

Upcoming Worship Services Sunday Worship begins at 10:30 am

Unless otherwise stated below, childcare and religious education classes are provided for all children and youth during Sunday morning services.

February 22 On the Wearing of Masks

The Rev. C. Scot Giles

This is the Mardi Gras season, and in a few days on Fat Tuesday the most famous of the festival parades will be held in New Orleans. In honor of the tradition of Carnival, this sermon by our Community Minister the Rev. Dr. Scot Giles will explore a theme from the Mardi Gras—why we wear masks. In ancient times putting on a mask was a way of taking on the identity of a god, but we all don psychological masks from time-to-time without knowing it. We can be different people at work and at home, we can be one sort of person in one relationship and a different sort in another. There are ways to use our minds to change the kind of person we are, and often that is a way to get a fresh grip on how our lives are working out.

Build the Budget: Please stay after the service to help determine the 2009-10 church operating budget. See article below.

March 1 What's in a Name: Leaps of Reason and Faith

Rev. Hilary

March 8 Nodes and Natures: Spiritual Intelligence

Rev. Hilary

Meet the Minister. Following the service, newcomers, visitors, and the simply curious are invited to grab a cup of coffee or tea and then return to the sanctuary for a brief discussion and question & answer session with Rev. Hilary.

March 15 Spirit and Matter: Making It Real

Rev. Hilary

Share the Plate: Half of the cash collected in this morning's offering will be donated to Kids on Track, a camp for children aged 3 to 13 who live in the backstretch at Arlington Racetrack during the racing season. The goal of Kids on Track is to provide the children both social and academic education. The camp is run by School District 214 and provides a healthy breakfast and lunch for the children. The camp also provides tutoring, arts and crafts, school enrichment activities, computer training, library visits, and field trips for the children.

Build-the-Budget - Part 2 this Sunday!

Please plan to attend this key meeting at which the congregation will make the choices that will determine our proposed budget for next year. The budget is one manifestation of the goals we will set for the next church year, so the discussions we hold here do much to surface our visions for the future.

The Board will present Staffing recommendations and committees will present their funding requests at three different levels. The congregation in attendance will vote to determine what goes on the budget and at what level. Once the budget is completed, the coming Annual Budget Drive will ask members to pledge the funds necessary to complete these goals. This is church democracy in action! Please plan to be there!

The meeting usually lasts about two hours. Food and childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Blus, Treasurer

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The Minister's Muse

We learn constantly. It's the gift of being human. Even when we think we're just resting or vegetating we are teaching ourselves ways of being, reinforcing ways of being. I suppose, again, it's the puppy that's reminding me of this - as I watch her learn the world through puppy eyes. But for humans, the learning is over a longer span and involves so much more - in fact, it is the complexity of what we learn and absorb in a lifetime that makes the companionship of a dog so meaningful for us. When I get home from a meeting now, I get on the floor with the dog and my mind is clear for a few moments. Ah - love and play - it's that simple. But then I'm back on the sofa and it's more in human scale again. My mind thrives on learning new things - I feel excitement when I am reading - or when a new connection is made. On the other hand, when there is too much to take in the mind can hit the pause button. As it happens - nothing much really pauses then. Experience keeps rolling in.

For a long time, now, societally, we have been in a time when change happens so fast that it's hard to comprehend and evaluate. It's been many years since the wonks in the fields of organizations and systems as well as sociology have been warning that things were speeding up. It was about ten or eleven years ago that I got my hands on a copy of Leadership Without Easy Answers by Ronald Heifetz, and it helped me to prepare for ministry in an age of constant change. But it wasn't written for ministers; it was written for "leaders," and the interesting thing about congregational life is that the congregation is like a field that grows leaders. Every day and every activity opens up a new set of leadership tools to learn and grow from. That's why I love congregational life - it provides a place for human beings to grow to their full potential (if you create the setting for it) as leaders and persons in their own right. That potential is not a solitary or self-serving activity but collective and world-serving. When the world starts changing faster and faster, there are

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two things to do. One is to learn to calm the mind and take in information at a reasonable rate - in so far as the situation will allow. The other is to develop adaptive skills. That is the key according to Heifetz for flourishing in times of change - or life, which is simply change. Adaptive skills. The ability to roll with it - see the new responses needed for new conditions, sometimes to see new responses even before things begin to unfold.

This life is an adventure - I feel like the jungles of Africa or the Australian outback or some other place where they might film Survivor is no more intense than simple real life.

We have to create what we are doing as we move forward. It wasn't enough for the prophets and the social commentators to warn that this time was coming, it had to arrive head on. But we were created for this - we are, at base, adaptive creatures - evolving, inventing, changing ourselves and our world. The hopeful thing is that we are here together doing this. I really do think of the church as a place to adapt and evolve together, a place where we take the needs of others, the hopes of others into account. Unitarian Universalism offers the chance to be mindful as we respond to changes. To honor our best selves and live up to our wisest visions. Not to lead with fear but with hope, not to lead with grasping for ourselves but reaching out to others. It's a great gift to have a covenanted community to be with; to be covenanted means that we walk together. As we cover new ground, this is especially reassuring. In a couple of weeks, we are going to have a wonderful opportunity to talk as a community at the Spice Café on March 14. It will be a time to explore topics of meaning, to explore how we adapt to new challenges, and to deepen our connections with one another. You know there is a commercial on TV for some insurance where the slogan is "life comes at you fast..." It's true - life comes at you fast - you can be ready with a vibrant, supportive, inspiring, creative, warm, expanding, congregational life.

Path to Membership Classes

This three-session class covers UU history, traditions, Principles, practices and beliefs, as well as Country-side history, society, stewardship, and more. The classes include time for discussion, socializing and refreshments. The next classes will be held from 7-9 pm on Tuesday, March 31; Wednesday, April 8; and Thursday, April 16. It is led by members of the Membership Committee and Rev. Hilary. Sign up on the kiosk near the greeter window.

Committee Budget Reminder

All committees and programs that want to be included on next year's budget need to submit their budget requests by Thursday, Feb 19. Email them to the Office and to Greg Blus, Treasurer.

From Our Religious Educator

As you know, thanks to our great youth, advisors, and each of you, the Central Midwest District fall youth conference we hosted was a huge success. At the con, 200 youth and their advisors heard the powerful and compelling stories of three speakers from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless - Leanna, Jose and Rabbit. Each of these speakers shared the personal experiences that led them into homelessness, and their journey to get back out.

Now our youth invite you to learn more about the growing number of people who are homeless, and take action!

On Saturday, March 21st we will join UU churches throughout the Central Midwest District in setting up cardboard cities, with "sleepers" spending the night in cardboard boxes — to catch a glimpse of what it feels like to be homeless, learn more through our evening program, and raise support for local shelters.

We hope you will join us March 21 for:

- Age-appropriate movies about homelessness; learn more and be inspired by our discussion and activities
- Learn more about how to support local shelters and participate in legislative action
- Collect or donate pledges to benefit our local Journeys to Hope PADS program (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)
- Spend important time getting better acquainted with all ages at CCUU

This is a learning and social action opportunity for all ages! We hope that you will join us! For those of you not able to do the overnight portion, please plan to attend the movie, discussion, and activities on Saturday evening. Watch for more details in the weeks to come! If you would like to help with the evening program, or preparing breakfast for the group, please contact Colleen Vahey: 847.359.8440 x4; cvaheyuu@gmail.com. Thank you!

Did You Know. . .

- In 2007-08 there were 10, 642 students in Chicago Public Schools, who were homeless, and 26,239 students throughout Illinois.
- From Sept-Dec. 2008, Chicago Public Schools reported a 23% jump in the number of students who are homeless.
- A 2006 study by the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless found that there were 73, 656 men, women, youth and children who were homeless in Chicago alone.
- In 2007-08 our local Journeys from PADS to

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HOPE hosted 13,393 overnight stays and served 40,179 meals at the 18 PADS sites in NW suburban Cook County.

• Our local Journeys Center for Hope focuses on homelessness intervention and prevention. The clinical staff provide mental health counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and housing assistance. Journeys' new supportive living program offers affordable temporary housing and consistent therapeutic support to help clients achieve independence.

For more information visit:

<http://www.padstohope.org>

<http://www.chicagohomeless.org>

Upcoming *Focus* Deadlines March 2 and 16 @ 9 am

Submissions can be submitted to the church office or e-mailed to ccuu@ccuu.org.

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For assistance from our Lay or Care Ministries, please call Ken or Trudy.



Reserve the Date - March 14!

Spice Café

We will have lively conversations about life, meaning, the universe, and our church at the Countryside Church Spice Café. We will revisit key elements of our SpICE Long Term Direction goals (Spirituality, Involvement, Communication, and Education). We'll meet and share creative dreams and design programs and plans for now and the future.

Why now? We have had momentous changes at CCUU over the past 7 years. A new minister, vibrant staff, and new leadership have emerged, providing a foundation for making our church more relevant in these interesting times -relevant to our personal lives, our community, and to those people who have yet to discover Unitarian Universalism, but who long for what we have found here.

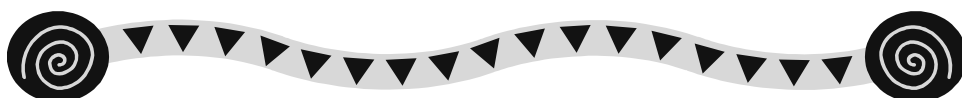


Come and help SpICE up our future!



Come for exploration, sharing, and getting to know one another better through our ideas of what counts in life and church - stay for play during the evening with a FUN-raiser social event with - you asked for it - bingo!!!! and other exciting activities!!!! Look for more details to be revealed soon!!!

For more information, contact Lisa Bohne, lsb9999@comcast.net



GoodSearch for Church

What if Countryside Church UU earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37% of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter 'Countryside Church UU' as the non-profit you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

Adult Faith Development News

The winter/spring issue of our Adult Faith Development Catalog is now available. Pick up a copy at the information island in Atherton Hall, or visit www.ccuu.org.

Thinking Scripture

7-8:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in March, April, and May

Encounter sacred scripture - beginning with Genesis and moving through the sacred texts of the world. Using story and discussion, we'll ask ourselves and share with one another what meaning can be found and what meaning may have been intended in these ancient texts. Rather than focusing on one interpretation of sacred story we will seek to find the meaning between our interpretations. This ongoing class begins with reading John Buehrens's Understanding The Bible and a number of hand-outs. Please register in advance by calling the church office (847-359-8440) or sign-up on the bulletin board across from the church office. Course facilitated by the Rev. Hilary Krivchenia.

Save the Date: Journeys Retreat May 15-16

Our annual Adult Faith Development retreat will be held on the beautiful grounds of University of St. Mary's of the Lake in Mundelein. Lodging is available, or you may commute. Led by the Rev. Hilary Krivchenia. For more information or to register, contact the church office, ccuu@ccuu.org or 847-359-8440.

Gardening for "Eating Green"

What will you grow in your garden this summer? Even a small garden or a few pots of vegetables can help us add locally grown and healthy foods to our diets, manage the grocery budget, and reduce our carbon imprint on our earth.

If you would like to learn more about What to Grow in Your Garden, please join the Eating Green Study and Support Group on Sunday, March 1 at noon in Room 4. Countryside's own panel of experts will help us get started. Donna Calwas, Linda Kuna, and Judy Miller will be on hand to provide guidance and answer our questions about successfully growing healthy and delicious fruits and vegetables locally—in our own backyards, on our apartment balconies, or in your church garden plot.

Please feel free to bring snacks to share if you'd like. The program is expected to last approximately one hour.

The Eating Green Study and Support Group is forming to investigate the environmental, ethical, and health ramifications of the food choices that we make. Buying foods grown sustainably, avoiding processed food-like products, factory vs. humane animal farming, genetically modified foods, organic foods, government farm policy, fair trade and human justice for agricultural workers, food/ fasting and spirituality, greenwashing, and planning next month's shopping and cooking will be discussed. Field trips and sharing of local food deliveries and resource materials will also be explored. The group will support each other's conscientious food decisions and goals, since it is likely that group members will make different food choices. If you are interested in exploring the ways our food choices impact our planet, its inhabitants, and our health, and then setting personal goals for acting on that information, you are warmly invited to become a member of the group. Questions - see Miles Wrigley or Ron Vargason.

Book Discussions

Book Circle

All are warmly welcome to join the Book Circle discussions. Our next selection is A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn. We will cover the first 12 chapters on Sunday, March 1, and the remainder on Sunday, March 29. Both meetings will be held at 6:30 pm in room 6.

Last Mondays Book Discussion

Please join us at 7 pm in the Stokes Room on the last Monday of the month. Our upcoming discussions are:

- Feb.23: The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz. *Winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize.*

Calling All Families with Young Children

Have you ever hoped to participate in a Sunday morning class, but weren't able to without childcare? We are pleased to introduce, Aida Acurio, our new Sunday morning childcare provider. Aida is a grandmother with over 30 years of experience working with children. In addition to raising her own children, she has been a nanny for numerous families in Barrington, and each have shared wonderful experiences with her. "You will not find a more caring, compassionate and conscientious childcare provider," said one family. "She will be a blessing to the children and parents of your church, as she has been to our family," said another family.

In addition to providing childcare during worship services, Aida will also be available the first and third Sunday mornings of each month from 9:00-10:15, so that parents may enjoy participating in one of our current pre-service programs: Open Forum, Knitting Circle, Buddhist Dharma group, some Covenant Groups, and Choir.

If there's enough interest, we can also explore starting a discussion group for parents of young children (Sundays, 9:00-10:15am). If you would be interested in attending such a group, please let our Director of Religious Education know of your interest: Colleen Vahey, 847.359.8440 x4; cvaheyuu@gmail.com

We hope you and your children experience a great sense of consistency and care on Sunday mornings, and know that you are a vital part of our community. We look forward to seeing you soon for Worship and Sunday morning classes!

Support, Talent, Ideas, Collaboration Special Meeting February 19

Are you struggling with your career/job, facing a lay-off or a forced retirement? Are you trying to re-invent yourself?

A few of us from Countryside Church who were in the same situation started meeting weekly to talk and offer ideas and support. We discovered how helpful it is when we put our heads (and hearts) together. Support, Talent, Ideas, and Collaboration (STIC) is what we're all about. We offer one another moral support, brainstorm about ways to use our individual and pooled talents to open up new opportunities, share business ideas, and seek ways to collaborate on projects under way. This approach, which arose from ad hoc meetings over coffee, is still evolving and has offered us a forum for close sharing of ideas, concerns, and a supportive community.

We'd like to share what we do in the hope that it will spawn more groups like ours. In order to kick-start this, we are holding an open informational meeting on February 19 at 7 pm. ...K. Sepos, T. MacTavish, D. Wiseman, G. LaBedz, B. Bendix, H. Snyder, M. Gilley-Members of the Deer Park Consortium

Religious Education (RE) News

Summer RE Green Team

This summer CCUU will launch a new RE program, "Nurturing the Spirit Nature Connection" — designed by Colleen Vahey, DRE, and interested members! Our primary goal is to foster reverence for nature, and take action to protect our environment. We will measure our carbon footprint, learn "green" initiatives to do at home, tend to our RE garden, and help with other "green" initiatives at CCUU. Mark your calendars for June 15-Sept. 6 and plan to join us each Sunday for worship, learning, fellowship and fun! Whether you can help for one Sunday or a few ~ we welcome your involvement! If you're interested in being part of this new program, please contact Colleen Vahey: 847.359.8440 x4; cvaheyuu@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sleep-Out-Saturday - March 21

The senior high youth group and RE classes invite you to participate in our first Sleep-out-Saturday, March 21, 7:00pm-Sunday morning. We will sleep outside overnight in cardboard boxes, to get a glimpse at the life of the more than people in our state who are homeless. In March some of our RE classes will be learning more about the many issues surrounding homelessness, and how we can make a difference. There will be a soup kitchen on Saturday night, a movie and bonfire, and breakfast in the morning. All are welcome! Watch for more details later this month!

Participants will need to find their own boxes or tents, and are invited to collect pledges to give to our local PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter). If you would like to help with the evening learning, cook soup, or provide breakfast, please contact Colleen Vahey, DRE, 847.359.8440 x4.

Agnosticism, Humanism, Atheism Discussion Group

On Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm, we will show the movie Religulous by Bill Maher and discuss it afterwards. The movie has been criticized by many for its lack of interaction between Maher and leading religious intellectuals. How do you feel?

Getting to Know Our Newer Members

Ellen Brouwer grew up American Baptist, but found “a place for me” when she discovered Countryside. She works downtown Chicago for the Options Board and is married to a computer engineer who describes himself as an atheist. They have 3 guinea pigs and a cat. Ellen recently finished her MBA at the University of Chicago while working fulltime. She’s a member of the Monday Night book group and does volunteer work for the Jaycees.

Kathleen McMichael grew up Catholic, going to Catholic schools through grade school. She found us online googling a word (she can’t remember which word) and is “so happy I found it. It’s exactly what I was looking for.” She feels she is constantly learning something as a member of Countryside. She’s married to Jim, the head mechanic at a Hyundai dealership, and they have an almost-five-year-old daughter (a leap-year baby) named Kylee, who goes to Park District Pre-K in Rolling Meadows and will enter kindergarten in the fall. Kathleen works part-time in administration for the Prospect Heights-Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and has a Bachelor’s degree in psychology as well as a Master’s from Argosy University. She loves to read and wants to learn Spanish. She belongs to the Tuesday night Kinship Circle and is a “floater” for Countryside’s RE program.

Deeya Pavelle considers herself a long-time UU. She grew up in Massachusetts, first as a conservative Jew, then in the Reformed faith. In college she studied with the Guru Maharaji and received “Darsan” (Holy Breath). She got married and started going to what was then the Congregational Church (now the United Church of Christ). She oversaw their Missions Committee for a while, then “fell out of religion.” In the meantime, she had two sons, Ian and James (now in their 20s). Ian is a music producer and Jason just graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. One day she and some friends decided to visit the Unitarian Universalist church around the corner during a blizzard. Very few people showed up because of the weather, so the service was held around a big fireplace and Deeya was hooked from then on. She has a degree in occupational therapy from Tufts University and a Master’s in psychology and education from Lesley University. She once worked for 6 months in a professional kitchen as the pantry chef and learned how to dice tomatoes. Right now she is teaching a 6-week stint at Barrington High School, working one-on-one with an autistic student. She loves knitting, reading and cooking, is fundraising for Countryside with soups and

cheesecakes, and is hoping to start a dream interpretation group with Dan Wiseman. On July 11, she and Dayle Roberts (see following paragraph) will be married in Massachusetts.

Dayle Roberts grew up on a farm near Freeport, and was part of a non-denominational conservative Christian church. She majored in math at Illinois State at Normal, and then began working in the computer field. She went back to school — Roosevelt University — 10 years later and received a Masters in Science and Information Systems. Five years after that she was accepted as a doctoral student at U. I. C. and completed much of the work before medical problems interfered. Dayle has worked for Northrop Grumman for 29 years, heads up the Palatine chapter of P-Flag, and is a member of the Palatine Women’s Club. She had a photography business for three years, and has traveled in England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Finland, Russia, Italy, Greece, Guatemala, Australia and New Zealand. She loves to read and hopes to get back to playing golf. She is engaged to Deeya Pavelle (see above) and on July 11th, they will be married in Massachusetts.

Jenny Tanquary grew up UU, her parents having left the Catholic church to go to the Unity Church in Oak Park. She went to their pre-school program through high school, and remembers going to a Junior High youth camp called “Marwood Dunes” in Michigan where she says her UU beliefs were finalized. Jenny works fulltime as an accounting manager in Rolling Meadows, and is married to John, who works from home as a computer programmer, web developer and data base manager for a company based in California and Texas. They have two children: Caroline, 4-1/2, and Ben, 2-1/2. Both are enrolled in Countryside’s RE and love the Spirit Play and Chalice Children programs. Jenny’s sister runs a Montessori pre-school out of her home and both children spend their days there. Jenny would love to have a hobby or two, but feels she’ll need to wait until the children are older.

Hal Snyder grew up in Lake Bluff with a Catholic mother and an atheist father “which meant interesting conversations at dinner,” he says. He went occasionally to a Methodist church with friends and family, but was not inspired. As for Unitarian Universalism, “I didn’t know a darn thing about until about a year or so ago.” He went to Lake Forest Academy, Haverford College in Pennsylvania, Lake Forest College where he studied math and physics, University of Chicago where he studied algebraic

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Getting to Know More of Our Newer Members

number theory and worked on a doctorate, and Northwestern University where he received his M.D. with a specialty in psychiatry (physical medicine and rehabilitation). He's also taught math, computer science and chemistry at Roosevelt University. Hal has three grown children: Alyssa, who's married with three kids and works in client services involving electronic data interchange; Josh, who's also married and on a 2-year rotation working as a programmer in London; and Eva, who's engaged and working in Los Angeles in cinema/production video. Hal is involved in Countryside's Second Friday Night documentary movies, and Adult Faith Development's "A Better Day", which will hold another all-day event targeting health care on March 28.

Sarah Tilford is the youngest member at Countryside. She started here when she was 3 or 4 years old, and both her brother, Jason and her mother, Kim are members as well. She graduated from Hoffman Estates High School in 2008, having been in every theater production in the four years she attended that school, including playing Charlotte in "Charlotte's Web" and Evita in "Evita". She also sang at many events and services at Countryside. Sarah is now a freshman at Bradley University in Peoria, with a double major in Theater and Communications. She recently appeared in the college's production of "The Pirates of Penzance," and her present classes are acting, multi-media, math, English, and her favorite — being part of an Improv Troupe. Her dream job would be being a regular on Saturday Night Live. Her hobbies are — guess what? Acting and singing!

Suzanne Butler went to Lutheran School through high school in St. Louis, where her mother still lives. Her ancestors came from Germany for more religious freedom and settled along the Mississippi River and founded the Missouri Synod. But Suzanne found Countryside because her younger son, Jonah, was enrolled in Kindermusik, and she liked what she read on our bulletin board, especially about social justice and being part of community. She "resonated with the message", she says. Suzanne has two sons, Eli, 14, in his last year at Plum Grove Junior High, and Jonah, 12, who is happily enrolled in Countryside's RE. She received her Bachelor of Social Work at Southwest Missouri State University, and spent time in Salem, Oregon, along with her husband who was also a social worker, practicing her craft. At present, she works for District 15 as a program assistant, doing reading interventions to help teachers with students who need one-on-one help. In August 2007, a terrible tragedy ensued when her

husband, Craig Bogacki, died. She says that she and her two sons are still "licking their wounds" and finds her weekly Yoga class her "saving grace."

Barbara Griggs went to Catholic school through high school but says she "never really took to it" and generally just "dropped out." However, her sister from Appleton, Wisconsin, introduced her to UUism, though she spent some time at the Unity Church in Crystal Lake a few years ago. Countryside's Covenant Groups are what she loves best, and she is active in three. Barbara is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh with a major in English Literature. She taught Business for a while at Milwaukee Area Technical College, and was a piano teacher for Karnes Music in Vernon Hills for 10 years. She loves reading and crossword puzzles and has two cats, Wally and Toby.

