



# CUC VOICE



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## **WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.**

### **Sunday February 22 – “LOVE AND DEATH”**

Dan will speak on the book entitled “Love and Death” by author Reverend Forrest Church. We will have a story for all ages. No Adult Choir.

### **Sunday, March 1st – “FATHER, FORGIVE ME”**

Sam Jones and Dan will speak about forgiveness. Story for All Ages. No Adult Choir.

### **Sunday March 8th – “DOES GOD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?”**

Dan will speak about whether or not God makes a difference to us. We will have a story for all ages. No adult choir.

### **Sunday March 15th – “HOW TO FEEL GOOD”**

Dan will speak about the “Bible” for Cognitive Therapy, “Feeling Good” We will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with music from Tom Steffens and Mike Knauf. There will be a story for all ages. The adult choir will also sing.

## **OFFICE SCHEDULE**

With the personnel changes taking place in the office over the next few weeks, we wanted to give you a detailed schedule of who’s going to be in the office when, starting with the week of February 23rd.

We also wanted to let you know that Steven will be taking a leave of absence starting March 2 and will return to the office on March 25, possibly a week earlier.

Monday, February 23: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Gail Wells

Tuesday, February 24: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, February 25: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele; 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Steven Hall

Thursday, February 26: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe; 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Steven Hall

Friday, February 27: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Steven Hall

Monday, March 2: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Tuesday, March 3: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, March 4: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Thursday, March 5: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Friday, March 6: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Gail Wells

## **CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

The 2008-2009 Church Directories are still available for members to pick up before and after worship services on Sundays through February 15. Also, if you picked up your directory before February 1, there is an addendum label that should have been added to your directory that was not ready in time. The directories and the addendum labels are available on the table in the Social Room. If you are picking up an addendum label, please be sure to initial beside your name on the roster in the folder so that we know that you picked yours up. After that time, we will be mailing the directories and the addendum labels out. Please stop by the church either this Sunday or next to get your directory or addendum label so that the church can cut mailing costs as much as possible.

## **SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for coffee, treats, and flowers for the month of March. Please take a moment to sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the Social Room the next time you are in church.

## **CHURCH BUSINESS COMING UP**

We are preparing now for the Congregational Meeting in May where we will nominate and elect church officers, approve a budget, and announce the final results of our pledge drive. We are interested in your ideas for possible church officers, for any changes in the budget, and for an approach in the pledge drive. Please contact Steven in the church office if you have any thoughts.

## **SMALL GROUP MEETINGS**

We now have several small groups that meet for the purpose of spiritual, intellectual, and personal learning. You are invited to any of these groups. If you are interested, contact the church office and we will put you in touch with the coordinator.

The Spiritual Practices group meets every other Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the parsonage. Our next meeting is Monday, March 2nd. Each week our members share their own spiritual approach to life.

The Spiritual Reading group does not meet on a regular schedule, but meets approximately every month at 7:00 p.m. in the parsonage. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 4th. We will be reading "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. If you want to attend, please begin reading the book before you come.

"Small Group #1" meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the homes of its members. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. These meetings have an open agenda and often end up talking about personal things.

The Sun City liberal discussion group meets once a month for residents of Sun City Huntley and friends. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Sue and Ray Eberhardt's, 780 Prairie Ridge Drive, Woodstock. These meetings usually have a topic that's arrived upon at the beginning of each meeting.

The Adult Discussion Group (formerly the Sunday Morning Adult RE class) meets most Sundays at 9:30 a.m. (this is a change in time – please note!) in the parsonage. There is a separate article about their activities for the next several weeks.

Our "A Course in Miracles" group meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the parsonage. The curriculum is handed out before each session, so there's no textbook to buy. All are welcome!

### **ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS**

The Sunday morning Adult RE Class has changed its name to the Adult Discussion Group, and also changed its starting time to 9:30 a.m. on Sundays! Please be sure you note these changes in your calendar so you're not waiting for a while. The Group still meets upstairs in the parsonage.

On February 22, Margaret Fox-Hawthorne will lead a viewing of the short film "The Story of Stuff" in a kick-off to the Green Sanctuary's Voluntary Simplicity Course. More information on this course can be found in a separate article.

The Adult Discussion Group will not meet on March 1.

On March 8, the Adult Discussion Group will begin a five-week run with the Voluntary Simplicity Course. Regular discussion topics will resume on April 12.

### **VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY COURSE**

The Green Sanctuary will kick off its Voluntary Simplicity Course on Sunday, February 22 with a screening of the short film "The Story of Stuff," with a discussion to follow. More information on the course will be available as well as the opportunity to sign up. On Sunday, March 8 we'll start the five session course over five consecutive Sundays before the service. The course will be limited to a maximum of 12 participants and the cost of materials is \$20.00. For more information please contact Margaret Fox-Hawthorne at 815-943-6828 or [margfh2000@yahoo.com](mailto:margfh2000@yahoo.com).

### **MUSIC4MARTIN**

This is the Seventh year of "Music4Martin", our community's tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each tune reflects a facet of Dr. King's philosophy. For example, there's a song about the need for non-violent solutions and another asking us to "live" our beliefs, not just "talk" about them. You will experience songs written especially for the event, a "live" painting, poets, and dancers. The participants in this program are mostly young people, mostly from Woodstock, and all very talented. Your attendance will support their efforts, Dr. King's legacy, and provide you with an enjoyable afternoon of entertainment. Music4Martin will be held on Sunday, February 22 at 3:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Road, Woodstock. The entrance is across from the Woodstock Water Works, one-half block east of Route 14. Please come out and celebrate the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with us.

Ken West

### **JOB SEARCH GROUP TO MEET**

The Job Search Group will be meeting in Dan's office on Monday, February 23rd at 3:00 p.m. This group is for anyone currently looking for a job and for anyone who has advice, resources, or support to lend. Please contact the church office for more information.

### **FEBRUARY FUN NIGHT – GAME NIGHT**

Don't forget Fun Night Friday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. It will be another Game Night. Constance Curran will lead the games.

### **CALLING ALL PAGANS AND PRACTITIONERS OF EARTH-BASED RELIGIONS!**

We are gauging interest in a possible pagan organization here at church that may evolve into a chapter of CUUPS, or the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. If you would be interested in being involved and active in such a group, please contact the church office.

### **FIFTH ANNUAL TASTE OF SRI LANKA**

The fifth annual Taste of Sri Lanka will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 5:00 p.m. at church. The evening is a cultural and festive event filled with a large assortment of traditional Sri Lankan dishes. The food will be cooked by native Sri Lankans, including Sri Lankan monks. The meal includes both dinner and dessert dishes as well as beverages. This year's entertainment will include traditional Sri Lankan music, the O Brother Bluegrass Band, and much more!

Some items on the menu include: saffron and white rice, green beans and potato curry, lentils, Pol Sambol (spicy shredded coconut), soya curry, papadam (Sri Lankan chips), and a traditional dessert.

The cost for the evening is \$25.00 and seating is limited to just 80 people. To reserve tickets, please call 815-444-8915. The event is a fundraiser for the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple; all proceeds will go to the Temple. Replete with diverse food and entertainment, this is a fun-filled evening offering one of the most unique cultural experiences in McHenry County. For more information, please call 815-444-8915 or e-mail [mail@bluelotustemple.org](mailto:mail@bluelotustemple.org).

*"MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL"*