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SPRING WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

May 17th *NO CHURCH*****

Due to Fair Didley taking place on the Square on this day, and the limited parking available, we choose to take this day off. Please enjoy the day and we hope to see you next week.

May 24th “TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE”

Please join us as we take our annual walk to the Woodstock Square to honor those from McHenry County who have died from war. Joan Skiba and Dan will be speaking about “Peace”. We will invite comments from the congregation.

May 31st “DO YOU BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION?”

Dan and Franklin Kral will discuss the modern day implications of: Evolution vs. The Biblical Understanding of Creation.

June 7th “CHURCH BBQ & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY”

The service this Sunday will be held at Emricson Park Pavilion #1, starting at our usual 10:45 a.m. During the worship service we will take a Spiritual Journey together, then after the Church service, those who have purchased tickets, will stay for a BBQ catered by Famous Dave’s BBQ Algonquin. Tickets for the BBQ may be purchased after church Sunday May 24th and Sunday May 31st. The last day for purchasing the tickets will be May 31st.

Also, if you want to come to worship service and not stay for the BBQ you may do that.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of volunteers for coffee, treats, and flowers for May and June. 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. It’s easy and very much appreciated by all.

TAKING IN NEW MEMBERS JUNE 14TH

We will be taking in new members on Sunday June 14th. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please call the church office at (815) 338-0731.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Lora Cantele, Karen Stowe, and Gail Wells share in the secretarial duties at the church office. You will find the office schedule below. Steven is on a leave of absence but will still be attending to the website and e-bay.

Monday, May 18 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lora Cantele
Tuesday, May 19: all day – Janet Burns
Wednesday, May 20: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Gail Wells
Thursday, May 21 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele
Friday, May 22: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Monday, May 24: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Office closed in observance of Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 12: all day – Janet Burns
Wednesday, May 13 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Gail Wells
Thursday, May 14: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele
Friday, May 15: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Dan & Pat will be on vacation from Monday May 25th thru Thursday May 28th. Should you need assistance during that time please call the church office at (815) 338-0731.

Please have a safe and happy Memorial Day.

UPDATE FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday May 3rd, we held our Annual Congregational meeting. We approved a church budget, elected council members and officers, approved “Statement of Conscience” to be further studied by the UUA, and voted to change the name of the church to the “Unitarian Universalist Church of Woodstock”. The changes in the by-laws will be deferred until the fall meeting.

Procedures to formally change the name of the church will continue over the next few months.

This was the largest turnout that we have ever had for a Congregational Meeting.

LAW OF ATTRACTION SUPPORT GROUP

Nicette Crawford & Cathy Smith are working with the Law of Attraction principles and we would like to share their knowledge by offering to meet once a week at the Church to listen to the audio version of the book, discuss and help each other by setting a practice of these principles. We will be meeting every Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All donations will go to the church. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending. Nicette 815-473-6187 or Cathy 815-679-6990

CHURCH GROUNDS NOW WI-FI ENABLED

A wireless network (WI-FI) service to both the church building and both floors of the parsonage have been set up. But the Church Council wants to review provisions for security at this time and hopes to have everything ready within a month.

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.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS-CONTINUED

The Spiritual Practices group meets every other Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the parsonage. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 1st.

The Spiritual Reading group will announce their next meeting soon. Watch for the date and topic.

"Small Group #1" will be meeting on June 2nd at the home of Margaret Fox Hawthorne at 7517 Ryan Rd. in Harvard at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass for the pot-luck. The topic is "Simplicity".

Small Group #2 – If anyone is interested in joining this new group, please contact the church office.

The Sun City group will be meeting on May 21st at the home of Jeff & Kathy Levin. If you plan on attending please RSVP.

Men's Group will be meeting on Thursday May 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Coleman and Company Restaurant.

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!

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!

TAI CHI WORKSHOP

Tuesday May 19th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Reverend Denise Tracy returns to offer another session of Tai Chi. Come and learn what this ancient form of moving meditation is all about! Sign up in the social room, or contact Carol Alfus, alfus@att.net Workshop fee: \$20.

NIA FOR THE FAMILY

Family Nia is an opportunity for your child to experience the "Joy of Movement" along with you. Parents and/or Grandparents are encouraged to participate with their children. We will play with guided and non-guided movement, beats, sounding and more, to a variety of music! All are welcome and encouraged to participate in a way that feels comfortable to them. Infants are welcome to participate by moving along with a parent. Join the fun in this "MOVING" Family Experience. This classes are Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to coincide with the Woodstock Farmers Market. The cost is \$10.00 per family per class. Try it for the "Health" of it!!! For further information please call Gail Wells at: (815) 206-0490 or e-mail gailh14@yahoo.com

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL

Two of our High School students, Addy Hicks and Jessica Stowe, have been accepted as Student Ambassadors with People to People and will travel to Australia and New Zealand this summer. Last year Craig Rapp was a Student Ambassador to Europe. President Eisenhower founded the program in 1956 and believed if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so would nations. On this 20 day exchange they will meet with government officials, students, join in education activities and home stays. Both girls are in need donations with the tuition of \$8000 each. They plan on selling craft items in the church during April and May starting on April 19th.

BUDDHA DAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN WOODSTOCK FOR THE 7TH YEAR!

Saturday, May 16, will be the 7th annual Buddha Day celebration held in Woodstock, IL, and the public is invited to join in the festivities. The popular event, beginning at 6 p.m., is co-hosted by Blue Lotus Temple and the Ten Directions Zen Community.

Buddha Day, Visakha Puja in the ancient Indian language of Pali, is celebrated in all Buddhist communities and countries. It honors the three most important events in the life of Buddha: his birth, his enlightenment, and the attainment of Nirvana at his death. This is always a happy and joyful holiday for Buddhists. It's a time of celebration, personal reflection, and generous giving. It's also a time to be with family and friends. For more information, please call Blue Lotus, (815) 444-8915

LATINO COALITION BENEFIT CLOTHING SALE

The Latino Coalition is hosting a clothing sale on June 5th and June 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Project: "Build a Dream" and the current mission to assist a school in ElVaquero, Mexico.

They are in need of donations of gently used clothing, linens and shoes, which can be dropped off, Thursday, June 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you would like to donate and that day or time is not convenient for you, please contact Linda Baumert (815) 245-1478 or e-mail: buidabledreams@aol.com to arrange pick-up or drop-off suitable to you. Linda is also looking for volunteers with set-up, working the sale, or clean-up. Your help is greatly appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS JUNE 7TH FOR THE CHURCH BBQ AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Please set aside Sunday June 7th for our Worship Service and fundraising BBQ at Emricson Park in Woodstock. The Worship service will begin at our normal 10:45 a.m. time at Pavilion #1. All are welcome to attend the service. RAIN OR SHINE!!!!!!!!!!

After the service, the BBQ will begin. You will need a ticket to attend!!!! The tickets are currently available for \$16 for adults (meat or vegetarian) and \$6 for children. You may purchase these tickets after church on May 24th and May 31st. Please bring your ticket with you to claim your meal. The food is being supplied by "Famous Dave's BBQ" and the church has donated 2 bottles of water per person. If you should want something other than water, please bring it along with you. Alcohol is not permitted. There will be games for all ages.

JOB SUPPORT

Please help us support those looking for work. Should you be hiring or know of a position available for the people listed below please contact them. If you are looking for work, we will be happy to post your information to spread the word. Let's all work together.

Fiona Stilson is looking for work. She has a Degree in Business Administration and almost 20 years professional experience as an Office Manager/Administrator and is also trained in Accountancy. Due to the state of the economy Fiona is willing to take any type of office work that is offered, from office manager to receptionist or general clerk. Fiona can be contacted by email: jobforfiona@hotmail.com or (815)-321-9381

Allen Geiger is also looking for work and is open to a variety of positions. Allen's work qualifications are as a: Truck Driver, including a heavy machine operator, Truck Mechanic, Warehouse manager, and Dispatcher. Allen also has work experience as a painter and carpenter, etc. Allen can be reached at (815) 410-8523.

MESSAGE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Lauretta Wolf has been a professional massage therapist for the last 17+ years, doing thereapeutic massage with clients experiencing many of the conditions that massage therapy is helpful for. Some of these are: carpal tunnel, whiplash, sciatica, sports/exercise injuries, as well as relaxation and pain relief. Lauretta is currently building a practice here in Woodstock. If you have any question, or to make an appointment, please call Lauretta at: (815) 648-2381

"MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL"