, as I imagine it has for many of you. When I got started in ministry twenty years ago, sermons were painstakingly written out on yellow legal pads. Paragraphs were occasionally cut and pasted, not with a few keystrokes, but with a pair of scissors and scotch tape. And Sunday morning preaching was at times halting, when I couldn't decipher my own hasty handwriting. Word processing changed all that.

Then came email. Initially a novelty of interest only to the technically inclined. Now it has become a necessity. Increasingly hours of my day are spent writing and responding to email messages, more and more of my reading and research is done by exploring the wealth of resources available online.

Church life has not remained unaffected by these changes. Mailboxes for staff, board and committee members can still be found in our volunteer office, but the majority of information among us is now circulated electronically, whether meeting reminders, minutes, or any number of relevant documents.

There was a stretch in the course of the last two decades, when I considered myself relatively tech-savvy, well ahead of the majority of church members when it came to computers. But that time has passed. Now it seems I struggle to keep up.

For instance, I have not yet dared enter the fray of social networking on the internet. Even my children are experts at making Facebook "friends" on the PC and texting on their cell phones. I don't think anyone in the family has braved the relatively new frontier of twittering, but I know some of you have.

The digital domain provides exciting opportunities to welcome newcomers to our congregation, and to share information among ourselves via our new website. New pathways for connecting with each other are being explored - last time I checked our website, I found our church has 57 Facebook "fans."

I have been pondering the implications of these innovations, and will be sharing my thoughts in the sermon on February 21st: "Religion in a Digital Age."

Fortunately, for me, it is still possible to catch up with folks by picking up the phone, or chatting face-to-face. Luckily, there are many channels of communication, many different ways for us to connect with each other. Whichever pathway works for you, I hope you are able to find your way to church and make some new friends.

See you in church,



R.E. Matters

-Renée Cogil

Finding Our Way

It's true for all of us - we like to do some things much better than others. Some of those items on our "to do" lists make our hearts sing, are meaningful to us, and get done in seemingly no time at all. Personally I enjoy storytelling from beginning to end - finding the right story, learning it, and then sharing it with others. Over the years I have read many wonderful stories, learned some tips on storytelling and how best I "learn" a story. It has been a fascinating journey for me. I also enjoy preparing for children's worship. Then, I am invariably learning new information, and considering what nurtures the souls of our young people as well as my own. Planning for children's worship can take a considerable amount of time, but when I leave work at the end of the day my spirit is soaring and there is a bounce in my step.

Then, there are those "other things" ... well...you know the one's that need doing and are good to get done, but they are not your idea of a good time. De-cluttering has never been high on my list of priorities. Once my office, dining room table or garage has been de-cluttered, though, I am always so glad for having put in the effort.

The RE Committee and I recently did some hard thinking about what it is that we do and how it feels to us. We noticed that when we were doing the work of our committee we sometimes felt uninspired - too much of the committee's work was feeling like de-cluttering work feels to me. So we took some time to reexamine what it is we are doing and how we go about it. In the process we learned about ourselves and how we work together best and made some changes. We discovered what some of our gifts are and are now focusing on using them. We are spending more time on the things that really interest us. Since making a few changes, our meetings are more fun and fulfilling. Laughter is common place at our meetings now and we are making headway toward our goals. I'm glad we did the hard work of examining what was meaningful to each of us. We are on a better path now - and it is a good path.

I am grateful to the Religious Education Committee members for all they do to make our religious education program strong.

Renee

From the Board Chair

-Cindy Loui

Last Sunday, the Board of Trustees and the Personnel Committee recognized our 10 paid staff members (if you missed it, check out the staff bulletin board in fellowship hall which includes staff photos and a few words about each of them). It was a joy to be able to publicly thank these hard working, caring, committed folks for the great job they are all doing. I have been told so many complimentary stories about our staff, about how they have gone "above and beyond" the call of duty. Beyond his amazing musical talent, there's the way Kent has stepped in to sub for the children's choir accompanist for example, the free voice lessons Fred gave to choir members for awhile, the way Jake quickly pitched in after a Saturday night rental party had left Fellowship Hall a wreck, how happy people are that we have the tremendous RE program Renee coordinates, how much people appreciate the way Axel skillfully and thoughtfully manages to deal with the wealth of personalities in our congregation, how Beth continues to pull together such great Summer services year after year, what a luxury it is to have such a smart, capable OA in Janis, how nice it is to know that Elsa has got the nursery well staffed, how Myron has found and fixed problem after problem, how nice it is to know Stephanie has things under control in the kitchen. In addition to being trustworthy and talented, our staff are enjoyable to work with; to a person, their first response is a genuine, cheerful, "how can I help?" They have responded promptly and considerately to the wide variety of needs in our spiritual community. I invite you to join me in saying a heartfelt Thank You to our great employees.



Volunteer Corner

-Peggy Patten

Recognizing our Unsung Stewards

There are many individuals who volunteer their time at Church, often the behind the scenes in quiet, invisible ways. **Virginia and Chet Strohecker** have donated their time and talents to benefit the Church in countless ways. They have made beautiful quilt centerpieces and potholders, baby blankets and cookies for various fundraising events. Most recently Virginia and Chet delivered homemade muffins to each Church staff member. Let Virginia and Chet know you appreciate their service to the Church....and consider following their example in expressing our appreciation to Church staff throughout the year.

If you know someone deserving our "unsung steward" recognition, let Peggy Patten know at: m-patten@sbcglobal.net or 337-5668.

Short Term Project Volunteer Opportunities

Want to help out at Church, but you have limited time for meetings or long-term commitments? Consider one of the following short term volunteer projects. Questions should be directed to the contact person listed below.

- * Call 3-5 new members or friends of the Church to ask about their experiences as newcomers. If you can help with the phone calls the end of February, contact Peggy Patten, m-patten@sbcglobal.net.
- * Assist with Sunday Crew. Sign up to assist with announcing, ushering, welcoming, providing decorations or hospitality for Sunday services on VolunteerSpot through our Church's Web site at: <http://uucuc.org/sunday-crew>.



Our Church Family

Joys and Concerns

This information is not published on our website.

Church Announcements

Shared Offering for February: Kiva

The YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) are teaming up with the Social Action committee for the February shared offering. Half of the money collected during the weekly offertory will be given to Kiva. Kiva is a micro-lending institution that supports entrepreneurs in the developing world. Through a local, micro-lending bank, entrepreneurs will be able to get small, low interest, Kiva sponsored loans to help start or grow a business. The money may be used for items such as sowing machines, mopeds etc. The YRUU will manage an online account with Kiva that will allow them to decide who we loan money to and keep track of their progress. When the loan(s) are paid back, the YRUU will re-lend the money in a continuous cycle of giving.

Haitian Relief Fund Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the Haiti Relief Fund. As a congregation, we collected \$2845 within two weeks. In addition, an unknown number of friends and members proactively contributed on their own prior to the church campaign. This is a great response to an unplanned need. The **Social Action Committee** will be meeting on a new day of the month: second Wednesday, 7:15 in the YRUU room.

Sunday Morning Decorations

Have you considered providing decorations at the front of the sanctuary? You could do so as a way of marking a special day in your life or in memory of someone important to you. You can also submit a written announcement about the significance of the decorations by noon on the Wednesday before the service. The decorations do **not** have to be floral arrangements. Displays of pottery, photographs, special books, etc. that are beautiful or meaningful are appropriate as well. We also have items to enhance your decorations: table runners, baskets, silk flowers, and a few vases. If you would like to see what's on hand, please see Beth Cobb on a Sunday morning.

Decorations must leave at least one-third of the table's surface for the joys and concerns candles, and should not obstruct the line of sight between the musician, choir, and choir director. Limit fragrant decorations as much as possible. Plan to have the decorations on the decorations table in the front of the sanctuary fifteen minutes before the service begins, and remove the decorations after the service, particularly if you are using live flowers or plants.

If you would like to bring decorations for a Sunday morning worship service, please contact Peggy Patten, m-patten@sbcglobal.net,

Collection for Safe Haven

Our UU church has joined the Faith Coalition supporting the Safe Haven community for the homeless that is temporarily located in units at the Restoration Urban Ministries. Through the month of February, we will be collecting items needed by residents of this community.

Toothbrushes, toothpaste	Toilet Paper
Paper Towels	shampoo/conditioner
Laundry Soap/bleach	razors/shaving cream
Dishwashing Detergent	Cleaning Supplies
deodorant (men and women)	Scrub Brushes
tampons and sanitary pads	vacuum cleaners
hand/body lotion	brooms
waste baskets	soap (bath and face)
Advil, Excedrin	

Urbana Adult Education Classes Relocated to Our Church

As a long time member of this church, I am pleased to share with you that Urbana Adult Education is renting space in the basement of the church from January through early May. My colleagues at Urbana Adult Education (Sarah Boltinghouse and Lee Fillman) and I are teaching three English as a Second Language (ESL) classes from Monday through Thursday mornings. Our international students come from about 16 different countries. These classes are funded through grants, so they are offered free of charge. Teaching ESL in my own church is especially meaningful to me because the Urbana Adult Education mission of serving the international community and lifelong learning is congruent with our church's values and those of the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center which is also housed here. I appreciate the warm welcome by the church staff, especially Janis Meeseey, Renee Papini Cogil and Myron Winkler.

-Barbara Bair

Thank You For Your Generosity

Thank you all for your kind generosity in support of our Guest At Your Table program with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Together we donated \$1,249.68. With our support and others the UUSC has become a leading voice in advancing human rights worldwide. In the United States and around the world the UUSC's programs help defend the human right to water, ensure workers' rights, and preserve the rights of vulnerable people after disasters strike.

Upcoming Events

Circle Suppers are Back!

Circle Suppers are a series of shared meals in a relaxed social setting, and are a great way to get to know other church members. Several Circle Suppers are hosted simultaneously in members' homes on **February 26, March 21, and April 18, 2010**. The 7 to 11 participants at each Circle Supper share the duties of hosting and providing the main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert. Hosts typically provide beverages and the table service. Each of the dinners includes a different mix of participants. Sign up to attend or host one, two, or all three Circle Suppers! You'll find a form on the minister's door.

Orientation to Unitarian Universalism

Are you new to this church? Have you recently signed the membership book, or are you considering joining? Would you like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Axel Gehrmann will offer a three-part orientation at **7 pm on Thursday, February 18, 25, and March 4** in the Southwest Classroom. The sessions will focus on individuals' religious journeys, discuss UU history, beliefs, and polity, and explore the various groups and activities of this particular church. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet near the minister's office, call the church office, or email Axel (minister@uucuc.org).

Bad Girls of the Bible

Come get an overview of women in the Bible, and learn about six specific women with tarnished reputations. We will be looking at the stories and significance of five women in the genealogy of Jesus: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary, plus the Samaritan woman at the well in the Gospel of John. Investigate for yourself how women are really portrayed in the Bible! The class will meet thrice, every other Monday, from **February 22nd - March 22nd, from 7-8pm**. Ariana Brodsky, daughter of RE Chair Anne Brodsky co-leads the class, with discussion to follow.

Feel the need to boogie away your winter blues?

Dust off those dancing shoes and try on your polyester suits and platform shoes. Get ready to do "The Hustle" and "Le Freak !" Join us on **Saturday February 20th, 7 p.m.** for a memorable night of 70's music, food, and drink. Cost is only \$10 per individual, \$15 per couple or \$25 per family and includes snacks, beverages, and all the dancing you can imagine. Prizes for best dress and dance. Please contact Elaine Gehrmann (gehrmanns@aol.com) or Bettina Garner Earl at earl-family@earthlink.net for tickets. See you on the dance floor!

Inter-Religious Dialogue Series

On two remaining evenings in February and March, members from a wide variety of local religious communities will gather to share their perspectives on a number of religious issues of common interest. Speakers from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim traditions will have a conversation with everyone present contributing their questions, their ideas, and their thoughts. The Rev. Axel Gehrmann, will serve as moderator. The goal of these gatherings is not only to broaden our understanding of the diverse religions practiced in Urbana-Champaign, but also to provide an opportunity for fellowship among neighbors in our multicultural community. Please join us!

Session Three: Religious Rites of Passage - Birth, Marriage, Death

When: Wednesday, February 24th, 2010, 7 p.m.

Where: McKinley Foundation, 809 S. 5th Street, Champaign

Session Four: Traditions With Traditions - Schools, Sects and Denominations

When: Wednesday, March 10th, 2010, 7 p.m.

Where: McKinley Foundation, 809 S. 5th Street, Champaign

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Axel Gehrmann (384-8862, minister@uucuc.org), or Murat Baday of IFF (muratbaday@yahoo.com or iffuuc@gmail.com).

Pulpit Guest on February 28

On Sunday February 28, the Reverend Lone Jensen Broussard's sermon will be "This I Believe. How About You?" She writes: "As Unitarian Universalists we love to debate and discuss. We are natural questioners, tireless searchers of new truths and yet we too need a core faith. In our busy, often insecure times it is very easy for all of us to let the daily demands of our work and life take precedence over inward reflection. My hope is that this sermon will inspire some of you to take the time you need to discover what you truly believe and what sustains you."

Rev. Broussard is visiting the area from Chandler, Arizona where she serves the Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. She brings with her an international outlook and perspective as she was born in Denmark and in her youth lived in Iraq. In this, her adopted country, she has lived and worked in the Midwest, the South, on the East Coast and for the last nine years in the South West.

Gastronomical Society Meeting in February

The Gastronomical Society will meet on **Friday, February 19** at the home of Terry and Barbara England -- in Urbana. The theme is a celebration of Chinese New Year and both homemade and take-out Chinese dishes are welcome. Please call them at 344-3438 to RSVP.

Church Events

UU Choir Sings Its Greatest Hits, February 21 at 3 p.m.

Come one, come all to a special Sunday afternoon concert by our very own UU Adult Choir. This will be an unforgettable afternoon of music, featuring a wide-ranging repertoire, from Johannes Brahms to Bobby McFerrin. We'll even be attempting to sing in Lithuanian! Buy your tickets ahead of time at church on Sundays in February or pay at the door. Suggested donation is \$10/person or \$25/family. All proceeds go directly to the church. Please come!

New date for next UU Coffeehouse: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Mark your calendar for the next UU Coffeehouse: **Saturday March 13** from 7:00 – 10:00 pm (not February 20 as previously announced). The UU Coffeehouses provide an opportunity for UU members and friends of all ages to deepen our fellowship through the performing arts – music, dance and the spoken word. If you would like to be included on the list of performers talk to Peggy Patten, m-patten@sbcglobal.net or 337-5668.

That's Amore! UU Service Auction

Love (for our church!) is in the air this year with an Italian theme at our annual all-church party and service auction. Be sure to save Saturday, April 17th for a “bella notte” of food, entertainment and lots of laughs. The romance begins at 4:30 with a reception featuring hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a silent and fixed auction. Then stroll into the Fellowship Hall for a delicious Italian-themed dinner followed by an evening of live auction entertainment. There is something for everyone's budget – from special dinners and vacation get-aways to unique services offered by fellow church members. Many items are also available through a silent auction or at a fixed price for those on a limited budget. Childcare will be provided. Start thinking of ways you can show your “amore” for our church home. Auction donation forms will be available after **February 21st**. For more information, contact Cathy Cunningham at 239-1440 or ccunham@illinois.edu Thanks!!

UU Women as Agents of Change-Women's Leadership Day

Saturday March 20, 2010 9am-4:30pm

Third Unitarian Church of Chicago 301 N. Mayfield, Chicago
UU Women's Connection and CMwD Women and Religion Committee will celebrate the 200th birthday of Margaret Fuller and honor UU women who have similarly stepped up in difficult times as did this feisty and fearless UU foremother. Each congregation has been asked to recommend an outstanding woman leader to be recognized and honored at this event. Our BOT has chosen Doris Jones to be our

nominee. Doris has generously served our congregation in numerous roles over the years, most recently coordinating the ambitious History Writing Committee. Other female leaders and volunteers are invited to attend this event. Registration is \$15 which includes celebration, honoring, ritual, lunch, entertainment and more. For more information and registration: www.womenandreligion.org.

Community Events

What Moves Us

Intern Campus Minister, Kim Tomaszewski, will offer a new class entitled What Moves Us. This 6-part class will explore how for many Unitarian Universalists, personal experiences become the primary source of our religious convictions. Each week will begin by telling a story of a Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist forebear who had a change of heart that moved them to a new theological understanding in their liberal religious faith. The selections represent some major theological streams of our faith tradition and display our racial, ethnic, gender, and class diversity. Classes will be held **each Thursday evening from at 6:30-8pm, starting February 18** at the Channing Murray Foundation. This is not a class for Unitarian Universalists only, but primarily for spiritual seekers who value the personal experience as authoritative to their spirituality. Please contact Kim Tomaszewski minister@channingmurray.org

February 24, 7 pm SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM

Channing Murray Foundation; 1209 W. Oregon, Urbana

Film & Discussion: Crips and Bloods: Made in America

Free and open to the public; light refreshments served. Narrated by Forest Whitaker, the movie combines in-depth interviews with current and former gang members, educators, historians, family members and experts with historical and present-day footage to graphically portray the rivalry between African American gangs in South Los Angeles.

Reflective Writing Chalice Circle to Present Program at Lake of the Woods LIVE IN PERSON! A FIRESIDE CHAT

Saturday, March 6 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Early American Museum Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet
We'll be presenting the pieces we wrote for our last summer service, entitled "Things We Never Did", as a winter program for the Champaign County Forest Preserve District. Come into our "radio studio" and enjoy the news and stories of the fictional community of Lake of the Woods. Please join us - reception to follow the show.

Church Groups

Adult Discussion Group meets Sunday in the library for a lively discussion of topics ranging from political to religious and beyond. The group meets Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome! Led by Chuck Cooper.

Bridge Group meets from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Children's Chapel. Due to the holidays, their next meeting date is **February 22**. All levels are welcome. Contact: Barb Mann: barber_mann@yahoo.com.

Gastronomical Society Group hosts themed potluck dinners once a month at a member's home or at a restaurant. This group is open to anyone who loves to cook various ethnic and regional cuisines and to try new things. Contact Emily Sanders (emily@sanders-home.net) for more info.

U.U. Play Group For children from birth to 5 years of age. Join us **Fridays from 10:30-12:30** in the nursery. Can't find us? Look for us on the playground. It is a chance for young children to play and socialize, and for adults to meet other UUs. Contact: Renée Cogil, 384-8862 or re-director@uucuc.org.

Women's CommUUnity An informal discussion group for women and an opportunity for quieter, more in-depth discussion and connection. We meet on the **fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:15 p.m.** in the Library. Join us! Please contact Maryly Crutcher if you would like to be a newcomer to the group: maryly7@comcast.net.

Feminist Book Group An opportunity to read works by women and to discuss them in a friendly and supportive environment. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 7 to 9 pm in the Library. **Next meeting is February 16.** The book for discussion is "Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex" by Mary Roach. For more information, contact Karen Folk, foxfolk@aol.com or 367-9723.



Join a Chalice Circle

Chalice Circles are an opportunity for friends and members of the church to develop deeper connections and wider service within our community through small-group involvement.

***Chalice Circle** - first and third Thursday of the month, 7:15 pm. Contact Karen Ruhleder for more information (ruhleder@hotmail.com 356-8190.) (See the "Spotlight" below for more information!)

Chalice Circle – second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Contact Elaine Gehrmann (344-2335, Gehrmanns@aol.com).

Caring for Aging Parents and Elders Circle – third Monday of the month, 7 p.m. Contact Karen Retzer or (352-9482).

Writer's Circle – third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Contact Pat Nolan (384-7477, pnolan96@aol.com)

Sustainable Living/Deep Ecology Chalice Circle Third Friday of the month, 7 - 9 p.m., with optional 6:30 dessert potluck. Contact Amy Hassinger: amyhass@gmail.com; 384-7735 or Emily Laugesen: emily-laugesen@yahoo.com; 384-5921.

*** Spotlight on this Chalice Circle**

We discuss a wide variety of topics as part of our own quest for spiritual growth. Past topics include defining and acting upon feelings of compassion, the role of humor in coping with adversity, and what it means to live deliberately.

Subscribe to our weekly E-News letter. Send your name, phone number and email address to admin@uucuc.org. To make last minute announcements regarding church related events in the E-News, please send your submission to admin@uucuc.org no later than Thursday, noon.

The Uniter is published every two weeks from September through May and every three weeks during the holiday season and summer months. Please submit announcements by email to admin@uucuc.org. The next submission deadline is Noon, **Thursday, February 18, 2010.**

Calendar of Church Events - 2010

Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday, 2/12	10:30 a.m.	Playgroup	Nursery
	5:30 p.m.	OWL Lock-In	FH
Sunday, 2/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service and	Sanctuary/
	11:15 a.m.	Second Sunday Potlucks	Fellowship Hall
Monday, 2/15	7:00 p.m.	Caring for Aging Parents	Library
Tuesday, 2/16	7:00 p.m.	Feminist Book Group	Library
Wednesday, 2/17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, 2/18	12:00 p.m.	Uniter Deadline	
	7:00 p.m.	Orientation to UUism	SW Classroom
	7:00 p.m.	Writer's Chalice Circle	Library
	7:15 p.m.	Chalice Circle	YRUU
Friday, 2/19	10:30 a.m.	Playgroup	Nursery
	12:00 p.m.	Care Core	Library
	7:00 p.m.	Sustainable Living/ Deep Ecology Chalice Circle	Library
Saturday 2/20	7:00 p.m.	Service Auction Disco Dance	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, 2/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.		
	3:00 p.m.	Choir Concert	Sanctuary
Monday, 2/22	1:00 p.m.	Bridge Group	Children's Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Bad Girls of the Bible	Library
Tuesday, 2/23	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Library
Wednesday, 2/24	7:00 p.m.	Women's CommUUunity	Library
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, 2/25	7:00 p.m.	Orientation to UUism	SW Classroom

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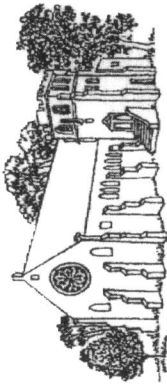
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