

Free Your Inner Artist . . .

. . . while raising money for Countryside!

Saturday, September 25, 5-9 pm at Thrown Elements Pottery, 260 North Evergreen, Arlington Heights

Join Countryside families at Andi and Chaz (tenor in the Countryside Choir) Ruhl's Thrown Elements Pottery Studio for an afternoon of creative fun. Let your inner artist roam free with paint-your-own (PYO) bisque items, clay hand-building or, for the experienced, wheel-throwing. 20% of all proceeds go back to Countryside.

Exercise your artistic license and create on your own (studio fees are \$9 adults/\$7 kids for PYO plus the cost of your item- prices vary), or work with wet clay and make your own form (\$25adults/\$20kids for up to 3 pounds of clay, materials and firings). Or choose one of our CCUU special projects (studio fees included):

- Pendant making-create your own chalice, peace, love or own pendants (\$20 for 5 pendants)
- Family chalice-pre-order a hand-thrown chalice (847-818-1313) and decorate with your own designs and glazing preferences (small \$35/large \$60)
- Children's chalice-pinch your own clay children's chalice (\$20)
- Seder Plate-paint your own for family celebrations (\$45)

And don't forget, your gift list . . . there are so many options for personalized gift giving while you are giving 20% back to the church!

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Lay and Care Ministry Programs

We are Here for You!

This is a reminder that the Lay Ministry program is beginning its 23rd year working with Countryside's ministers and our congregation. Our goal is to provide a mutual ministry and support to members of the congregation in times of transition and crisis. Our role is to be a presence in times of loss, such as through death or divorce; however, our support is not limited to those very major situations. We are available, when wanted, in times of sickness or just when someone needs to talk through some trouble in his or her life. All conversations are confidential within Lay Ministry. For members to access Lay Ministry, please contact Reverend Hilary or either of the Lay Ministry co-coordinators, Ken Bobbe or Trudy Kleckner.

Care Ministry is also available in Countryside to provide other types of comfort and support to members. Examples include meals delivered to the home after illness, transportation for medical treatment, and check-in calls to shut-ins. Our entire membership is encouraged to volunteer to provide whatever service(s) they can. To access the services of the Care Ministry, contact Hilary, Ken or Trudy, who will then work with the Care Ministry coordinator, Siri Laurin. Gloria Kinney and Marge Olszewski provide this support when Siri is away.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us!

The Lay Ministry Team: Ken Bobbe, Richard Chay, Larry Frank, Trudy Kleckner, Jane Matthews, Joyce Swedlund, Kim Tilford.

Time and Talent Auction Date Set

Mark your calendar for the 2010 Time and Talent Auction on Saturday, November 13. Donation forms will be available soon; it's not too early to start thinking about your donations for the silent or live auction!

Upcoming *Focus* Deadlines

August 23, September 13, October 4
Submit articles by 9 am to ccuu@ccuu.org

The Minister's Muse

Recently, someone asked me what my power animal was. A power animal is a spiritual concept from, among others, a Native American tradition - particularly Shamanism - in which the seeker takes an inner vision quest and encounters an animal that has a message for that seeker. I haven't ever had an answer to that question - because, though I have taken a number of shamanic journeys, no animal has ever come to me. But this week I met an animal that spoke to me - I mean, not in so many words - but spoke to me, none the less.

Somewhere, Mark and I learned of a place at Baraboo, Wisconsin, called the International Crane Foundation (ICF). It sounded interesting - walking paths and lots of cranes. One of the most powerful sights I've ever seen was at Jasper-Pulaski Park, in Indiana. It's one of the largest stops for migrating sand hill cranes. Hundreds and hundreds (sometimes as many as 14,000) of them coming together in the late afternoon - to feed and rest up. The scene is like a huge diorama taken from dreams of prehistory - an open plain and great winged creatures that remind me of pterodactyls or some other denizen of ancient times. They land, dance a few steps and then come to halt with a huge community.

After the rapture of seeing the sandhill cranes I wanted to see more. The ICF, it turns out, has a representative of each of the crane varieties. Far out of sight is a place they call Crane City where hundreds of cranes are sheltered, bred, readied for return to the wild, or allowed to simply enjoy peace away from prying human eyes. In the large, grassy enclosures the representative cranes live for a year or some for longer before getting to relocate to Crane City. They meet to pair, raise their young in the enclosures. And they come to the fences to stare down humans. They are highly protective of their homes. So, as we approached their enclosures most of them appeared and came up close. There were a few shy varieties that just wanted us to pass on by, thank you very much, and hid in shelters showing us faint outlines and shadows. Others came so close you could almost reach out and touch them. They looked into my eyes appraisingly. Their bodies are pear shaped and their necks long and graceful. Crane legs are long, long, long and they move as though grace and not speed are of utmost importance - fluidly - none of this waddling. Their feathers glow: red masks, rouge cheeks, golden crowns, blue silken wing feathers, grey, pure white, black. The Sarus Crane - is the tallest variety of crane - it can grow to 6 feet! - we met one over 5. And that wasn't enough - he still found a rock to stand on in order to see over the top of the enclosure and peer at the neighbors. He held back while we were all together - but when the group left I leaned forward and waved. Of course, this called for a response and he slowly stalked over and looked right into my eyes. I wanted to stroke his feathers. I wanted to see those long legs push off the ground and take to the sky. I wanted him to have a bird's eye view. The cranes touched my sense of adventure, my appreciation for the power and vulnerability of nature, my love of beauty and variety.

At the ICF they work to help bring back crane populations, to establish new migrating flocks (you may have seen the movie "Fly Away" in which young cranes are taught a new migratory route by a human in costume flying a lightweight aircraft). They've raised some of those cranes. They've worked with human communities around the world to help them live cooperatively with cranes so that the people can pursue their livelihoods and the cranes can live in peace as well. The birds and the people of the ICF have a partnership that benefits both - humanity and cranekind.

By the end of the day the cranes had impressed me (pun intended) and I dreamt crane dreams of beauty, power, vulnerability, groundedness and flight. Each of us, likely, has an animal whose eyes can see into our hearts and whose stories enchant us. From culture to culture cranes have many meanings - but simple and free they speak of flight, freedom, commitment, and beauty. I'm grateful that someone, in Baraboo, had fallen in love with cranes, wanted to preserve them - (the Whooping Crane population has, through the work of the ICF, gone from 15 to over 250 in recent years) - grateful that they had brought together people from around the world to protect this amazing creature. Somehow, beyond a hope for a power animal, I'd found and connected with an animal of power. It's my hope that every one of us can take the time, be mindful enough, and encounter a creature that can reveal such marvels to us. It made me feel more human - and more a part of nature than ever.

One More Thing

In reflection on the recent General Assembly I realized that one important person attended that I had not mentioned — the Reverend Scot Giles, our Affiliate Community Minister. While the Rev. Giles attended the Assembly for a portion of the time, it was an important year for him as he was elected president of the UU Society for Community Ministry. This group will benefit from his leadership as they gain more understanding of the role that Unitarian Universalist Community Ministers play in the larger world and on behalf of our congregations. I am excited for the Rev. Giles and for the UUSCM as they embark on a new adventure together.

Thoughts from the President

If you're like me, your family is in the thick of summer vacations and activities that keep us busy as well as providing relaxation and reconnection time.

I hope you've also been able to attend some of our varied and inspirational summer services this year. In July alone, we've heard from Augustus Conant (excellently channeled by Mark Huston), Rem Stokes on our "post-Darwinian challenge," and our "patron saint" Robert Ingersoll (brought to us by Dan Wiseman). We've also experienced our fourth Quaker meeting, led by Rick Burdsall. Much good music has been provided by our talented group of pianists and other instrumentalists, and, of course, our usual complement of singing. In early August we will hear from Hal Snyder (topic TBA...always intriguing), the Cakes for the Queen of Heaven Women of Countryside, and we'll enjoy our annual Blessing of the Animals service near the middle of the month. Rev. Hilary will return to the pulpit for the remainder of August.

Of course, there is the usual lineup of movie nights, musical gatherings, coffee houses, committee meetings, book groups, religious education, and fellowship. Summers are always worth investigating at CCUU.

I want to report that the Board has met regularly this summer, and in June, we discussed areas we would ask for budget "rollbacks," temporary, we hope, as a result of a shortfall in our pledge results for 2010-11 by the end of the fiscal year. The two areas that have been discussed are Music and Worship and North property maintenance. We fully expect to meet our full budget responsibilities in these areas pending new pledges for the coming year. If you are among those who haven't responded to our stewardship campaign of this winter and spring, please do so as soon as you can. Thanks for keeping our facility and our vision in your plans.

...Judy Ball

CCUU Cookbook is Heating Up!

To submit your recipes, use the forms which you will find in the pamphlet rack and inserted in the Sunday Times, or you can e-mail them to Deeya Roberts. Please remember to list your phone number and the number of books you would like to reserve. They make GREAT Holiday gifts!

Childcare Position Available

Countryside Church is seeking a second childcare provider for Sunday services (40 Sundays/year) and 3-4 weeknights/month, starting in September. Ideal candidate will possess experience with children ages birth-10 (especially infants and toddlers), CPR and/or babysitting certification, and own means of transportation. Eventual hiring will be based on successful background check. We are seeking a non-Countryside member for this position. If you know of people who might be interested, please refer them to Jenny Tanquary at Countryside Church, 847-359-8440, ext. 1 or email ccuu@ccuu.org, attention Jenny Tanquary.

To apply for this position, applicants should send complete contact information and responses to the following:

- Describe briefly your experience providing childcare
- Describe any childcare classes and/or CPR training you've received
- Please explain why you are interested in this position
- Please provide names and contact information of at least two references.

Application deadline is August 20.

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

Upcoming Worship Services

Unless otherwise noted, Sunday services are at 10:30am. Through September 5, mixed-age classes will be held during the service for infants through age 4 and Kindergarten through Grade 6; for further details, see the Summer RE article below.

Aug 1 Reconciling Work and Personal Values

Hal Snyder

The service will include readings & reflections on the tension between workplace pressures and individual search for meaning.

Aug 8 A Celebration of the Goddess through Music, Art, and History

Everyone is encouraged to come learn about the history of the feminine divine and our society's transition from worship of the goddess to worship of the singular god. Brought to you by the women of Countryside's Cakes for the Queen of Heaven class.

Aug 15 Blessing of the Animals

Ellen Brouwer

This year's Blessing of the Animals service, to be held inside our sanctuary, will honor the human/companion-animal bond. We'd be thrilled if congregants bring their well-behaved and well-housebroken pets to this service. We'll be setting up a table to hold the photographs of other pets to be honored or remembered. Hope to see you there!

Aug 22 Summer Tending for Autumn's Harvest

Rev. Hilary Krivchenia

Aug 29 The Broad Church in the Heartland: Unitarianism in the Midwest

Rev. Krivchenia

Sep 5 Things Are Getting Worse: A Guide

Rev. Dr. C. Scot Giles

This service will be a reflection on the human tendency to imagine bad things, expect bad things and assume that bad things will happen, even if they never do.

*****Two Service Schedule begins September 12*****

*****Worship Services and religious education will be held at 9:30am and 11:15am*****

Sep 12 All-Church Ingathering & Water Communion

Rev. Hilary Krivchenia

After summer's scattering we come together and mingle water symbolic of the places where we learned and grew over the summer — from the kitchen tap to the Pacific Ocean we have been instructed and changed by our lives — let us share those lessons. Water will be available just in case you left yours at home on the counter, out in the sprinkler or back at the beach.

This is an All-Church Service: Children and Youth will attend the service with their families. Childcare will be available for infants and younger children.

Summer Religious Education through Sept. 5

Fun mixed-age classes will be held for infants through age 4 and Kindergarten through Grade 6. If you would like to help with any of our service projects, please contact Linda Berry.

- Aug 1: Aging and the Elderly - learn about some of the issues facing the elderly & how we can address them
- Aug 8: Care for our Planet - make art from recyclables
- Aug 15: Children will attend the Blessing of the Animals Service
- Aug 22: Promoting Justice - learn about justice & how to promote it in the community
- Aug 29: Literacy & Education - collect school supplies for students in need
- Sept 5: Helping our Church Community - help organize supplies & classrooms

Usher News

It's coming - yes, in September we will move to 2 services. Twice the services, twice the ushers. It's an easy job - just ask anyone who has done it. We will need ushers for both services - this is an ideal way to act upon our covenant. Every Sunday we say "We unite...through worship, study and service." It isn't a big commitment - just a few Sundays (not even both on a given day) during the year.

Please contact us (or at least don't run from us).

...Kristin and Mark Huston



Come Sing With Us!

The start of the new church year is a perfect time to come give the choir a try, and I cordially invite (and strongly encourage!) you to get in touch with me if you are interested in singing with us. The choir needs your support this year especially as we transition to providing musical support for the added early Sunday worship service. Auditions are not required, though I'd appreciate having an opportunity to talk with prospective members by telephone. To set up a time to talk, please write to me at music@ccuu.org.

The choir will hold its annual retreat on Saturday, August 21, from 1 to 5 pm at the church, followed by dinner at the home of some of our choristers. At the retreat, we look ahead to the year's liturgical schedule and sample some of the music we'll be singing, but we also spend time simply vocalizing and reconnecting after the summer weeks spent apart. Though making music is an obvious draw to being part of the choir, I asked members to share some of their thoughts about what makes the experience meaningful to them:

Singing with others can take me to place where I feel connected to others and to God (Great Spirit, Source, Mystery). In this place I feel blessed and full of love, gratitude, and joy. ~ Janeane Weprin

Singing in our Countryside Choir is my spiritual practice. Like any good practice, singing is good for my brain, my body, and my heart and soul. Singing in our choir connects me to my deepest self and to my choir mates. It's gratifying to sing an anthem well and know that we've enriched someone's worship experience. ~ Jane Matthews

I'm in choir because I can't imagine sitting in our congregation and not being able to contribute musically. ~ Jeff Phillips

Or, to borrow from the words of hymn 108, "how can I keep from singing!"

Choir requires, on average, a two-hour rehearsal on Thursday evenings and at least that much time on Sunday morning (you're going to be in church anyway!), but as Meredith Boulet notes,

Everything that I give . . . during rehearsal or worship comes back to me 100x more powerful. I give of my time, my effort, and my musicianship but, in return, I receive acceptance, that beautiful SATB sound, and the care that comes from being an active member of our "loving community."

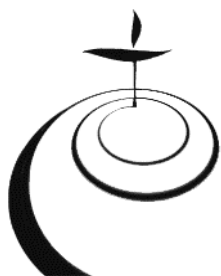
In closing, I share the words of alto Denise Sepos, who expresses so eloquently the role of music in the life of our congregation, borrowing from the words of our church covenant:

*We unite to strengthen the bonds of kinship among all persons—to share that tangible and sometimes subtle bond with others who enjoy expressing or listening to music;
to promote human dignity—by joyfully acknowledging struggles or joys of many ethnic cultures through their songs in their language;
and increase reverence for life's creating, sustaining, and transforming power through worship, study and service—to be able to make a contribution to the church beyond my membership responsibility through service, and if music isn't one of life's creating, sustaining and transforming power, I don't know what is!*

The Countryside Choir and I look forward to hearing (from) you! Come Sing With Us!

Yours in service,
Jeff Hamrick

RE Teacher Orientation



SUNDAY, August 29, 12-1:30 pm

- Meet the members of your teaching team!
- Review this year's goals & curriculum!
- Learn to access our New online Resources!
- Capture the vision for an exciting year of RE!

Lunch and Childcare provided. Please RSVP to Linda Berry, RE Council Team, or reply to your E-vite invitation!

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! Upcoming topics are:

Sunday, August 1: The Choices We Make and Living Green in a Crowded City.

Issue 1: The Choices We Make. How do we find the balance between being motivated and realistic? What are the barriers to having choices? How much do our social identities limit or push us towards success? What does this mean for our youth? Why do some young people “choose” to join gangs, do drugs, and act violently? Is it important for people to feel a sense of agency, and if so why? How much of a role do we have in creating the life we live? What does choice mean to you?

Issue 2: Living green in a crowded city. Does the argument that urban living is greener than suburban and urban living make sense? Why or why not? Can a city like Chicago ever truly be green? What does green living mean to you? Can you list some environmental threats to your health? Is green living just hype or is there real value in it? What evidence are you seeing that your friends and neighbors are taking environmental issues seriously? How can you make your life greener?

August 8: Book Love and The Power of Slow

Issue 1: Book Love - digital readers and traditional books. How do the new models affect not only publishers, and readers but small book owners and libraries? Is this the future of reading? What do you think about classroom teachers using digital readers in place of traditional books? How can independent booksellers compete in this kind of market? Is there room in a democracy for the kinds of corporate practices being touted by Amazon.com? Do you prefer a digital reading device or traditional books? What are the positives behind this new trend in reading?

Issue 2: The Power of Slow: Putting Time on Your Side. Do you move too fast? How could you go slower? Would you benefit from slowing things down in your life, if so why? Since millions have lost their jobs, for some time may be moving too slowly. Are there productive ways to harness this collective time? How often do you seriously think about how you spend your time? What does “time well spent” mean to you? What tasks or actions are best done slowly? Has the global economic downturn pushed too many people off the treadmill and how has that impacted society as a whole?

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

Adult Faith Development Council

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 17 at 7 pm

What We Need:

- People with Ideas
- Program Facilitators
- New People
- People with nothing to do

What we do:

- Brainstorm potential program ideas
 - Coordinate with each other on scheduling
 - Have fun
 - Support people currently doing programs
 - Encourage new people to do programs
- Contact Hal Snyder or Dan and Sharon Wiseman.

Book Discussion Groups

Book Circle

Everyone is welcome to join the Book Circle discussion on Sunday, August 15 at 6:30 pm in room 6. We will be discussing Becoming Attached: First Relationships and How They Shape Our Capacity to Love by Robert Karen, PhD. Note: be sure to read to the end, as the debate between nature versus nurture keeps shifting in emphasis.

Last Mondays Book Discussion

Please join us Monday, August 30 at 7 pm in the Stokes Room to discuss Welcome to the Monkey House by Kurt Vonnegut.

Friday mUUSIC @ Countryside



Events begin at 7pm - come early and help set up!

August 6 (1st Friday) Singing Meditation

Find a stillness at the end of your hectic workweek. In our meditation, facilitated singing and silence combine to create a calming and powerful spiritual experience. Childcare will be available. For more information, go to www.singingmeditation.com or contact music director Jeff Hamrick at music@ccuu.org.

2nd Friday Drum Circle

Stay posted for news about August meeting.

August 20 (3rd Friday) Song Circle

Bring your instrument (or just lend your voice) and some tunes to share, and let’s have fun making music! Our emphasis is on sharing the experience rather than on performing. Contact Tony Pretto for details.

Social Action Committee (SAC) Update

Join Us for a Free One Hour “Your Money In These Times” Program on August 22

Countryside Church is hosting the next UUSJ (Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice) meeting on August 22. From 2 to 3 pm, a panel will speak on the new financial reform bill, assessing community banks and other community financial institutions; and financial education. The UUSJ is an umbrella organization made up of many Unitarian churches in the Chicagoland area.

\$809 Raised for Microfinance Loans

A big thank you to everyone who participated working the pizza booth and Sweet Shop at the Arlington Heights Festival on July 3. Along with raising money, everyone had a lot of fun working the booths. The \$809 raised will be used to grant microfinance loans on Kiva.org. The following people worked the booths: Melanie Amin, Erin Blanchette, Carol Bobbe, Ken Bobbe, David Cicarelli, Juli Cicarelli, Jim Cicarelli, David Cohen, Laura Cohen, Nancy Cowger, John Evans, Colleen Frank, Laura Gadley, Maria Gregorio, Bill Huber Jr., Bill Huber Sr., Nancy Klein, Amanda Lee, Beth Ligouri, Laura Mandell, Anna Marshall, Ian Michelac, Karen Noorani, Leslie Peet, Lois Phillips, Terri Rogers, Melanie Schikore, Mark Stamm, Carol Sweigert, Greg Sweigert, Kim Tilford, Sara Trice and Donna M. Wattenbarger. This shows that when we work together, we can make a difference!

CCUU to Host CROP Hunger Walk October 17

Countryside Church will host the annual CROP Hunger Walk for the Palatine Township area on October 17. The CROP Hunger Walk’s goal is to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. As the hosting church, we are responsible for recruiting other churches to walk with us, pass out collection envelopes and materials in advance, provide snacks and beverages, mark the 3k and 5k walking route, etc. Please see either David Cohen or Nancy Cowger if you would like to help to either plan or participate in this event.

July Coffee House Has 31 Participants

31 persons attended the July 22 coffee house; the theme was immigration. Attendees heard Larry Mokert, the retired pastor of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, talk about his involvement with the immigration detainees at the Woodstock detention center; Attendees also heard the personal story of Reese Tirona and how immigration rules have split apart one family. Live music on immigration reform was performed by the group GÜERENO. What will you hear on our next coffee house on August 26? You need to stop by to find out! The Social Action Coffee House is your chance to meet and discuss social action and justice in an informal environment. Please see Alan Greenland or e-mail socialaction@ccuu.org if interested in helping with the coffee house.

Donate by August 6 to Apple Tree Campaign

School is just around the corner, but for many low-income residents of Palatine Township, the purchase of school supplies poses a huge economic burden. Help relieve this burden by donating to the Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign. The Apple Tree Campaign collects and distributes new backpacks and school supplies to under-resourced children in Palatine Township. Supplies will be collected through August 6. For a complete list of supplies needed and collection sites, visit www.palatinetownship.com or contact Christine Favia, Community Outreach Coordinator at 847/358-6161.

SAC Joins Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

SAC is now a member of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR). ICIRR is dedicated to promoting the rights of immigrants and refugees to full and equal participation in the civic, cultural, social, and political life of our diverse society. In partnership with ICIRR’s member organizations, ICIRR educates and organizes immigrant and refugee communities to assert their rights; promotes citizenship and civic participation; monitors, analyzes, and advocates on immigrant-related issues; and informs the general public about the contributions of immigrants and refugees.

Immigration as a Moral Issue: Proposed UUA Congregational Study-Action Issue

The member congregations at the recent UUA General Assembly chose immigration for the congregation study/action issue for the next 4 years. Why was this done? Because the migration of people-driven by economic, social, political and environmental factors-is taking place around the world. Millions are currently in transit, in refugee camps, in

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detention centers, or living and working in places without full legal status and without access to social services or protection of civil rights. The dignity of all the world's peoples is core to our Unitarian Universalist (UU) principles and values. Given the justice-oriented nature of our UU faith, UUs are called to be leaders in the struggle for immigrant and refugee rights, and to view immigration not only as a legal issue but also moral issue. CCUU members will be addressing this issue in more detail in the coming months.

We Need You to Help with Fair Trade!

We need a volunteer or two to help sell items at the fair trade table. During coffee hour on the first Sunday of each month, we sell fair trade coffees, teas, olive oil and chocolate. You get to meet a lot of people and promote fair trade. This is an easy way to participate in social action. There is a proven system in place. Training will take less than 10 minutes. Please see David Cohen or e-mail SocialAction@ccuu.org if interested.

Share-the-Plate Selections 2010-11 (corrected)

Each year, members of the congregation provide recommendations for our Share-the-Plate program, through which half of the cash collected in the Sunday offering is donated to a charitable organization. Share-the-Plate is usually held the third Sunday of each month and on those months that have a fifth Sunday. This year, some additional collections have been added. Based on your recommendations, the Social Action Committee voted on the following organizations to participate in the Share-the-Plate program. Descriptions of the organizations, if you are interested, are available from the church office.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Jul 18	The Harbour	Jan 16	Riverside Foundation
Aug 15	Barrington Career Center	Jan 30	The Citizens Foundation USA (TCF-USA)
Aug 29	Chances by Choice	Feb 20	Palatine Township Food Pantry
Sep 12	Minister's Discretionary Fund	Mar 20	WINGS
Sep 19	Journeys from PADS to HOPE	Apr 10	UUSC Justice Sunday
Oct 3	Assn. Sunday (Entire plate to UUA)	Apr 24	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Oct 17	The Night Ministry	May 15	Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign
Oct 31	The Bridge Youth & Family Services	May 29	Faith Community Homes
Nov 14	Palatine Township Holiday Gift Program	Jun 19	PFLAG Palatine
Nov 28	WINGS	Jul 17	Upwardly Global
Dec 19	FreeWheelChairMissions.org	Jul 31	Save-A-Pet in Lake Zurich

Thank You from Unitus

Thank you so much for your generous support over the years. We just received the most recent 'share the plate' donation, and I wanted to reach out to you directly to thank you on behalf of Unitus. It is because of supporters like you, and the members of the congregation, that we have been able to reach more than 10 million of the world's working poor, helping them lift themselves out of poverty.

I perused the Countryside Church website a bit and wanted to tell you the Church's purpose really rung true with my personal values, particularly 'promoting human dignity and increase reverence for life.' My belief that everyone has right to human dignity is one of the reasons I work at Unitus.

If you or the Church's members are looking for more ways to get involved, Kari Hammett-Caster is a great resource. Thank you for inspiring me with the work of your church, and for fighting the battle against poverty.

Please pass on my thanks to the members of the congregation, as well. I am inspired by the work you all have done! Best wishes, Hayley Dale, Donor Relations Coordinator, Unitus-Innovative Solutions to Global Poverty

Why Should You Participate In Social Action?

Because "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. What I can do, I should do." - Edward Everett Hale (American author and Unitarian clergyman died in 1909)

Next Social Action Committee Meeting/E-Mail List

Our next meeting is Sunday, August 15 at Noon in classroom 1. A potluck lunch is always served. Please join us and help to make a difference. Join our social action e-mail list at http://ccuu.org/mailman/listinfo/socialactioncommittee_ccuu.org.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

A complete calendar of all events and meetings held in the building is on the church website (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 7/28	7pm	Facilitators Chalice Circle	Mon 8/16	7pm	PFLAG Palatine Meeting
	7pm	SAC Immigration Reform	Tues 8/17	7pm	AFD Council Meeting
Thu 7/29	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191		7pm	Worship Council Meeting
Fri 7/30	7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg	Wed 8/18	7pm	Journey Inward
Sun 8/1	9am	Forum: <i>Choices We Make & Living Green</i>		7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
	2:30pm	Transgender Partner Support Grp		7pm	SAC Immigration Reform
	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org	Thu 8/19	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191
Mon 8/2	7pm	Time/Talent Auction meeting		7pm	Hatha Yoga
Tue 8/3	7pm	Program Council Meeting	Fri 8/20	9:30am	Worklife Support Group
	7pm	Agnosticism, Humanism, Atheism Grp		7pm	Song Circle
Wed 8/4	7pm	SAC Immigration Reform		7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg
	7:30pm	Menzgroup Covenant Group	Sat 8/21	1pm	Choir Retreat
Thu 8/5	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191	Sun 8/22	9am	Open Forum Discussion
	7pm	Ctte on RE Ministry (COREM) Mtg		1:30pm	UUs for Social Justice Meeting
Fri 8/6	9:30am	Worklife Support Group		2:30pm	Journey Transgender Support Group
	7:30pm	Singing Meditation		7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org
	7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg	Tue 8/24	7pm	Membership Ctte Mtg
Sun 8/8	9am	Forum: <i>Book Love & Power of Slow</i>	Wed 8/25	7pm	Facilitators Chalice Circle
	12pm	Music Ctte Mtg		7pm	SAC Immigration Reform
	2:30pm	Journey Transgender Support Group		7:15pm	Church Choir Rehearsal
	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org	Thu 8/26	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191
Tue 8/10	7:30pm	LM		7pm	Hatha Yoga
Wed 8/11	7pm	SAC Immigration Reform		7pm	Social Action Coffee House
Thu 8/12	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191	Fri 8/27	7pm	Games Night
	7pm	Hatha Yoga		7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg
Fri 8/13	7pm	AFD Movies with Meaning	Sun 8/29	9am	Open Forum Discussion
	7:30pm	Drum Circle		12pm	RE Teacher Orientation
	7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg		7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org
Sun 8/15	9am	Open Forum Discussion	Mon 8/30	7pm	Last Mondays Book Discussion Group
	6:30pm	Book Circle		7pm	Living Welcoming Congregation Mtg
	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org			

UUs for Social Justice

Summer Quarter Meeting

**Sunday, August 22, 2 to 5 pm
at Countryside Church UU**

2 to 3 pm: Program - Your Money in These Times.

A panel will speak on: the new financial reform bill, assessing community banks and other community financial institutions, financial education- how your congregation can play a role. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

3 to 5 pm: UUs for Social Justice Board Meeting - non-board members are welcome to attend.

Electronics Recycling

A Drop-off Program for Residents of Northern Cook County. To ensure convenient recycling opportunities are available, Saturday events have been scheduled in addition to the weekly drop-off locations. For more info, visit www.swancc.org.

August 14: 9am - Noon, Wheeling Public Works Dept, 77 W Hintz Rd

Please note that only the following items will be allowed at the drop-off events: Computers - PCs and laptops; Computer Monitors; DVD Players; Fax Machines; Mobile Phones; Peripherals - mice, keyboards, zip drives MP3 Players; PDAs; Printers; Scanners; Televisions; Video Game Consoles; VHS players