

Upcoming Worship Services
Sunday Morning Services begin at 10:30 am

June 10 50th Anniversary Service: Keep On Keepin' On Rev. Don Beaudreault

As we continue celebrating the founding of our congregation, we shall look forward to the NEXT 50 years. Where might we be in the year 2057? More realistically, where might we be in 5 years? Our Interim Minister would like to share his dreams for Countryside UU.

All-Church Service: Children and Youth attend the entire worship service with their families. Nursery and preschool classes are available for the youngest children.

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The complete listing of Summer Services can be found on pages 5 & 6.

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Survey Deadline Has Been Extended!



To make sure we've heard from as many people as possible, you can still return your Ministerial Search Survey to the church office or pick up a blank survey. The VERY LAST day to return your survey is SUNDAY, JUNE 10!

Summer Focus Deadlines

July 2 @ 9 am

July 30 @ 9 am

August 27 @ 9 am

Submissions can be placed in the *Focus* mailbox in the church office or emailed to ccuu@ccuu.org.

From Our Religious Educator

On Sunday we welcomed new members and celebrated our dedicated religious education volunteers. Thank you to Jeff Hamrick, Matthew Hallaron, Amy Cohen and the choir for their wonderful gifts of music. Thank you also to Matthew and Emily Gordon, and Alex and Lindsay Schwartz for leading us in sign language, and to Grace Berry for leading us in the covenant. Good energy and smiles were abundant; there was a very real depth of feeling in our community.

Seeing many of our RE volunteers together, and hearing the anthem, "It Takes a Village", was moving and inspiring for me. Religious educators are often asked, "What is your philosophy of religious education?". Well, I could go on for awhile. . .but suffice it to say, "it takes a village" is a great model for religious education. I believe religious education is not a separate, distinct program of the church (although we often think this way for the purposes of organization and responsibilities), but in fact religious education underlies *all that we do* and as such it requires everyone's participation.

We are a dynamic, creative community that seeks to challenge, support and encourage one another in our spiritual journeys. As Sophia Fahs, pioneer UU religious educator, wrote, "The function of the church for both young and old is not to give us on Sunday certain religious kinds of experience. . .(but) rather to teach us how to put religious and ethical qualities into all kinds of experiences." In all that we do as a church we are teachers and learners together. The music and message yesterday point to a profound truth — it takes a village — not only to guide our children, but for all of us, at any age, to become our best and truest selves. To live life fully and with meaning we need one another.

So, thank you parents for bringing your children to our faith community. Thank you to all members and friends of the church who support our ministry of religious education through your gifts of time, energy and resources, and thank you children and youth for sharing who you are with all of us! With gratitude for such a vibrant faith community in which to grow and live ~

Colleen

New Members

Please welcome the following new members who signed the Membership Book during the worship service on June 3. They have colored dots on their nametags to make it easier to find them and welcome them during coffee hour and other events.

Steve Armitage and Carol Ann Shindelar

Jake

Bill Baltutis and Aldona Starkus

Linda and Michael Berry

Grace and Jane

Kathy and Clifton Dahlgren

Drew, Charlie, C.J.

Joel Fisher

Robert Hazelrigg

Shila and Andy Khan

Alex and Cassie

Diane and Bill O'Brien



Cut out and place in your membership directory.

Circle Picnics

If you are interested in participating in Circle Picnics this summer, contact Marty Farrington immediately. Circle Picnics include children. We will only hold them if there is enough interest.

Strong Backs Needed

The Sanctuary is going to be painted beginning June 18. We need help moving furniture out of the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 17 following the worship service and coffee hour. If you can help, please contact the office or Paul Sneddon.

Ministerial Musings

Meditation for the 50th Anniversary Service

At this moment, this anniversary moment, this moment called "present"
We pause on our journeys, our pilgrimages through life,
To remember back to the past, but into the future as well.
We are all that we have lived, each moment flowing into the other -
Not separate from event or person.
Our memories are our own,
But also are melded into the community of remembrances.
They extend beyond this moment - to the past and into the years ahead.
So, although we recall those who have gone before us into the mystery,
Into the mystery,
They are ever here, as long as we are here
In this moment, in this time we called "the present."
Their deeds, their struggles, their joys, their sorrows
Are alive at this very moment of our consciousness.
We need but go deeply into ourselves and feel their presence:
Their stirring resolve to establish a liberating spiritual home
Where intellects could be finely honed,
Feelings grandly enlivened,
Friendships graciously attuned,
Commitments ardently expressed.
Where freedom of the pulpit and pew was more than platitudinous
But real, authentic, honest, and well meaning.
Where love was the only "doctrine" of this church
And expressing our truths as we individually and collectively believed them
Was done in the spirit of acceptance for our differences.
That is our legacy today and into the future as we remember,
Remember,
And, at this very moment, celebrate back to the past but into the future -
Each in our own way,
And as a community
Of seekers and doers, of dreamers and planners;
Each in our own way,
Each at a momentary stopping point in our journey toward understanding.

(continued...)

Our legacy: to continue the journey started by those years ago in this very place -
A legacy that, they themselves, inherited from others down through time.

Truly, today is not just today -
Not just a half-century ago;
Not just a half-century from now!
But today is when the first human asked that one-word question "Why?" and sought to discover an answer;
Not just today
But back to the past
And into the future.
The question, the possible answer,
The question again, the possible answer.
All a process - glorious, creative.
Indicating a free and sincere people
On a pilgrimage toward wholeness.

So down deeply we must go, beyond the word, beyond the song,
So far beneath - to our essence,
To the place of repose and meaning and purpose...
...Let us spend a moment in quiet reflection on what this day,
This anniversary day, means to us.

~ Don Beaudreault

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Church Office Summer Hours *Mon and Thurs, 9am-2pm*

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| Director of Religious Education | <i>Colleen Vahey</i> |
| Minister Emeritus | <i>Dr. Ruppert L. Lovely</i> |
| Community-Based Minister | <i>Dr. C. Scot Giles</i> |
| Music Director & Pianist | <i>Jeffrey Hamrick</i> |
| Music Director Emeritus | <i>John Denny</i> |
| Congregational Administrator | <i>Laurie Lantz</i> |

Lay Ministers

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

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

Religious Education (RE) News

Summer RE begins June 17

We hope you will join us for a variety of fun activities planned for the summer. During summer worship services childcare will be provided for ages 0-3 in the nursery, and we'll have one large mixed-age class for ages 4+. We've asked people from the congregation to share their special talents with us. We look forward to planting and gardening, cooking, drumming, singing and more! Please join us!

Deer Grove Work Day

The Coming of Age class would like to thank everyone from Countryside's Environmental Action Subcommittee and interested members who helped pull invasive garlic mustard at Deer Grove Forest Preserve last month. The group of 23 people from Countryside enjoyed beautiful weather and good conversation. Thank you especially to Ron Vargason for his organization and leadership!

Thank You, RE Volunteers!

Religious educator Maria Harris writes, "It is the teacher who is at the heart of our program. It is the teacher who listens and hears, who affirms and challenges. It is the teacher who questions and encourages questioning. It is the teacher who is the spiritual guide." Thank you to this amazing group of people who give so generously of their time and energy to guide our children and youth. We greatly appreciate all that you do! Thank you for sharing your truth and your light ~

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| Co-Chairs, Children's RE Committee Linda Shoup and Laurie Schmidt | Kindergarten-1st Grade (cont'd) Steve Pratt Renee Vogt-Norton | 8th Grade (cont'd) Laura Slejko Chris Smith Liz Whalen |
| Nursery Karen Dawson, Coordinator Rachel Albrecht Susan Conneely John Conneely Cory Kadlec Shila Khan Andy Khan Debbie Lee Amanda Lee Jessica Lovely Judy Schader Jenny Tanquary Stephanie Whalen-Suh | 2nd and 3rd Grade Mary Henske, Coordinator DuRee Bryant Melanie Carter Sue DeLuca Elaine Ezsak Michelle Ramsey Jenny Schmuhl Donna Shallenberg Stephanie Whalen-Suh | Senior High Kim Tilford, Coordinator Leslie Evans Armando Pauker Andy Richards |
| Preschool Melanie Amin, Coordinator Maria Appleton David Cicarelli Mary Henske David Miller Armando Pauker Stephanie Whalen-Suh David White | 4 th and 5 th Grade Carol Javens, Coordinator Jeff Blanchette Juli Cicarelli Kristin Huston Dave Javens Linda Shoup Liz Whalen | Coming of Age Coordinators Marcy and Dave Albrecht |
| Kindergarten-1st Grade Michel Masi, Coordinator Linda Berry Mary Henske Kevin Masi Fran Mueller Rolf Mueller Armando Pauker Linda Pratt | 6th and 7th Grade David Cohen, Coordinator Natalie Silk, Coordinator Lisa Hagenbuch Cheryl Longfellow Laurie Schmidt Maria Martinez Colin Tysoe* | Our Whole Lives (OWL) Lisa and Dave Hagenbuch Amanda and Andy Richards |
| | 8th Grade Laurie Lantz, Coordinator Jeff Blanchette Bill Huber Wendy Ingrassia | RE Volunteers Debbie Lee Sue Wendt |
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July 8 18 Months at Woolsthrope

Rem Stokes

During the 17th Century, many came to believe that God revealed Himself through nature, that is, through a general revelation that was available to all people through all time instead of through a particular revelation to only one people at one time. This was known as Deism and greatly appealed to many of our American forefathers. In the quest to find God in nature, no contributions to human knowledge were more important than those made by a young student during 18 months at Woolsthrope.

3rd Sunday Share-the-Plate: Half of the cash collected in the offering will be donated to Palatine Senior Center's Endowment Fund.

July 15 My Favorite Sermon, the Sequel

Stephanie Matz

Last January, a minister who was scheduled to be our pulpit guest called at the last minute to tell us she would be unable to make it that morning. Stephanie stepped in with the first of what she's now calling, "My Favorite Sermon" services. As she did in January, Stephanie will lead this service based on a sermon by an outstanding (in her opinion!) UU minister currently residing outside the Central Midwest District. It's an interesting way to hear the voices of UU ministers we may never get a chance to hear otherwise. In January, the sermon was from The Rev. Christine Robinson of the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque. Who will Stephanie "channel" this time? Come to the service and find out!

July 22 Finding Meaning in the Second Half of Life

Sharon and Dan Wiseman

During this service, we will explore how the second half of life differs so dramatically from the first half of life, when we establish our careers, family, and general patterns of engagement. The second half, when lived soulfully and deeply, requires us to deal with the whole of our being. We have to find new ways of engaging others, using our abilities in less prescriptive ways and finding peace with the physical changes that will take place. The choice is to live fully or choose to suffer the unexamined life. Come hear Sharon and Dan talk of ways to look at this time of life and prepare the third half!

July 29 The Prairie in My Soul

Rev. Dr. Sarah Oelberg

Rev. Dr. Oelberg will incorporate E.O. Wilson's idea of consilience and how some places become sacred to us, and where our ancestors lived becomes part of our psyche. This is also an ecological sermon, about the loss of prairie and what that means.

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August 5 Living in the Power of Now

Maggie and Charlie Wilkins

For the past 5 years, Maggie and Charlie (former Countryside members) have been offering “Living in the Power of Now” based on the teaching of Eckhart Tolle, bestselling author of The Power of Now and A New Earth. In 2001, Maggie worked with Eckhart Tolle as his personal assistant. Maggie and Charlie have spent time with Eckhart to develop their teaching. During this service, they will offer different modalities which direct us to experience the NOW and live in this moment out of our true joy and love. They will offer how pain in our life and world can be transformed into God’s rightness and create space within us to embrace the flowering of a deeper spiritual understanding. Live Now - Live Truthfulness!

August 12 Blessing of the Animals

Dan Yokas, Tim Walsh, Joyce Swedlund

For the 6th year, this outdoor service will allow you to bring your leashed, caged, or otherwise-controlled animal to be blessed and honored. If you can’t bring your pet, bring a picture or icon or just your memory. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on at the south end of the Church. If it rains, we will be inside the sanctuary without the animals. If you have no pets, come and celebrate what animals bring to the world.

Share-the-Plate Offering: Half of the cash collected in the offering will be donated to Orphans of the Storm.

August 19 Prayer

Stephen Bero

Steve will share his thoughts on prayer, meditation, and contemplation.

August 26 How to Be Wise

Rev. Don Beaudreault

Have you ever met a “wise” person? I never have, although I have searched for one all my life. But then perhaps I have been looking in all the wrong places! I believe that Sidney J. Harris gets to the heart of the message when he tells us: “While the intellect is a thing to be respected and cultivated, it is not a shrine to worship at.” Among others, we shall consider the Three WISE Men and the Goddess Sophia.

Sept 2 Amazing Coincidence

Rev. Dr. Scot Giles

Ever experience an amazing coincidence? You pick up the phone to call someone and discover they have just called you, and are actually on the line. A book falls off a shelf and falls open to the exact passage you were looking for. This is called “Synchronicity,” and people have considered it to be everything from supernatural power to a sign from God. Certain events defy rational explanation, and they seem to point to a metaphysical power having an impact on our lives. Dr. Giles will explore Synchronicity, and why meaningful coincidences seem so emotionally powerful.

Church Staff Summer Schedule

Church Office Hours

Beginning June 11, the church office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 am - 2 pm. These summer hours continue through Labor Day.

Colleen’s Summer Schedule

Colleen will be away June 8-13 (Coming of Age trip to Boston) and June 20-26 (UU General Assembly in Portland). Her office hours in July and August will be Monday and Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm.

Don’s Summer Schedule

June 18 – July 5: vacation in Costa Rica

July 13 – 20: Ferry Beach, Maine - serving as Chaplain at the UU Retreat Center

July 26 – 29: Boston for UU Interim Minister’s Training at the UUA headquarters

August 3 – 24: England - visiting Unitarian Churches and friends

August 26: Preaching at Countryside Church UU

With the exception of my time in Costa Rica and in England, I am “on-call” for all church emergencies; you can reach me by leaving a message on my church voice mail, 847-359-8440, ext. 2. In the event of a pastoral emergency while I am away, please contact the Lay Ministry Coordinators, Joyce Swedlund or Ken Bobbe. Joyce and Ken and the church office will know how to contact me in the event of an emergency.

Getting to Know Countryside's 50th Anniversary New Members

This is the first of two articles to introduce those people who have joined the church from September 2006 - June 2007. Watch for more introductions in the July newsletter!

Maria Appleton says her life-long Unitarian Universalist husband, **Brad**, who grew up in Birmingham, Michigan, has a hobby: working as a software engineer for Motorola. He and Maria, who grew up Catholic and works as a reading teacher in Elgin, have a daughter, Kaeley, 5, and a son, Casey, almost 4. They visited our church 10 years ago, but, at that time, decided to join another UU congregation. Brad, in his earlier years, loved to perform dance (jazz and tap), while Maria enjoys word and crossword puzzles.

Courtney Dirksen and **Tim Bourn** found our church online. Courtney, a former Catholic who grew up in the Midwest, and Tim, originally an Episcopalian from Rhode Island, have lived in several places, including Memphis and Boston (Boston is their favorite). Courtney is a pediatric neuropsychologist who studies the connection between children's brains and their behavior. She works at Lutheran General hospital in Park Ridge. Tim works as an Installation Estimator, among other responsibilities, for Home Depot. Before moving here, he worked as an audio production person for radio stations. Both love being outdoors, camping, cooking, and watching and (occasionally playing) sports. Courtney enjoys practicing Yoga, and Tim won a large plasma TV last year by holding out longer than anyone else (26 hours) in a Touch-A-Truck contest in Arlington Heights.

Bridget and **Chuck Smith** have two children, Alex, 7, and Caroline, 4, along with two 9-week-old kittens, "Charlotte" and "George", named by their children. Bridget, raised Catholic, is a part-time researcher for spinal cord injuries at Northwestern University's medical school. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and cooking, but feels she spends most of her "free" time driving the kids here and there. Chuck, also raised Catholic, is an attorney for Allstate. He also likes to cook, and enjoys running marathons. Their last vacation was a winter-break trip to Florida.

Karen Epps grew up in Denver in a Presbyterian church, but came to Rock Island's Augustana College, graduating with a major in Accounting and Business. She's worked in the field for twenty years, some of that time for the international firm of KPMG, and for the last two years has been Financial Manager for Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. She recently learned about Unitarian Universalism and visited several congregations in the area, but, happily for us, liked ours the best. She has joined the Membership Committee as Secretary and also belongs to a covenant group. Karen tries to make it a habit to take one course each semester at Oakton, usually something completely out of her field of work, such as Shakespeare and History of Modern Africa. She enjoys reading, cooking and traveling. Two of her most memorable trips were the Netherlands, where she arrived during the tulip-blooming season, and describes the sights as "amazing", and Egypt, the only third world country she's ever visited. "I saw things I could never have imagined," she says about the poverty.

Darcy Cochrane, daughter of long-time Countryside members Cindy and the late Ralph Cochrane, has been connected with our church since she was in 2nd grade and considers herself a lifelong UU. Her significant other, Omar Soto, and she have 19-month-old twins, a girl, Eva (pronounced "ay-va") and a boy, Adan (pronounced "ay-don"). Darcy received an undergraduate degree in dance from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and a Masters in Dance Therapy from Antioch University in New Hampshire. Right now she is a stay-at-home mom, and loves doing arts and crafts as well as modern and latin dance. Omar, says Darcy, is a "gifted handyman" and hopes Countryside members will call him when they need help in fixing or remodeling something in their homes. Omar also loves latin dance as well as basketball.

Henry Tideman (pronounced "tee'-duh-man") is a life-long Unitarian Universalist, and was a member of the Evanston UU church before moving to Arlington Heights and finding us. He's a retired mechanical engineer and has worked for a variety of companies, handling many diverse responsibilities. Henry is a member of the Sierra Club and lobbies with them in Springfield for environmental causes. He also goes on outings with them, including a recent weekend trip to Horicon Marsh in Wisconsin, a bird refuge. A boat-ride into the marsh was one of the activities. He recently signed up as a volunteer at the Arlington Heights Library to work in the "Read to Learn" program. Henry is also a regular bike-rider with the Arlington Heights Bicycle Club, and has 3 adult children living in the area.

Daniela Mahoney has two adult daughters living in the area, and a 9-year-old son named Rohan (pronounced "row'-in"), which is Irish for "redhead". Rohan is enrolled in Countryside's RE program. Daniela was born in Hamburg, Germany and came to this country when her father's business career brought him to Queens, New York. She was 4-1/2 years old at the time, and talks of her integrated, multi-faceted circle of friends, including several ethnic and racial groups. Her religious background was self-learned, studying Paganism, Wicca and Buddhism. Daniela describes herself as a voracious reader, and especially loves sci-fi and psychological/spiritual self-help books. Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, she was the network administrator of LAN at United Healthcare in Schaumburg. Her husband is an amateur astronomer, belongs to the Northwest Suburban Astronomer's Club, and is involved in astro-photography.

Prairie Brass Band Performs Nearby

Brass Fans (and other music lovers) mark your calendars! The Prairie Brass Band will be performing a concert on Sunday, June 10 at 3 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights. This concert will feature "Le Vie de Matelot" a jaunty fantasy on a sailor's life, as well as marches, soloists and other light fare, sure to please audience members of all ages. Countryside's own Dan Wiseman (baritone) and Jeff Phillips (Solo Horn) will be looking for friendly Countryside faces in the audience. A free will offering may be given, and a reception is rumored to follow the 90-minute concert. CDs will also be available for purchase, including "Into Africa," a worldwide collaboration benefiting the hungry in Africa, and the 2006 US Open Brass Band Championship CD. ...Jeff Phillips

District Young Adult Events

If you are interested in attending but have concerns about money, Central Midwest District Young Adult Steering Committee has scholarships available. Please apply for scholarships at <http://cmwd.uuyan.org>. Applications are due by June 30.

ConCentric 2007

"In the Spirit of Leadership" is an inspirational weekend of organizational networking, skill building, and faith in action for young adult leaders and allies on the local, district, and continental levels. Concentric will be at Unicamp in Toronto, Ontario August 10 - 14. Register at the new and improved www.ConnectUU.com. Register early to avoid a late fee. Feel free to contact the Co-Chairs, Robin Darling (jocelynrobind@gmail.com) and Eli Johnston (theory.of.eli@gmail.com).

Opus #22

Opus is the annual spiritual retreat of the Continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Network. This year's theme is "The Circle Game" in Toronto, August 15-19 at Unicamp. We are an intentional community of seekers exploring liberal religion, social justice and diversity. We will explore and honor the cycles, revolutions, and interdependent connections that are important to our lives, communities, and planet. This year's site boasts 50 beautiful, peaceful acres of meadows, coniferous and deciduous forests, marshes, streams, caves and a 5-acre spring fed pond with two beaches. Come connect with new and old friends. U.S. Citizens, apply for your passport now! Register at www.ConnectUU.com. Contact Stephanie Truax, truaxst@earlham.edu, with questions.

Green Corner

earth911.org is a great website to visit. There you will find a wealth of information regarding a variety of environmental issues. For example: **a new program by Staples makes it easy for customers to recycle e-waste** by simply bringing their used computers, monitors, laptops, printers, faxes and all-in-ones to any Staples store, where the equipment will be recycled in accordance with environmental laws. All brands will be accepted for a fee of \$10 per large item. Smaller computer peripherals, such as keyboards and mice, will be recycled for free. Staples is working with one of the country's most experienced and innovative electronics recyclers to handle recycling of the equipment, following standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). An estimated 133,000 computers are discarded every day in the U.S. CRTs, which are the most hazardous part of electronics waste, are recycled into raw material that is used to manufacture new televisions. Staples service will transfer data from an old computer to a new one for a fee. Customers may drop off their old equipment at the customer service desk at any Staples store, 7 days a week during regular store hours (TV's and large, floor-model copiers are not accepted). Staples also provides recycling for ink and toner cartridges, cell phones, PDAs and rechargeable batteries. In 2006, the company recycled more than 17 million ink and toner cartridges and 3,500 tons of electronic waste. This is a new program, so be sure to call ahead for availability.

Last Mondays Book Discussion

Join us on Monday, June 25 at 7 pm in Room 4 to discuss The Color of Magic by Terry Pratchett. *Terry Pratchett's profoundly irreverent novels are consistent number one bestsellers in England, where they have garnered him a revered position in the halls of parody next to Mark Twain, Kurt Vonnegut, Douglas Adams, and Carl Hiaasen. The Color of Magic is Terry Pratchett's maiden voyage through the now-legendary land of Discworld.*

In summer, the song sings itself.

~William Carlos Williams

2nd Unitarian Celebrates Pride Month

We are excited to be participating in the 38th Annual Pride Parade. There are several opportunities for Chicagoland churches to participate and support Pride Month:

Every Sunday in June at 9 am, *The Center on Halsted* will have inclusive, community pride services for all to attend. The Center is located at 3656 N. Halsted in Lakeview. More information on the theme of each service is available at www.centeronhalsted.org/june2007.html

On Sunday, June 24, Second Unitarian Church will host its worship service at 10:30 am. All are welcome to attend, and after the service we will be marching in the Pride Parade. Everyone is invited to join us in the march!

If you would like more information about any of these events, please contact Melissa Taylor at 773-310-6311 or mille.mimi@gmail.com. (And please let me know whether I have the best email address(es) to which to send future announcements.)

PFLAG Palatine

PFLAG Palatine will be meeting on Monday, June 18 from 7 – 9 pm at Countryside Unitarian Universalist Church to view the documentary “One Nation Under God.” This documentary explores the fallacy of the Ex-Gay Ministry. The film includes interviews with the former ex-gays who founded Exodus International. PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a group for support, education, and advocacy for the GLBT community, their family and friends.

Summer WomanSpirit Retreat

Central Midwest District Women and Religion Committee and the Summer WomanSpirit Committee invite you to attend the Summer WomanSpirit gathering at Ronora Lodge in Watervliet, Michigan on August 3-5. Our theme this year is *Sacred Circle - Haven for Discovery*. Come discover yourself and all of your potential in the safe and sacred company of like-minded women. Join us for workshops, rituals, and ceremonies that celebrate who we are and who we are becoming. Bring your special energy to the Sacred Circle. Brochures are available in the pamphlet rack across from the church office or go to www.womenandreligion.org to download one.

Fall Splendor Weekend

The Northwoods UU Fellowship in Woodruff, Wisc. (www.nuuf.com) invites you to join us the weekend of September 28-30 to experience the most glorious time of year. The cost of \$300/ couple (singles and families are welcome at special rates, as well!) will help support the new expansion of our building. For more information, contact Joan Hauer, hauerj@verizon.net, 715-356-6540.

Experienced Job Help Assistance

June 11: Will I Hate My Next Job? 7-9:15pm. Our regular meeting will feature Bob Podgorski, Coordinator presenting a topic to help you evaluate that next position before you jump at it. Don't make a mistake and have to repeat the job search process – get it as right as possible before the acceptance. St. Hubert Ministry Center, 729 Grand Canyon, H.E. Formal Networking will follow the presentation. **Note:** This is a change from our regular meeting date due to the Holiday, May 28.

June 16: Resume Review - 9-11 am, at St. Isidore Catholic Church, Gary at Army Trail Rd. Bloomingdale, IL. Bring your resume for a personal evaluation by one of six HR, Search, or career counselor who will be on hand to give you their thoughts and suggestions. Bring a friend – This is for all occupations and levels.

June 23: The First Ten Days – 7-9:15 am. Our presenter will focus on the first ten days of a new job. It is the opportunity to show your employer that they have made an outstanding choice in selecting you as a member of their team and affirm your current and future value to the company. Join us as Ralph Vern helps us realize our potential and ability to show our capabilities. St. Hubert Ministry Center, 729 Grand Canyon, Hoffman Estates, IL.

Questions regarding the St. Hubert Job Ministry events, call: Bob Podgorski at 847-925-6005

Stride Against Violence 2007 5K for Abused Women and Children Everywhere

On Sunday, June 17, join a walk which supports the fight against domestic violence. Apna Ghar (Our Home) is a Chicago-area Domestic Violence agency. Countryside youth have volunteered for the agency in the past. The Walk starts in front of the Peggy Notebaert Museum; registration begins at 8 am, and the walk will step off at 9:30 am. Join us as we raise awareness about Domestic Violence by participating in our first 5K Walk in Chicago's scenic Lincoln Park. All proceeds go directly to Apna Ghar Inc. (Our Home). Event includes live music by Greta Pope, food and beverages for all walkers, free henna tattooing, dance troupes. A wonderful way to spend Father's Day! For more info, contact Countryside member Karen Noorani or contact Sharmila Kana at 773-334-0173 ext 227 or skana@apnaghar.org, or www.apnaghar.org.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

REMINDER: This calendar does not reflect rentals of CCUU space.

To avoid conflicts, please schedule all events with the Church Office.

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| Weds, 6/6 | Weds. Daytime Kinship Circle | 10:00 am | Sat, 6/23 | Pride Potluck | 5:00 pm |
| | Getting to Know You Covenant Group | 7:00 pm | Sun, 6/24 | Open Forum Discussion | 9:15 am |
| | Janice Razaq Solo Piano Recital | 7:00 pm | | Social Action Ctte Mtg | 12:00 pm |
| | Search Committee Meeting | 7:30 pm | | Sacred Movement Covenant Group | 12:30 pm |
| Thurs, 6/7 | Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm | Mon, 6/25 | Book Discussion: <i>Color of Magic</i> | 7:00 pm |
| | Countryside Youth Ensemble Rehearsal | 7:30 pm | Tues, 6/26 | Tues. Compassionate Comm. Cov. Group | 7:00 pm |
| Sat, 6/9 | Coming of Age Group departs for Boston | | Weds, 6/27 | Wednesday Kinship Circle | 7:00 pm |
| | 50th Fest Church Anniversary Celebration | 5:00 pm | | Weds. Compassionate Comm. Cov. Group | 7:00 pm |
| Sun, 6/10 | Artist's Way Covenant Group Mtg | 9:00 am | Thurs, 6/28 | Men's Covenant Group | 7:30 pm |
| | Open Forum Discussion | 9:15 am | Sun, 7/1 | Open Forum Discussion | 9:15 am |
| | Sacred Movement Covenant Group | 12:30 pm | Mon, 7/2 | Focus Newsletter Deadline | 9:00 am |
| Tues, 6/12 | UU Principles Covenant Group | 7:00 pm | Weds, 7/4 | 4th of July - Church Offices Closed | |
| | Tuesday Kinship Circle | 7:30 pm | Sun, 7/8 | Open Forum Discussion | 9:15 am |
| Thurs, 6/14 | Amnesty International Meeting | 7:30 pm | Mon, 7/9 | Covenant Group Facilitators Circle | 7:00 pm |
| Fri, 6/15 | Friday Daytime Kinship Circle | 9:30 am | Weds, 7/11 | Search Committee Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Sat, 6/16 | Spirit Play Teacher Training | 9:00 am | Sun, 7/15 | Open Forum Discussion | 9:15 am |
| Sun, 6/17 | Conversations with God Covenant Group | 8:30 am | Tues, 7/17 | Board of Trustees Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| | Open Forum Discussion | 9:15 am | Sun, 7/22 | Open Forum Discussion | 9:15 am |
| Tues, 6/19 | Board of Trustees Meeting | 7:00 pm | Sun, 7/29 | Open Forum Discussion | 9:15 am |
| Weds, 6/20 | UU General Assembly begins in Portland, Oregon | | Mon, 7/30 | Focus Newsletter Deadline | 9:00 am |
| Fri, 6/22 | Spiritual Cinema | 7:30 pm | | | |