

## Thoughts from the President ...

Next Sunday, February 7, the Countryside Church UU Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting in Atherton Hall to discuss our 2010-11 budget. This is an open meeting; anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to observe the Board in process and to take part in the Q & A sessions that will be built into the agenda.

We will be considering the budget recommendations of our Minister and Staff, our Program Committees, and our Administrative Committees. In doing so, we must keep in mind that we wish our budget to reflect our church's values and mission in the world. We will be endeavoring not just to keep the home fires burning with our revitalized facility and our many programs, but also to move forward to help heal the world and to reach out to increase our visibility in our community.

This year, each committee and group wrote a vision and goals statement to guide its members in making their budget requests for next year. We will be asked to consider their stated needs, knowing that much careful thought went into their preparation.

Among the recommendations are some increases in staff time. This is partly due to the proposal to move to two services, which will also require increases in Program budget areas, and also due to our need to support the excellent work that our exceptional staff does. In addition, our desire to become more "green," to support our new and continuing member families and to provide more funds for outreach will require us both to roll up our sleeves and to commit to increased financial support.

We know the increases that are proposed will cause us to think hard about what we wish to accomplish in the coming year and beyond. Our current efforts to reach out to others have brought us many new members this year and we want to continue to provide a beacon for liberal religion in our larger community.

Come take part in the budget process next Sunday and be a part of our plans for the future. Snacks and childcare will be provided.

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## ChocolateFest on February 14

White chocolate, milk chocolate, semi-sweet chocolate, chocolate with nuts, with peanut butter, and on and on. To all you chocolate lovers: be sure to save Sunday, February 14, for our very popular annual ChocolateFest. This will take place right after the worship service, and we request any and all of you bring your favorite chocolate dish (finger food only, please!) - cookies, cookie bars, brownies, candy, and anything else you can think of - and take them before the service to either the kitchen or on the buffet tables in Atherton Hall.

## Upcoming *Focus* Deadlines

March 1 and April 5

Submit articles by 9 am to [ccuu@ccuu.org](mailto:ccuu@ccuu.org)

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## The Minister's Muse

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Our siding is being replaced, our roof has been greatly improved and made more environmentally friendly, and we have brand new closets and cabinets along the hallway outside Atherton Hall. Courtesy of our Building Campaign gifts our congregational home is looking better and actually being better than ever and the repairs, upgrades and improvements are not finished. The sanctuary is full on Sunday and there are new and exciting Adult Faith Development Classes being offered, Social Action is very active, and there is a buzzing vitality that seems to fill the building. It is a time of change at Countryside Church - and the changes are positive and exciting. I feel blessed and grateful every time I enter the building. I knew, when I came here, that this would be a time of change - because the congregation had been in a holding pattern for so many years waiting for the "right moment" - a settled minister being only one of the ingredients to creating the "right moment". It's the perfect time for me - as I could see how ready this congregation was and how much banked up energy there was. Now, I see, it is being released into creativity, activity, and real innovation. At the same time I can see that every change is in response either to long expressed needs and yearnings on the part of the congregation or practical realities. When I showed up at church during my study break and found work underway on the hallway - I felt like it was Christmas all over again - a gift of storage and display space - a gift that will benefit the programs (and the good taste) of Countryside Church for generations to come.

Now it looks like another change is on its way - offering a second service on Sunday morning. I admit that I am more than a little excited about this - all the new possibilities for involvement, for convenience, for welcoming and spreading the great news about Unitarian Universalism! At the same time I know that for me and the staff there will be expanded challenges as well as opportunities. Fortunately the staff and I are all enthusiastically on board with this change, which is, really, our next logical step as a vibrant congregation. The reason that we can all feel this way is because we can see, among the leadership at Countryside - the Board, Program Council, Religious Education, Worship, Social Action, Music, Membership, Personnel, Finance ... and more - a real mindfulness as well as vision. The conversations are more than conversations - there is solid research, listening to congregational concerns, exploration of possible tripping points, responsiveness to realities and limitations, and care for the past while planning in the present and for the future. It has been inspiring and reassuring to watch. I truly think that there is no stone being left turned as we explore the best possible strategies for taking our next steps. As we move further into planning, be on the lookout for times that you can share your thoughts and ideas and even to become involved. It is a time of great promise and all the elements and skills to fulfill that promise. This is a time of change, surely, at Countryside Church - but I know that we will continue to retain and cherish the best of who we are — while making more and better space for that and welcoming a bright congregational future. Let us shape that future in openness and mutual confidence - knowing that we will heard one another, hold hands, cradle hearts, honor journeys, welcome new faces, and move forward together.

### Haitian Relief News

So many people have voiced an interest in learning what the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is doing in Haiti that I wanted to share with you a link to their article on their relief efforts.

[http://www.uusc.org/content/haitian\\_grassroots\\_organizations?tr=y&auid=5876287](http://www.uusc.org/content/haitian_grassroots_organizations?tr=y&auid=5876287)

We can be proud of the role that we are playing, also, in supporting their work. And I am looking forward to the ongoing fundraising that our Religious Education classes will be offering as well. Go UU!! (now that's team spirit I can really get behind!)

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### Bowling Party Fundraiser Feb. 27

Put on your bowling shoes and join your fellow Countrysiders for an afternoon fundraising event filled with bowling, pizza and soft drinks at the Brunswick Zone in Lake Zurich. Reserve 3 to 5 pm on Saturday, February 27. Sign up for \$25 per person or get more information during coffee hour - please see Karen Epps.

### Meet the Minister

Once a month, visitors and new folks with questions about Countryside Church and Unitarian Universalism are invited to meet with Rev. Hilary in the sanctuary after the greeting line has finished and you have gotten a cup of coffee or tea. Next Meet the Minister is February 21.

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### Quotations from the Wayside

*In religion, as in everything else, survival is assured only by change.*

~ Harvey Cox

## In Memoriam

**Ken Cowan**

**December 25, 1930 - January 15, 2010**

Information about a memorial service to be held at Countryside for Ken will be forthcoming. Condolences for Ken's family may be sent to his daughter and/or granddaughters:

Pat Cowan (Ken's daughter)  
798 Josilyn Ct  
Grand Junction CO 81506

Jennifer and Elizabeth Hall (Ken's granddaughters)  
c/o Jennifer Hall  
500 W Fullerton # 106  
Chicago IL 60614

## In Memoriam

**Gretchen White**

**November 18, 1921 - January 29, 2010**

A memorial service for Gretchen will be held at Countryside on Sunday, February 7 at 2:30 pm.

## In Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Kim Tilford and family on the death of her uncle.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of the Rev. Bill Metzger, who passed away on Saturday, January 30 at the age of 73. Bill had been our interim minister August 2003 - July 2004. He had most recently been co-minister at Denton UU Fellowship in Denton, Texas, for two years before retiring in August 2009. His wife, the Rev. Diana Heath, and his two children were with him when he died. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 6 at the Denton UU Fellowship. Flowers are being sent to the family on behalf of the congregation of Countryside Church.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Margaret and Glenn Taylor and big brothers Reece and Thomas on the birth of Eli Morgan Taylor on December 15.

## Change of Address

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The Moorings Health Center  
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Jane Matthews                  Dan Yokas

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

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## Upcoming Worship Services

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*Unless otherwise noted, Sunday services are at 10:30am and childcare and religious education classes are provided for all children and youth.*

### February 7 at 9:30am

### Spirit Circle for All Ages

**Colleen Vahey**

An active, multisensory, intergenerational worship experience held 9:30-9:50am in the Sanctuary followed by breakfast & fellowship in Atherton Hall. An offering will be collected for PADS, serving area families in need of emergency shelter.

### February 7

**Rev. Hilary Landau Krivchenia**

### February 14

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*This will be a Family Service - first 20 minutes in the Sanctuary for grades 2-8.*

*Affirmation by Marty Farrington.* Marty has been a member of Countryside Church since 1997 and was elected to Countryside's Board of Trustees four years ago. She serves as organizer of the popular Circle Supper Dinners. As a member of the Membership Committee, Marty keeps the hall racks stocked with informational Unitarian-Universalist literature.

*Chocolate Fest* during coffee hour following the worship service. For more info, see the front page of this *Focus* issue.

### February 21

**Rev. Hilary Landau Krivchenia**

*Share the Plate:* Half of the cash collected in the offering will be donated to Kids on Track.

*Meet the Minister:* Visitors and new folks with questions about Countryside Church and Unitarian Universalism are invited to meet with Rev. Hilary in the sanctuary after the greeting line has finished and you've gotten some coffee or tea.

### February 28

### Back to Basics

**Sr. High Youth Group**

### March 7 at 9:30am

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### March 7

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## First Sundays at Countryside: Feb. 7

### Spirit Circle for ALL Ages

This is an active, multisensory, intergenerational worship experience held from 9:30 to 9:50 am in the Sanctuary followed by breakfast & fellowship in Atherton Hall. On February 7, we will celebrate the many shapes of love! The offering will benefit Journeys from PADS to Hope, providing shelter and meals to local families in need.

### Great Choir

If you want to find out what it's like singing with our wonderful Countryside Choir or if you would sing with us regularly but cannot commit to our weekly rehearsals, come experience the Great Choir!

We'll meet at 9 am sharp in the choir room (just off Atherton Hall) and work on hymns and a fun and not-too-challenging anthem for the morning. Just show up! We will welcome you warmly and you will, we hope, have a GREAT time. See you in choir!

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## Path to Membership Classes

If you are considering joining our church and wish to know more about Unitarian Universalism and Countryside, you are cordially invited to participate in one of two classes scheduled in April by the Membership Committee.

One class will be held on Sunday mornings, April 11 and 18 from 9 to 10:30 am in classroom # 1.

The second class will be held on Thursday evenings, April 15 and 22 from 7 to 8:30 pm in classroom # 2.

Both classes will be combined for a final session on Sunday, April 25 at 12 noon in the choir practice room off Atherton Hall; it will include lunch for all.

Joining Sunday will be May 2, and friends and relatives are cordially invited to both the service and a reception following.

To register, please contact Cathleen Chay or Yuki Juretic.

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## Spiritual Movie Night THIS Friday

Adult Faith Development's Journey Inward Group will be hosting First Friday Spiritual Movie Nights. On February 5 at 7 pm, the feature film will be Try It On Everything. The movie teaches you about releasing pain, how our emotions affect our body, releasing trauma, how our childhood is affecting us today, how to clear limiting beliefs, using EFT to make the Law of Attraction work for you, and much more! For more information, contact Eryv Toth and/or Rose Schulz or visit [www.Journey-Inward.com](http://www.Journey-Inward.com).

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## Common Ground Lecture: Obama Year One

On Sunday, March 7 at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary, Jim Kenney will speak on *Obama Year One*. \$10 suggested donation. It's been quite a year for the country and for Barack Obama. His job approval ratings have vacillated as he's struggled with the financial crisis, health care, unemployment, climate change and Afghanistan. How's he doing? And, almost as important in an election year, how do democrats, republicans, and independents assess his first year? This presentation will offer quick but (we hope) insightful answers to those critical questions.

Jim Kenney is the executive director of the Interreligious Engagement Project and of Common Ground.

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## Open Forum Discussion

We endeavor to discuss "the issues of the day" while respectfully welcoming different perspectives. We meet in Room 6 on Sunday mornings. We start at 9 am so we can socialize prior to discussing the day's topic. From 9:15-10:15, we discuss a current events issue. Feel free to bring your own coffee and/or snacks to share. We welcome diverse points of view!

Our topic for February 7 will be: Haiti's hard times: Are we helping or hurting even more?

Our topic for February 14 will be: Corporations and campaigns: Should their spending stay on ice or be defrosted?

For more info, please contact the facilitators (led by Vid Axel) at [ofd@ccuu.org](mailto:ofd@ccuu.org).

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## You're Hired: Keys to Winning the Job

This program of the St. Hubert's Job Ministry will be presented on Saturday, February 27 from 9am to Noon at Countryside Church. Ann Ferrell, Career Coach and professional life advisor, will present a number of factors employers key on to hire into top positions. Informal networking will follow the presentation.

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## Building Countryside Campaign



Caring for the present, building for the future

Thank you to all members and friends who have pledged to the building campaign. As of now, we have almost \$520,000 in pledges from 132 of our 190 households. Nearly \$260,000 has already been paid, allowing us to complete several key projects. So far, we have replaced or re-

repaired:

Sanctuary roof	\$30,000
New siding	\$55,500
Exterior Painting	\$10,000
Sanctuary windows	\$10,000
Hall Closets / Display Case	\$14,000
Architect Fees, etc	\$ 9,300

Still to come is a new security system, AV upgrades, replacement HVAC units, more roofing and siding work and the replacement of windows in the kitchen and Atherton Hall. Then there are the funds (5%) to go to congregational outreach efforts and some paydown of our mortgage.

Thank you, all, for your support. Together we are Building Countryside. Keep those pledges and payments coming! ...Greg Blus and Paul Sneddon, co-chairs

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## Christianity in an Age of Cultural Wars

The ninth of Rem Stokes's Adult Faith Development classes on the impact of secular thinking on Christianity will be offered on Monday evenings, February 8 - April 5. You do not need to have taken his other classes. Topics for the sessions include slavery, feminism, homosexuality, censorship, power, and more. Suggested materials fee: \$12. Interested members and friends should sign up at Info Island in Atherton Hall during coffee hour or call Rem Stokes.

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## Book Discussion Groups

### Last Mondays Book Discussion

Please join us Monday, February 22 at 7 pm in the Stokes Room to discuss Look Me in the Eye, a memoir by John Elder Robinson.

### Book Circle

All are welcome to attend Sunday, March 14, at 6:30 pm in room 6 to discuss Living Downstream: A Scientist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment by Sandra Steingraber.

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## Religious Education (RE) News

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### Help Shape Future RE Experiences at Countryside

The RE Council invites you to join them on Saturday, February 6 from 9:30 am to Noon, to get acquainted, worship, share ideas, be inspired, and set the stage for next year's RE program! Some of the questions to be considered will be:

- What's working best in religious education?
- What would we like to see change?
- How can we continue to best meet the needs of our children, youth, and families?
- If we move to two worship services, how will this shape RE?

### 2nd Service RE Conversation

Members of the 2nd Service Task Force invite all RE families to attend a special breakfast this Sunday, Feb. 7, 9:50-10:20am in Atherton Hall (following the Spirit Circle for All Ages worship in the Sanctuary) to learn about new possibilities for the times and format of next year's RE program, if we move to adding a second worship service. We look forward to talking with you Sunday! ~ Members of the 2nd Service Task Force.

### Classroom Chalice Project

This month we welcome artist, Andi Ruhl, to help us make pottery chalices for three of our classrooms. We'll learn about the creative process of making pottery, and the history of the chalice and how it came to be a UU symbol! Please join us!

### Spirit Circle Worship & UUA/UUSC Offering

During our January Spirit Circle Worship time, children explored the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and shared their dreams for a better world! We've also offered songs, prayers and meditations for all affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Throughout the month of February, children will continue to collect monetary donations to the UU Service Committee's (UUSC) & UUA's Haitian relief efforts. Please place donations in the container near the RE Welcome table. Thank you!

### CCUU Kids Create Art for Haitian Relief - Sunday, Feb. 28

Please join us for a special RE Art Fair to benefit the UUA/UUSC Haitian relief efforts. We invite all children and youth to create works of art at home to donate to the fair (drawings, paintings, photographs, candles, necklaces, bracelets, notecards, etc. - we are bound only by the limits of our imagination!) Please give all items to your RE teacher between Feb. 7-21. Children in Grades 3-7 will also be making chalice pendant necklaces during RE to offer at the fair. Mark your calendars and plan to join us during coffee hour on Feb. 28 for this special art extravaganza!

### Join a new Spirit Play Team

Be part of a team that plans this popular RE program for next year. On Saturday, February 20 from 10am to Noon, a Spirit Play Team Meeting will be held. Being part of the team allows you to contribute to the spiritual lives of young children; become acquainted with young families at Countryside; and learn stories, songs, prayers & meditations to share with your family. RSVP by February 15 to Colleen Vahey at 847-359-8440 x4 or cvaheyuu@gmail.com.

### Supplies Needed

We are looking for several items for the RE program:

- \* Inflatable bouncer-jump house (to borrow for a one-time event)
- \* Round coffee table for the RE Library
- \* UU World magazines (please recycle your copies at church)
- \* 1-pound & 3-pound coffee cans (or similar-sized hot chocolate cans)
- \* Snacks (pretzels; rice cakes; crackers; fruit snacks)

Please place items in the basket near the RE Welcome table or contact RE Council member, Lisa Hagenbuch.

Thank you!

### RE Library Catalog Now Online

Many thanks to RE Council members, Amy Huber and Andy Khan, the RE Library has been fully catalogued, and the searchable database is now available online at: [www.ccuu.org](http://www.ccuu.org). Go to: Our Church - Religious Education - General Information.

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## **Social Action Update**

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### **Social Action Committee Meeting Moving To Sundays!**

At the last social action committee (SAC) the members voted to move the meeting to the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon. Pot luck lunch will be served at each meeting. Please stop by and see what SAC is doing to make the world a better place.

### **Join The Social Action E-Mail List And Stay Up To Date On Social Action News**

SAC now has its own e-mail address at [socialactioncommittee@ccuu.org](mailto:socialactioncommittee@ccuu.org) for updates on social action, minutes of SAC meetings, agendas for the SAC meeting, etc. To obtain e-mail updates please register at: [http://ccuu.org/mailman/listinfo/socialactioncommittee\\_ccuu.org](http://ccuu.org/mailman/listinfo/socialactioncommittee_ccuu.org). Have a need to contact the social action committee or just have a social action question? Send your e-mail to [socialaction@ccuu.org](mailto:socialaction@ccuu.org).

### **Haiti Still Needs Your Help!**

Please donate to the UUSC/UUA Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. As of January 22, \$425,512 has been donated to the relief fund. Countryside Church has donated \$1,928.63 to the relief fund (with another \$959.77 going to Doctors without Borders). To donate, please go to <http://actnow.uusc.org>. If you would like to donate by check, please make your check payable to "UUSC/UUA Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund" and mail it to UUSC, P.O. Box 844001, Boston, MA 02284-4001.

### **Sign-Up For Next Pads Meal (2/24)**

Our next PADS meal is February 24. Please sign-up on the social action bulletin board or see Belinda Robinson. A special thank you to everyone who signed-up and made our last two meals a huge success.

### **Be a Mentor or a Children's Teaching Assistant for Making the Most of Our Money**

Mentors and teaching assistants (for the Children's program) are needed for the MMOM session scheduled to begin March 31. Each session will meet on Wednesday nights and last for 9 weeks. Please consider being a mentor in the adult program or a teaching assistant in the children's program. No experience needed. We will provide all the training you need. The next mentor training class is scheduled for March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Applications and information flyers are located on the social action bulletin. Or request a copy from David Cohen at [DavidECohen@lawcohen.com](mailto:DavidECohen@lawcohen.com)

### **Volunteer To Provide A Meal At Making The Most Of Our Money**

Starting with the March 31st session of MMOM, we will provide meals to the participants in the program. Dinner is being added because we discovered that many participants in the program, especially the children were arriving at class hungry. Meals can be as simple as sandwiches, pizza, etc. Please see Belinda Robinson or look for the sign-up sheet on the social action bulletin board.

### **Share-the-Plate Update**

Due to the collection for UUSC/UUA Haiti Relief Fund, which was held on January 17, the share-the-plate offering for the Riverside Foundation has been moved to March 7.

Other upcoming share-the-plate offerings will be:

February 21 for Kids on Track.

March 21 for UUSC Justice Sunday

### **Why Should We Participate In Social Action?**

"Wake me up, God; ignite my passion, fill me with outrage. Remind me that I am responsible for Your world. Don't allow me to stand idly by. Inspire me to act. Teach me to believe that I can repair some corner of this world."

~Rabbi Naomi Levy, founder and spiritual leader of Nashuva, a groundbreaking Jewish outreach organization

### **Next Social Action Committee Meeting**

Our next meeting is Sunday, February 21 at 12 noon in classroom # 1.

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## Living the Welcoming Congregation

The mission of the Living the Welcoming Congregation program is to promote active congregational support for welcoming LGBT people and including them fully in church life, and to increase congregational awareness of issues of equality and justice for LGBT people.

Towards this goal, our committee placed rainbow colored kites in the entryway. Our committee also has made rainbow stickers available for members to place on their nametags. As you may know, the rainbow is known throughout the world as a sign of diversity and inclusiveness, of hope and of yearning. By wearing a rainbow sticker you will be asking the Countryside community to support your desire for equality for all people. The rainbow sticker is a symbol that you remain hopeful and yearn for growth throughout 2010 - much like the feeling you may have when you see a real rainbow in the sky.

Some members of the Living the Welcoming Congregation Committee misunderstood that each UU was to put the sticker on themselves after deciding to make an individual commitment. Therefore you may find that you already have a sticker on your nametag. It's important for each of us to take that initiative, rather than have it done for us. It will mean more to each of us to take the time and make the effort to do this sign of welcoming and affirmation, so feel free to remove the sticker if you wish. If you decide to keep wearing it, know that it means you want all of us to support your 2010 goal for hope and yearning, for equality and justice for all people.

Rainbow stickers will be available at the nametag board and at the information island. Please take one and wear it as a symbol of welcome, hope, and unity.

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## Do Re Mi Fa SEW La Ti Do!

We are accustomed to seeing stoles at the pulpit, but stoles can also visually communicate unity and further integrate the music with the worship experience. Our choir is interested in wearing stoles on special occasions to further enhance our musical message.

Sew What? We need help!

Sew Many! We are looking to create 30 stoles in various sizes for our choir, and we'd like them to be done by District Assembly, which is April 30-May 2. That's a lot of quick stitching!

Sew Much Fun! The process of cutting and stitching will be fun and so will the sense of accomplishment when you see your handiwork modeled by our handsome choir!

Sew . . . please consider helping out with the effort! Experience seamstresses please contact Donna Calwas and join in this big sewing collaboration! Thanks!

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## Calling Gardeners!

The Gardening Group is looking for more members. Discover the fun of working in the ground: planting; trying to distinguish a weed from your crop; watering; weeding; harvesting; watering; weeding; being surprised by what comes up (Brussels sprouts grow like that?) and disappointed by what does not (I guess I'll try something else next year).

Although we divide the garden into individual plots, we are a community and all take some responsibility for helping each other with watering and keep an eye out for crops that are ready to be harvested. This year we have discussed having a plot dedicated to the Palatine Food Pantry that all will be responsible for maintaining. Work on this plot will be voluntary, of course, but supplying fresh vegetables to the Food Pantry grows from the spirit of the Green Sanctuary program. Giving some of our crop to the Food Pantry expands the benefits of our garden beyond ourselves and, as such, adds a community service dimension to the garden.

We all pay a small fee to the church for water and there may be other group expenses as well. While we understand that summers are a busy time and we do help each other out, all gardeners are responsible for keeping their plot in good order. If you are interested, please e-mail Leslie Peet.

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## UU Women as Agents of Change

A Women's Leadership Day will be held on Saturday, March 20 at Third Unitarian Church in Chicago. UU Women's Connection proudly presents a program to celebrate the 200th birthday anniversary of Margaret Fuller. We will honor this feisty and fearless UU foremother by honoring UU women in our congregations who have similarly stepped up in difficult times. All women from district congregations may register for a modest \$15, which includes celebration, honoring, ritual, Margaret Fuller Conversation Salons, lunch, entertainment by MOMSthatROCK ([momsthatrock.com](http://momsthatrock.com)), and more. More info at [www.womenandreligion.org](http://www.womenandreligion.org).

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## PFLAG Palatine

PFLAG Palatine meets at Countryside Church the 3rd Monday of the month in classroom 2. Our guest speaker on February 15 will be Hannah Rapp from the National Immigrant Justice. We will discuss the plight of GLBT immigrants who are partnered with US citizens. For more info, contact Dayle Roberts or Linda Kastner, President of PFLAG Palatine (847-302-8545, [kastner.linda@yahoo.com](mailto:kastner.linda@yahoo.com)).

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

A complete calendar of all events and meetings held in the building is on the church website ([www.ccuu.org](http://www.ccuu.org)) under the "Events & Rentals" heading. If your church meeting or event is not listed there, please fill out a room reservation form (available with the calendar on the website) and submit it to the church office.

Wed 2/3	7pm	Ctte on Ministry	11:45am	Meet the Minister
	7pm	Transition Meditation	12pm	2nd Service Team Mtg
	7:30pm	Menzgroup Covenant Group	12pm	Movement for Fun Covenant Group
Thu 2/4	7pm	Hatha Yoga	12pm	Nominating Ctte Mtg
	7pm	Scripture Class	6pm	Meal Prep for PADS
	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Mon 2/22	7pm Last Mondays Book Discussion Grp
Fri 2/5	12pm	Worklife Support Group		7pm Christianity in an Age of Cultural Wars
	7pm	Spiritual Movie Night		7pm Auction item: Happiness Class
Sat 2/6	9am	RE Planning Retreat	Tue 2/23	7pm Membership Ctte Mtg
Sun 2/7	9am	Buddhist Dharma Group		7pm Personnel Ctte Mtg
	9am	Open Forum Discussion		7:15pm Experiencing God Covenant Group
	12pm	Board Budget Review - Open Mtg	Wed 2/24	7pm Transition Meditation
Mon 2/8	7pm	Christianity in an Age of Cultural Wars	Thu 2/25	7pm Hatha Yoga
	7pm	Auction item: Happiness Class		7pm possible Conveners Chalice Circle
Tue 2/9	7pm	Tuesday Kinship Circle	2/26 - 2/28: CMwD Winter Woman Spirit in Milwaukee	
Wed 2/10	7pm	Transition Meditation	Fri 2/26	7pm Games Night
	7pm	Finance Ctte Mtg	Sat 2/27	9am St. Hubert's Job Ministry Event
Thu 2/11	7pm	Hatha Yoga		9am Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal		3-5pm Bowling Fundraiser @ Brunswick
	7:30pm	Amnesty International Meeting	Sun 2/28	9am Open Forum Discussion
Fri 2/12	7pm	AFD Movies with Meaning		12pm Coming of Age Mtg
Sat 2/13	9am	Investing Class (auction item)		12pm Rainbow Friends Meeting
Sun 2/14	9am	Open Forum Discussion	Mon 3/1	7pm Christianity in an Age of Cultural Wars
	11:30am	Chocolate Fest Coffee Hour		7pm Auction item: Happiness Class
	12pm	Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting	Tue 3/2	7pm Agnosticism, Humanism, Atheism Grp
	12pm	Movement for Fun Covenant Group	Wed 3/3	7pm Ctte on Ministry
Mon 2/15	7pm	Auction item: Happiness class		7pm Transition Meditation
	7pm	Christianity in an Age of Cultural Wars		7:30pm Menzgroup Covenant Group
	7pm	PFLAG Palatine Meeting	Thu 3/4	7pm Hatha Yoga
Tue 2/16	7pm	COREM Mtg		7pm Scripture Class
	7pm	Social Action Committee Meeting		7:15pm Church Choir Rehearsal
	7pm	Worship Council	Fri 3/5	12pm Worklife Support Group
Wed 2/17	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting		7pm Journey Inward Spiritual Movie Night
	7pm	Journey Inward	Sat 3/6	4pm Coming of Age retreat
Thu 2/18	7pm	Hatha Yoga	Sun 3/7	9am Buddhist Dharma Group
	7pm	Scripture Class		9am Open Forum Discussion
	7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal		1:30pm Common Ground Lecture
Fri 2/19	10am	Daytime Kinship Circle		
	12pm	Worklife Support Group		
	7pm	Song Circle		
Sat 2/20	TBA	Circle Suppers		
	8:30am	Great Plains Intro to Zen Workshop		
	5pm	Sr High Lock-In		
Sun 2/21	9am	Buddhist Dharma Group		
	9am	Open Forum Discussion		

### Collect your leftover dishes

There is a table at the north end of Atherton Hall full of various serving dishes and coolers that have been left behind after potlucks. Please check to see if anything belongs to you and please take it home. Anything not claimed will be donated to WINGS or Home of the Sparrow.