

## CUC VOICE

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

July 12th – “Song Circle”

Kemberly Dailey-Johnson is planning an old fashioned "Song Circle". Everyone is invited to come and play their fiddle, strum their guitar, pick their banjo, or just join in singing a song! Please bring a song to share, if possible copies of words and chords, and take a turn leading the circle. Also, tell the group why you picked that particular song to share and what special meaning it has to you! Dan will host the service.

July 19th – “Teachings from the Dalai Lama: An Access To Freedom”

Bob Jackson will share some of the insights he gained from a five-day workshop with the Dalai Lama. “The Bodhisattva Way of Life” by Santideva is a Buddhist text from about 1200AD. A Bodhisattva is an enlightened being. This book was the focus of the Dalai Lama’s teachings in Madison Wisconsin last summer. Bob will compare and contrast “The Bodhisattva Way of Life’ with other more familiar, and/or less familiar, Western views. songs, readings, prayer (meditation), and possibly experiential/experience sharing. Carol Alfus will host the service.

July 26th – “So Many Books, So Little Time”

On the heels of our (hopefully successful) book sale, we’ll spend some time considering the role that books play in our lives. Carol Alfus will be leading this service and asks that you bring a favorite book and select a short passage to read, or character to talk about. We will be discussing why these particular books and/or characters have meaning for us. Dan will be hosting the service.

August 2nd – “Healthcare Reform”

We will devote this service to a discussion of healthcare reform and its impact particularly on the uninsured and underinsured among us. This service will be lead by Sue Reenthaler and our Peace and Justice Committee. Dan will host the service.

August 9th – “Journey to Israel & Palestine”

Marcia Johnson will discuss her recent trip to Israel and Palestine. Carol Alfus will host the service.

August 16th – “Sharing”

Reverend Sandra Lott will lead a service on sharing. Carol Alfus will host the service.

August 23 “Annual Animal Blessing”

Join Reverend Dan Larsen in this annual event. Bring any and all animals (no snakes please – Dan is afraid of them) to be blessed. Animals are welcome “downstairs” for obvious reasons. Animal treats available.

August 30th – “Annual House Blessing”

Please join Dan and Pat Larsen in the “Annual House Blessing”. Location will depend on which house is being blessed, the old farmhouse in Alden or the new condo in Woodstock. Lunch will be served wherever we are.

September 6th – “Labor Day”

Patrick Murfin will lead his annual Labor Day Service.

#### SAVE YOUR WATER FOR WATER COMMUNION

On Sunday September 13th, the first Sunday of our Fall Worship Schedule, we will again celebrate “Water Communion” and the summer experiences we bring to church. Please save a container of water from someplace special this summer, a vacation or visit, or just from home. We will pour the water together into one bowl and share our summer stories.

#### 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.

Monday, July 13: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lora Cantele

Tuesday, July 14: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, July 15: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, July 16 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Monday, July 20: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, July 21: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, July 22: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Gail Wells

Thursday, July 23: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

#### UPDATE ON JOAN COLEMAN

As you may know, Joan was recently in the hospital for surgery. She returned home on Sunday, July 5th and will be recuperating at home. We would appreciate cards, visits, calls and evening meals for the Coleman's. Please call the church office to schedule meals.

## DONATIONS

We now have a "Donate" button on our website. This is for one time donations and NOT to be used for pledges. The transactions go through PayPal and you may use a credit card.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PADS GUEST

On Tuesday, July 14 here at church at 3:15 p.m. there will be a Memorial Service for one of our long-time PADS guest, Sherri Tiedt. Punch and cookies will be served after the service. Everyone is invited.

## NAME CHANGE FOR THE CHURCH

As you know, at the Spring Congregational Meeting the congregation voted to approve the new name of the church as the "Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock". Now that the legal stuff has been completed there are a couple of things we need our members to do.

1. For those of you who have the church listed as a beneficiary in your will, you will need to contact your legal advisor to make the necessary changes to your will.
2. Pledge checks and check for donations will need to be made out to the new name starting July 12, 2009. For a limited time we will be able to accept checks with the old name.

If you have any questions or require any assistance from the church, please contact the church office.

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for coffee for the summer schedule. It's easy and very much appreciated by all. Please either sign up in the social room of the church or contact the church office.

## PADS TO SPONSOR SUMMER LUNCHESES

PADS is looking for volunteers to help provide lunches on Mondays through the summer at the main PADS office on Kishwaukee Valley Rd. Joe Blanco is organizing this summer lunch program for the homeless. If you want to help, but don't want to take on a meal on your own, please contact Joe at 847-814-1385 or contact the church office for more information.

## WIRELESS

The church is now set up for wireless service! If you are someone who requires wireless service while working in the church, please stop in the church office and pick up a copy of the "User Agreement".

After signing the “User Agreement” you will be provided with the User ID and Password for connecting to the wireless service.

## TRANSITION

The rumors of my impending retirement are premature!!! I plan to be around for a while. Here’s what’s happening...

The Church Council has approved a different type of transition to a new minister. For a period of time, after we recruit a new minister, there will be two of us here, each part-time, and sharing the budget for a minister. At the end of that overlapping period, the new minister will become full-time, and hopefully I will be able to continue on as a “Community” minister, working with our outreach, social justice and interfaith programs.

This summer the “Transition Committee” has been appointed by the Church Council to come up with a specific plan to propose to a new minister. The Congregation will approve the plan and appoint a “Search Committee” at a Congregational Meeting probably this fall. The Search Committee will work with the UUA Recruitment Process to find a minister who is interested in our situation. When one is found we will work together for a period of time. Then, hopefully the new minister will continue full-time and I will begin a “Community Ministry”.

That is the plan so far. I think it’s a good approach for the future. We’ll keep you posted! Dan

## SECOND CHANCE BOOK, MUSIC & MOVIE SALE

Planning is underway for the Church’s Second Chance Book, Music & Movie Sale, which will be held in conjunction with Woodstock’s Sidewalk Days, July 24 & 25. We are hoping this will be a successful fundraiser for the church, and to make it so we will need donations of your used books, music and/or movies. Children’s materials are also welcome!

Here's what we need:

1. As far as books go, “gently used” are the key words. We respectfully request that you don’t give us any magazines, journals, textbooks, encyclopedias or Reader’s Digest books.
2. We would like to limit our music sales to CD’s only—no LP’s.
3. As far as movies go, both DVD and VHS formats are welcome.
4. Your help! Sign up sheets are now posted in the Social Room for set-up and sale days. Please consider helping out for a few hours—if you are new to the church this is a fun and easy way to get involved. Sign up at church or contact Carol Alfus, 815-338-2449 or [alfus@att.net](mailto:alfus@att.net)

We can start accepting donations at church on Sunday, July 19

## EBAY SALES

The church now has an eBay account and will soon begin selling items on eBay to raise funds. We need items to sell from you (or your neighbors’) attics, basements, garages, junk drawers, etc. that you will donate to the church, or that you will let the church sell for you for a portion of the profit.

Since not everything readily sells on eBay, we also need people who have a knowledge of particular classes of items (collectibles of any kind, video/electronic games, musical instruments, old comic books, depression glass, cut glass, antiques, sporting goods, Hummel figurines, automobiles, tools, etc.) to help us evaluate the items donated and best list them for sale.

If you would like to volunteer your expertise and/or donate an item for sale, call the church office (815-338-0731) or Don Metivier (815-334-0015).

#### DIVERSITY DAY SEEKS PEACE & JUSTICE AWARD NOMINEES

Diversity Day 2009: "We're in this Together" is seeking nominees for the Peace and Justice Award given annually at the festival since 1996. The annual festival will be held on Sunday, September 27 from 1 to 4 PM on the Square in Woodstock.

"The Peace and Justice Award is one of the most prestigious honor bestowed upon a McHenry County resident," according to festival Executive Director Patrick Murfin. "It not only serves to honor dedicated personal service to the promotion of community peace, justice, diversity, and equality, but it is intended to highlight the work that the recipients do and the organizations that they serve."

The opportunity to nominate candidates has been extended through July 10.

Diversity Day 2009: We're in This Together! is organized by the Congregational Unitarian Church.

#### ZEN MEDITATION WITH HAROLD RAIL

This meditation group is less formal than the Ten Directions Zen Meditation, e.g. no robes and takes place at 861 Clay Street, Woodstock on Sundays 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursdays 6:00 a.m. – 7:00a.m., and Saturdays 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. All donations go to the church!

#### CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

We are updating our Church Directory for 2009-2010.

- 1) If you are currently in the directory, please let us know if you would like to update your information or picture. If we do not hear from you by Sunday July 19, we will put in the same information and picture.
- 2) If you are not currently in the directory, please give us the following information and a digital picture you would like us to use, or let us know if you would like to use the information we already have and the picture we have already taken by July 19th.

Information needed: Name, Phone #, Address, email address. Other information: Other household members, cell phone number, interests, pets, etc. Don't forget your digital picture!

Also, if you have any ideas for a theme, cover photo or text/copy for the directory (regarding our groups, church information), please let us know.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this a relatively seamless process!

### JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

The Woodstock Summer Theatre proudly presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Performances will be at the new Woodstock North High School, 3000 Raffle Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098. Performances are July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:00 pm. Sunday performances are at 3:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door or call 815-337-SHOW (7469) to make reservations. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. The show has a cast of more than 40, with ages ranging from 9 - 22.

Tom Steffens is the Music Director for the show and hopes to see you all at one of the performances!

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

If you've been by the church most mornings from 9 am-12 pm, you might hear the beautiful music coming from the "Woodstock Children's Summer Theatre" troupe who is hard at work on this summer's production. Director Sue Kazlusky and church member Anna Gabrielson would like to invite you to attend this production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" at the Woodstock Opera House.

Tickets for the matinee on Friday, July 24, are \$6.00. The Saturday, July 25 shows are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and all tickets are \$7.00. Friday night's show features a gala before the 7 p.m. show from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. There will be a buffet dinner featuring crepes, quiches, baguettes, and croissants and desserts of assorted French pastries, all prepared by local restaurants. An added feature this year will be a chocolate fountain and a sparkling juice fountain! While you're eating, there will be a strolling singer, a concertina player, and a mime troupe. Kids will be able to use their francs which will be provided with the ticket price to buy flower, toys, candy, face painting, wreaths, and princess crowns among other things. Tickets for the gala are \$15.00 for students and \$20.00 for adults. Call the Opera House at 815-338-5300 for tickets.

### 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 will be meeting once a month during the summer. The next meeting will be in the parsonage on Monday, July 13 with Cathy Connelly.

The Spiritual Reading group will be taking a short break and begin meeting again in August.

Small Group #1 will be meeting on August 4th at the home of Pat Young, 5704 South St., Richmond, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass for the pot-luck. The topic will be led by Elizabeth Dimond.

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

Sun City will be on break for the summer.

Men's Group will be meeting on Thursday, July 23rd at the home of Bob Tirk, 1513 Rhett Place, Woodstock. Please call 334-8050 to RSVP if you need directions.

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 text book to buy. All are welcome!

The Sunday morning Adult RE Class has changed its name to the Adult Discussion Group, and is taking the summer off. It will resume once again in the fall. Please watch for those dates and times.

Our new CUUPS (Pagan) group will be meeting in the Social Room Friday July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

#### YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP TO START IN FALL

We are going to begin a new group for families with younger children in the fall. Carlos Valdes and Shelly Nicholson who are new members to the church this spring, have offered to organize this group to provide fellowship and community to our families with younger children. If you have some interest, please contact the church office or e-mail Shelly at: [snichol33@hotmail.com](mailto:snichol33@hotmail.com)

“MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL”