

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:30 am. Unless otherwise stated below, childcare and religious education classes are provided for all children and youth during Sunday morning services.

May 18 Why We Are Not Catholics

Rev. Beaudreault

The recent visit of Pope Benedict to the United States calls into sharp relief some of the major differences between the UU perspective on various issues and the official Catholic one. The sermon is an attempt to discuss the issues not personalities.

Child Dedications: Arden Kenders Mendoza and Stephen Qingbin Bero

Share the Plate: Half of the cash collected will be donated to Kids on Track, a camp run by School District 214 for children who live at Arlington Racetrack during the racing season; the goal is to provide both social and academic education.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

May 25 What is Required of Us?

Rev. Beaudreault

Our UU ministers are required to abide by our UU Ministerial Association's "Guidelines" (about 100 pages of suggestions). But what about UU congregational members? Are there at least responsibilities? We shall also remember Memorial Day during the service.

After the service, there will be a special ceremony outside to honor the ministry of our Minister Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Ruppert Lovely. Please join us for this wonderful tribute.

Affirmation: Laurie Lantz

No religious education classes today. Childcare for ages 0-4 will be available in the Nursery.

June 1 UUs in the White House

Rev. Beaudreault

Continuing the subject begun in February, our minister will tell us of the life and legacy of some of the UUs or near-UUs who have served as Presidents, or almost Presidents, of the United States.

We will recognize Religious Education volunteers during this service.

Family Service: Children and Youth will attend the beginning of the worship service with their families (bring your children with you to the service). Nursery and preschool-age children can go directly to their classrooms.

June 8 Jazz Theology

Rev. Beaudreault

Trying to understand a deity is like trying to understand jazz. Being both a jazz pianist and someone who has studied theology, Don will discuss the similarities. A few operative words might help us understand the intent of such a sermon: "syncopation," and "improvisation" - or, in other words, being/playing "off-beat," and "ad-libbing."

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Upcoming Focus Deadlines
May 24 & June 9 @ 9am

Submissions can be emailed to ccuu@ccuu.org.

Budget Update: Bring Out Your Pledge... Bring Out Your Pledge!

At our all-congregation Budget Dinner held on Feb. 23, we expressed our goals for the coming year with a proposed budget that increased spending by 10% (a \$431,000 budget compared to the current \$394,000). The main increases were in staffing - salary increases for minister and staff as well as new funds for a part-time sexton and administrative assistant. To be sure, there were also hoped-for increases for many of our programs and committees, as well as new budget items. We knew then, however, that in order to realize these aggressive goals, we would need an equally-aggressive return from our annual budget drive.

With less than a week to go until the Congregational Meeting on May 18, we are struggling to match last year's pledge total. With 88% of the returns in, we have \$288,000 in pledges compared to last year's total of \$290,000. I anticipate that we will wind up showing a small increase in pledge revenue, but clearly not enough to cover much of our proposed increases.

SO - the Finance Committee met last week to discuss where we might make cuts to reach a balanced "essential" budget and these are the recommendations we will make to the Board on Tuesday night. Since the budget starts and ends with congregational approval, please consider these as recommendations to you as well. Reductions are from the February 23 budget.

Revenue Cuts: Rental income down \$8,000 - departure of Kindermusik as a tenant.

Revenue Additions: Proposed RE Materials Fee - \$2,500

NOTE: We assume \$20,000 in fundraisers once again

Expense Cuts:

- Custodian: \$8,000 - cut from \$17,000 to \$9,000 (no sexton)
- Building/Grounds: cut \$2,700 - new lower-cost electricity provider
- Capital Reserve: cut \$2500 - we'll need a Capital Campaign in the Fall anyway
- Admin. Asst: \$2524 - keep it in at 4 hrs/wk vs. 10 hrs/wk
- Programs: \$7510 - most programs cut back to U-Gotta levels:
 - RE back to \$6500 from \$8300;
 - Childcare back to \$1000 from \$2640
 - Social Action back to \$1000 from \$2500
 - Safe Congregation to \$650 from \$2150 (less expensive provider)
- North Property Expense: \$2000 - from \$10,000 back to \$8,000
- Denomination Dues: \$5817 - cut dues to UUA to fund Admin. Position

The net effect is a Balanced Budget at \$388,650 versus this year's \$394,562. Note that this year's budget was increased by \$14,000 in one-time gifts and champion items from last year's May meeting.

I will email out additional details before the Congregation Meeting so that we can have an efficient and productive meeting. If you would like to increase your pledge or make a one-time gift toward next year's budget, please contact the church office, Stewardship Czar Mike Gilley, or Treasurer Greg Blus.

Green Corner

Are you interested in receiving current environmental information via email? If so, send a request to gwisniewski@sbcglobal.net and ask to have your name added to the GREEN INFO email list. Once on the list, you will be able to share your environmental info as well.

Household Chemical Waste Collection

There will be a Household Chemical Waste Collection on Saturday, June 21, 8am - 3pm at Palatine High School, 1111 Rohlwing Rd. The event is sponsored by the Illinois EPA and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. For more information go to www.swancc.org. A Permanent Drop-Off is located in Chicago on Goose Island - go to www.cityofchicago.org/environment.

Spring Tromp After Annual Meeting

Join us for a Spring Tromp and Bird Watching on May 18 after the congregational vote. Rainbow Friends invites you, family, friends and four-legged buddies to enjoy nature's finest! We will meet at Grove # 5, the same starting place for the Thanksgiving Tromp. Enter Deer Grove west from the entrance off Quentin Rd. The road winds a bit, then go right at the first stop sign, straight through the second stop sign and park at the first parking on the right (there is one area on the left prior), just past a large trail map sign. The Tromp will begin on the paved trail heading away from the road, just prior to the trail map sign. Hope to see everyone there! For more information, see Lois Strzyzweski.

From the Board President

Please plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 18, immediately following the church service. Childcare will be provided and coffee and snacks will be served in the Sanctuary. We will be voting on:

1. the budget for 2008-09,
 2. the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee for leadership positions,
 3. changing the age restriction on Membership
- Article VI of the By-laws states that *there shall be no nominations for officer, trustee or the endowment committee from the floor of the annual congregational meeting. Additional nominations may be made by petition of 15 legal members filed with the Secretary of the Board no later than ten (10) days prior to the annual congregational meeting.*

Elected Leadership Positions

The following nominees, if elected, will assume their positions on July 1, 2008. These candidates were thoughtfully selected and recruited by our Nominating Committee and we are confident that they will serve our church well, with both skill and compassion.

Board of Trustees

Nominees for the Board of Trustees:

- President-elect - Judy Ball (1-year term followed by 2-year term for President)
- Vice-President - Laura Mandell (2-year term)
- Trustee - Marty Farrington (2-year term)
- Trustee - Tom MacTavish (2-year term)
- Trustee - Peggy Simonsen (2-year term)
- Trustee - Mary Henske (1-year term - completing second year of Judy Ball's 2 year term)

Continuing on the Board of Trustees:

- President - Lisa Bohne (2nd year of 2-year term)
- Treasurer - Greg Blus (2nd year of 2-year term)
- Secretary - Laura Gadley (2nd yr of 2-year term)
- Trustee - Leslie Evans (2nd year of 2-year term)

Endowment Committee

Nominee for the Endowment Committee:

- Member - Wayne Stein

Continuing on the Endowment Committee:

- Beverly Sneddon (third year of 5-year term)
- Richard Chay (fourth year of 5-year term)
- Greg Blus (fifth year of 5-year term)
- Bob Atherton (second year of 5-year term)

Nominating Committee

We will elect three people to serve on the Nominating Committee for two years, as outlined in Article VII of the Constitution: *three members of the nominating committee shall be elected at the annual congregational meeting each year. All nominees to be elected*

by the congregation to the nominating committee shall be nominated from the floor and shall have given prior approval of their willingness to serve. Three people will be continuing in their second year of their 2-year terms and the Board will appoint a seventh person for a 1-year term.

Nominees for the Nominating Committee:

- Nominations will be made from the floor. They must have given prior approval of their willingness to serve. In the event that there are more than three nominations, a vote will be required to select the three members.

Continuing on the Nominating Committee:

- Sheryl Skifstad (second year of 2-year term)
- Denise Sepos (second year of 2-year term)
- Bob Spielman (second year of 2-year term)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In faith,

Lisa S. Bohne, President, Board of Trustees

Among Us

On Tuesday, May 13, Countryside member Ron Vargason and his recently-retired wife, Barb Sugden, will depart in their new RV for a 6-month adventure to Alaska. They will be keeping a blog of their trip so we can enjoy the trip with them:

<http://www.littlevango.blogspot.com/>

Bon Voyage, Ron & Barb!

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Lay Ministers

Ken Bobbe and Trudy Kleckner, Coordinators	
Richard Chay	Joyce Swedlund
Larry Frank	Kimberly Tilford
Jane Matthews	Dan Yokas

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

Ministerial Musings

Transition

As many of you know, I have accepted the call to be the Settled Minister in Norfolk, VA and shall be moving there on July 1st when my contract with you ends. I am very happy to be moving back to “home territory” (I was raised in Washington, D.C. and Maryland).

Of major personal importance in accepting this particular call is the fact that I will be closer to my daughters, Claire (soon to be 27 years old) and Therese (25 years old). I have even registered to run the Virginia Beach Half-Marathon with Therese on August 31st!

I do feel that I have been through quite a process of discernment - as have you as a congregation - during our mutual search.

Your Ministerial Search Committee considered many possible candidates (I know since I talked to a number of them).

As for me, I saw about 20 church packets of information, had a dozen phone interviews, was invited to pre-candidate (meaning a weekend interview) with ten churches, accepted six of those, got three offers to candidate, and accepted the Unitarian Church of Norfolk’s invitation.

That was a nine-day experience which included a total of 57 events (including all-congregational meetings, meetings with committees, meetings with individuals, and three worship services).

That led to a vote on whether or not the congregation wanted me as its minister and they did - to the tune of a 99% favorable vote! Of the four other times in which I have had weeklong candidating weeks in the churches I eventually served, I had only one other experience in which the favorable vote was higher than 99% (obviously, a 100% vote).

So, of course I was absolutely thrilled to accept the offer - indeed, one I could not refuse!

Saying all that, I want to tell you how difficult it will be for me to leave you as your minister de jour (okay, it will be 17 months, not just a day). But really, the time with you has gone by very quickly, so I must have had a good time!

Of course, I have gotten to know some of you better than others, but I have felt the overwhelming warmth and support of this congregation in regard to my ministry with you, and have witnessed, as well, your beloved ministry to each other.

So, I just wanted to give you an update on where I am and to express my ongoing gratitude to you for giving me the privilege of serving as your minister.

I shall continue doing so with great joy until my last Sunday with you on June 29.

With love and gratitude,
Don Beaudreault

Religious Education News

With Great Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the ABC book program: we have over 80 new picture books, resources and DVD’s to enrich our RE Library. Special thanks to Amy Huber for her extensive assistance with this project and with updating our RE attendance records.

Thank you to Dave Cohen for the donation of a digital camera to the RE program.

The Coming-of-Age class would like to thank everyone who supported them this year through fundraisers and attending the worship service and reception. Special thanks to the generosity of Denise Sepos, Yuki Juretic, duRee Bryant, and Larry and Terry Frank for coordinating special fundraisers; to Kathy Dahlgren for the beautiful DVD she created; to Mike and Linda Berry for many delicious meals; and to Martha and Greg Blus for the cake reception.

Summer RE: “UU Faith in Action”

We hope you will join us for a rich array of summer experiences with our children and youth. We continue our UU identity theme into the summer, with special emphasis on putting faith into action! Join us for many enriching experiences with music and dance, art and gardening! We will learn specifically about the challenge of hunger locally and abroad, and our call to “honor the inherent worth and dignity of all people.” Children will have the opportunity to participate in “Read to Feed” supporting Heifer International’s work abroad and donating the food we grow in our expanded children’s garden to the local food depository. Whether you’re available to help one Sunday or several Sundays, we need your support! If you are interested in helping with gardening, teaching, or childcare, please contact Lisa Hagenbuch, or Colleen Vahey, 847-359-8440 x4. Thank you!

Rise Up and Call Her Name

This Adult Faith Development program exploring feminine, earth-based spiritualities will meet one Saturday morning/month starting in June for one year. “Rise Up” is a dynamic experiential curriculum which allows participants to explore feminine spirituality through music, image, creative exploration and ritual. “Rise Up” will be facilitated by Sharon Wiseman, Rita DeBoer, and Christina Caglar. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Childcare is available; suggested materials donation is \$30/year. Sign-up begins Sunday, May 4 during coffee hour. Contact Christina Caglar or Sharon Wiseman for more information.

Rainbow Friends Upcoming Events

Joining Palatine's Relay for Life

Rainbow Friends will be showing their support for the Palatine PFLAG team as they walk with PFLAG's team at Palatine's Relay for Life on Friday, June 13. The fundraiser is an overnight event held at Palatine High School, and is widely known to be loads of fun! Walkers for each team circle the track throughout the event, joined by several hundred others who are walking to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Musical bands, food, cheer squads, and lots of other entertainment keeps the energy high. If you are interested in donating, or walking with Rainbow Friends and PFLAG, (even for only an hour or a few times around the track!) contact Lois Stryzewski.

Potluck Picnic and Jammin' with Joanie

In honor of Pride Month, Rainbow Friends will be hosting a community Potluck Picnic and Jammin' with Joanie jam session. Join us for an evening of fun, food, music and general boisterousness as we celebrate the LGBT community and Countryside Church as a safe, welcoming and affirming space for everyone!! Joanie Kozak, Countryside Church member and accomplished musician, invites pros and novices alike to belt out some tunes and play your old and new favorites. Bring your blankets, picnic foods (no grills will be available, so please bring prepared food), musical instruments and singing voices, not to mention your dancing shoes!! All are welcome, Saturday, June 21, 6-10 pm outside the church on the north grounds.

Participate in Pride Parade

The Rainbow Friends group of Countryside Church will be marching in the 39th Annual Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29. Churches are one of the groups that get the most enthusiastic reception from the crowds, so plan on joining us for a wonderful day! Step off is at 12 noon from the corner of Halsted and Belmont. Church members, family and friends are welcome to march and demonstrate Countryside's support and affirmation for the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered community. For more information, contact Sue De Luca.

Shoes and Clothes to Rwanda

The collection of shoes and summer clothes will conclude this month. Please bring donations to the boxes located in the coatroom and in the RE area.

Living in the Now

The Power of Now discussion group will not meet during the summer. It will resume in the fall.

Open Forum Discussion

In this group, we agree to discuss current issues and controversies in a welcoming, mutually respectful manner. Please enjoy ease in parking and punctual arrival at church by joining us before the service for a stimulating exchange of diverse views. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Senior High Room (Classroom 5). We plan to discuss the following topics on the following dates (based on breaking news, topics do sometimes change).

- May 18: Being Right and Making Wrong with Moralistic Judgments: How Such Judgments Impact Politics and Current Events
- May 25: The Role of Law in Society and Politics: What Does Each of us Want it to Be?
- June 1: Are U.S. Americans Addicted to Litigation? What Does Each of Us Want Done About This?
- June 8: Economic (such as Agricultural) Subsidies: Love 'em or Leave 'em?
- June 15: Government and Energy: What Role for the Former in the Later?

Newcomers remain welcome. To ask questions or to be added to our email list from which to receive readings, please contact Vid Axel.

Agnosticism, Humanism, Atheism Discussion

The fifth session of the "Agnosticism, Humanism and/or Atheism" discussion group will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00PM in Atherton Hall. We hope you will come with questions and comments and maybe find out the answers to questions like these - Is Atheistic Spirituality an Oxymoron?; What is the New Humanism?; What about Theism versus Non-Theism? Our discussion group will be taking a vacation during the summer months but we will resume in September.

Countryside Gardens

The Green Sanctuary Task Force and Adult Faith Development Committee are sponsoring vegetable gardening on the lawn north of the church. Gardeners will be asked to pay a small fee for each plot and a portion of the crop from each garden will be donated to a local food bank. If interested, contact Leslie Peet.

Buddhist Dharma Group

This group will meet for common support in the study of Buddhism, practice of meditation, and kinship of Dharma Circle on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 9-10:30 am in classroom 4. It is open to all.

A Worldview of Living Action

This eight-session course will be led by Vid Axel presenting his personal worldview and will meet consecutive Mondays from June 2 through July 21 from 7-9 pm.

In this series, Vid will discuss what he regards as the spirit and principles underlying not only communication but also ethical action more generally. Through presentation and dialogue with participants, Vid will clarify his own conceptions of truth, value and life-affirming interaction. In doing so, he will aim to systematically present, interrelate and integrate the principles that he's confident will support inner peace, spiritual uplift, self-improvement, and socially efficacious action. Those delighted by previous participation in Rem Stokes' History of Christianity courses or the Building Your Own Theology classes - as well as others engaging in personal searches for truth and meaning - can expect to find their searches enhanced by participating in this course. Along the way, Vid will encourage participants to form their own opinions about the issues discussed.

Please sign up for eight, stimulating evenings of intellectual exploration by contacting Vid Axel or by signing up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Book Discussion Groups Last Mondays Book Discussion

Because the Last Monday in May is Memorial Day, we have re-scheduled to the First Monday in June - June 2. June conveniently has five Mondays this year, so we will be meeting the First Monday (June 2) AND the Last Monday (June 30).

Please join us June 2 at 7 pm in the Stokes Room for a discussion of The Life of Pi by Yann Martel.

Book Circle

All are welcome! Join us on Sunday, June 22 at 6:30 pm in room 6 to discuss Plan B 3.0: Mobilizing to Save Civilization by Lester R. Brown. The author is president of Earth Policy Institute, and he has been honored with a MacArthur Fellowship, UN Environmental Prize and Japan's Blue Planet Prize. Brown "gives concise...summaries of what he regards as the key issues facing civilization as a consequence of the stress we put on our environment," *The Ecologist*.

Conspiracy: What Do You Believe?

Spring CMWD Young Adult Conference

May 30-June 1 at North Shore UU Church. Register at <http://connectuu.com>. More info and scholarships available at: <http://www.cmwd-uuyan.org/>

This will be a spine-tingling journey into faith, politics, our belief system and an opportunity to explore new and exciting avenues of adventure. Workshops on: Alternative Media, War Profiteering, the Business of Birth with SPY games and a SPY theme. This is a Young Adults Unitarian Universalist, ages 18-35, event. Young Adults are coming from across the Midwest to meet, connect, learn, enjoy and have fun!

If you know of youth who are bridging, this is a great chance to connect them with the UU Young Adult Community. Bridgers need to bring a permission slip: <http://www.cmwd-uuyan.org/>

UU Women's Retreats

Peace, Sustainability, Environmental Justice

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Connection present the annual spring conference of the Central Midwest District hosted by the women of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Joliet. The Retreat will be held June 6-8 at Pilgrim Park in Princeton, IL. The theme is *Peace, Sustainability and Environmental Justice*. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Clare Butterfield, executive director of Faith in Place. Rev. Butterfield is a UU minister with a lifelong interest in environmental matters; she is the original organizer of Faith in Place, the mission of which is to help people of faith understand that issues of ecology and economy - of care for Creation - are at the forefront of social justice. For more info, see the brochure on the church bulletin board or www.uuwomensconnection.org.

Walking in Balance

Central Midwest District Women and Religion Committee invite you to the 15th annual summer gathering August 1-3 at Ronora Lodge and Retreat Center in Watervliet, Michigan. Focusing on revitalization and the joy of sisterhood, we will play in a sacred way and restore our balance through workshops and earth-centered rituals. There are brochures in the church pamphlet rack or go to www.womenandreligion.org.

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois: Camp Courage 2008

Camp Courage will be held July 7-10 at YMCA Camp Duncan in Ingleside. At Camp Courage, campers aged 4-18 who are grieving the loss of a loved one can explore and express their feelings in a safe, supportive and fun environment. There are also sessions for adults. More info is in a brochure posted on the church bulletin board. To register, call the Center for Loss and Hope at 847-381-5599 by June 20. Fee: FREE.

Submit Meditations to UU Anthology

Skinner House Books invites you to submit meditations for a meditation anthology to be edited by Victoria Safford, author of the popular meditation manual *Walking Toward Morning*. The new anthology will be published in May 2009.

Prose meditations should be between 200 and 650 words. Poetry meditations should be no longer than 54 lines each. Meditations can be serious or funny. They should be suitable for both private reflection and public worship.

Submissions should include a cover letter and 5 or fewer complete pieces of original work. In your cover letter, please provide information on how to contact you, identify your affiliation with Unitarian Universalism, and provide some context for the writing in your sample, such as the purpose for which the pieces were originally written and the themes that interest you. If your work has been published, please give details.

Send your submission to: Mary Benard, Senior Editor; Skinner House Books; UUA; 25 Beacon St; Boston, MA 02108, OR email mbernard@uua.org.

Submissions are being accepted until July 1. Please note that all meditations accepted for publication will be edited and that authors are responsible for obtaining any necessary permission to use copyrighted material.

UUSC Freedom Summer

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is excited to announce the 2008 Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey, July 12-19, taking participants to the front lines of the U.S. civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. UUSC's 5th annual Civil Rights Journey will include stops in Atlanta, GA, and Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, Ala. During this intergenerational camp, we will travel by bus to historic sites and hear inspirational stories from courageous people who participated in the movement; it will conclude with a two-day community-service project that will take place in Birmingham. For more info, contact Shayla at 800-388-3920 x 228, or go to www.uusc.org/freedomspring

Escape to Vermont

The 14th Annual B&B Weekend offered by the UU Church of Rutland, Vermont will be offered September 26-28. Enjoy the beauty of Vermont, UU hospitality, and a choice of guided activities. Registration by Aug. 1: \$250 (single)/\$450 (double). After Aug. 1: \$300 (single)/\$500 (double). Registration forms are on the bulletin board across from the church office. For more info, contact uufoliagevermont@yahoo.com or 802-353-7969.

Looking for Help in Job Finding?

There are quite a few resources for the job seeker, but sometimes they are hard to find. One of the advantages offered by the Saint Hubert Job and Networking Ministry is our resource board, displayed at our general meetings. On this board, you will find listings of other area networking groups, often with their flyers announcing meeting dates and topics. You will find Job Fair flyers; lists of Chicago-area industry conferences, occupational meetings and association meeting notices. This is only one part of the many resources you will find in the Ministry Center Club Room, when the St. Hubert Job and Networking Ministry meets twice monthly. We hope that you come and make use of these job help materials. For questions regarding St. Hubert Job Ministry events, call Bob Podgorski at 847-925-6005.

* **Resumé Review:** May 17, 9 to 11 am, St Francis de Sales Church, 135 South Buesching Road, Lake Zurich. Take advantage of this opportunity to have your resume reviewed by a professional who will share with you their suggestions and thoughts for improvement. We will have six individuals available to assist on a one-on-one basis.

* **Multi-Generational Interviewing:** May 19, 7 to 9:15pm, St. Hubert Ministry Center, 729 Grand Canyon, Hoffman Estates. If you've ever wondered how to reach that person across the table who is of a different generation than you are, this may be an important topic for you? Nancy Moran, a career coach and local career topic speaker, will help us to better understand how to approach these often-awkward career moments.

* **The Art of Cold Calling:** May 24, 9 am - 12 pm, Countryside Church. We have had many people tell us that they are less than comfortable about calling someone that they don't know. This is a normal reaction and the discomfort comes from not knowing what to do or say when they answer. Our presenter Rosemary Monahan will help us through this important process and become more at ease with it.

Extreme Inequality

Join Chuck Collins, a born-and-raised UU, on Thursday, May 29, 7 - 8:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 5650 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, for a lively workshop and conversation examining the growing disparity of income and assets over the last 30 years and its adverse impact on our democratic institutions, public health, economy, and civic life. For more info, go to www.firstuchicago.org.

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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.

Thurs, 5/15	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Mon, 5/26	MEMORIAL DAY - CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
Fri, 5/16	10am	Daytime Kinship Circle	Tues, 5/27	7pm DRE CoM Mtg
	7pm	Building Your Own Theology	Weds, 5/28	7pm Compassionate Communication Cov.Group
Sat, 5/17	TBD	Circle Suppers	Thurs, 5/29	7:15pm Church Choir Rehearsal
	9am	CAUUC Annual Meeting here at CCUU	Sun, 6/1	9am Buddhist Dharma Group
Sun, 5/18	8:30am	Artist's Way Covenant Group		9am Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
	9am	Buddhist Dharma Group		9:15am Open Forum Discussion
	9:15am	Open Forum Discussion		6:30pm Great Plains Zen Center Meditation
	11:30am	Congregational Annual Meeting		7pm Compassionate Communication Cov.Group
	12pm	Social Action Committee Meeting	Mon, 6/2	7pm Mondays Book Discussion: <i>Life of Pi</i>
	1:30pm	Spring Tromp @ Deer Grove		7pm A Worldview of Living Action
	6:30pm	Great Plains Zen Center Meditation	Tues, 6/3	6:15pm Motherhood Kinship Circle
Mon, 5/19	7pm	PFLAG Palatine Meeting		7pm Program Council Meeting
Tues, 5/20	7pm	Agnosticism, Humanism, Atheism Group	Weds, 6/4	7pm Getting to Know You Covenant Group
Weds, 5/21	7pm	Compassionate Comm. Support Group	Thurs, 6/5	7:15pm Church Choir Rehearsal
	7pm	COA Parent-Youth Boston Meeting	Fri, 6/6	8pm Drum Circle
Thurs, 5/22	7pm	AFD Progressive Fest Organizers	June 7 - 10:	COA Boston Trip
	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal?	Sat, 6/7	8am Intro Zen Wkshp, www.greatplainszen.org
	7:30pm	Menzgroup Covenant Group	Sun, 6/8	9:15am Open Forum Discussion
Fri, 5/23	7pm	Building Your Own Theology		12pm Environmental Action Committee Mtg
Sat, 5/24	8am	Job Ministry Seminar		12pm Expressive Dance for Fun Group
Sun, 5/25	8:30am	Conversations with God Covenant Group	Mon, 6/9	7pm A Worldview of Living Action
	9:15am	Open Forum Discussion	Tues, 6/10	7pm Living Our UU Principles Covenant Group
	12pm	Rainbow Friends Meeting		7:30pm Tuesday Kinship Circle
	12pm	Path to Membership	Weds, 6/11	7pm Finance Committee Mtg
	12pm	Expressive Dance for Fun Group	Thurs, 6/12	7:30pm Amnesty International Meeting