Job Ministry

If you have questions regarding St. Hubert Job Ministry Events, call Bob Podgorski at 847-925-6005.

- **Critical Job Search Tools. February 19**, 7 pm, Queen of Rosary Church, 680 W. Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove Village. We are pleased to have Ralph Young from the Tricity Unemployment Group (TUG). He has developed insights over years of successful counseling Job Seekers.
- **Resumé Review. February 21**, 9-11am, St. Marcelline Church, 822 S. Springinsguth, Schaumburg. Bring your resume for a personal evaluation by one of six HR, Search, or career counselors who will be on hand to give you their thoughts and suggestions. Bring a friend - this is for all occupations and levels.
- **Career Communications. February 23**, 7 - 9:15pm, St. Hubert Ministry Center, 729 Grand Canyon, Hoffman Estates. Joining us will be Exec-U-Net Liaison Melody Campbell. Melody will share with us her years of experience in how to improve your career communications to effectively attract an employer to your message. Be sure to attend this meeting and topic.
- **Stretching Finances in a Job Search. February 28**, 9 am to 12 Noon, St. James Church, 820 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arl. Hts. The seminar is intended for the newly unemployed and the concerned worker to better understand the actions that can be taken to reduce outlay and increase the time available to reach your career objective. Bob Podgorski, coordinator of the St. Hubert Job Ministry, will present. Informal networking will follow the presentation.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

A complete calendar of all events and meetings held in the building is on the website: www.ccuu.org. If your church meeting is not listed there, please fill out a room reservation form and submit it to the church office.

Wed 2/18	6:30pm	All My Money Ctte Mtg	Sun 3/1	12pm	Bellydancing Class
	7pm	Compassionate Comm. Support Group		12pm	RE Council Mtg
Thu 2/19	7pm	STIC Meeting (see p.4)		4:30pm	Compassionate Comm. Covenant Grp II
	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal		6:30pm	Book Circle
Fri 2/20	10am	Daytime Kinship Circle		7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org
Sat 2/21	TBD	Circle Suppers		7pm	Youth Covenant Group
Sun 2/22	9am	OWL (4th-5th grades)		7pm	Compassionate Comm. Covenant Gp I
	9:15am	Open Forum Discussion	Mon 3/2	7pm	Christianity in the Age of Ideology
	11:30am	Budget Meeting	Tue 3/3	6:15pm	Motherhood Kinship Circle
	12pm	Rainbow Friends Meeting		7pm	Agnosticism, Humanism, Atheism Group
	12pm	Bellydancing Class	Wed 3/4	7pm	Membership Ctte Mtg
	12pm	Movement for Fun Group		7:30pm	Menzgroup Covenant Group
	12pm	OWL (7-9)	Thu 3/5	7pm	"Thinking Scripture" class
	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org		7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal
Mon 2/23	7pm	Last Mondays Book Discussion Group	Sat 3/7	TBD	Circle Suppers
	7pm	Christianity in the Age of Ideology		9am	All My Money mentor training
Tue 2/24	7pm	Personnel Ctte Mtg	Sun 3/8	8:30am	Conversations with God Covenant Grp
Wed 2/25	7pm	Wednesday Kinship Circle		9am	OWL (Kdgtm-1st)
	7pm	Worship Council Meeting		9:15am	Open Forum Discussion
Thu 2/26	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal		11:45am	Meet the Minister
Sat 2/28	9am	Sacred Guide Training/Workshop		12pm	Bellydancing Class
	10am	Teacher Appreciation Event		12pm	Curriculum Team Meeting
Sun 3/1	9am	Buddhist Dharma Group		12pm	Movement for Fun Group
	9am	OWL (Kdgtm-1st)		12pm	OWL (7-9)
	9:15am	Open Forum Discussion		12pm	Green Sanctuary Meeting
	12pm	Eating Green Study and Support Group		7pm	Youth Covenant Group

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