

## UUC VOICE

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## FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

### NOVEMBER 8th “What Are Our Core Beliefs”

Judy Sowinski and Rev. Dan Larsen will talk about their Core Beliefs, based on a UU Principle; “A Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning”. The Adult Choir will sing.

### NOVEMBER 15TH “Freedom”

The theme is Freedom based a UU Principals “freedom of conscience and the democratic process”. Tom Steffens and Rev. Dan Larsen talk about personal freedom. The title will be “Why Am I Not in Control”.

### NOVEMBER 22ND “Thanksgiving Sunday”

We will have a Traditional Thanksgiving Service. The Adult Choir will sing. Rev. Dan Larsen will speak. Instead of regular church school this Sunday, the children will practice for their Christmas Pageant.

### NOVEMBER 29th “Spiritual Growth”

Kitty Rose and Dan Larsen will talk about Spiritual Growth, one of our UU Principles. Instead of regular church school this Sunday, the children will practice for their Christmas Pageant.

## NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 29th, we will also be receiving youth members into the church during the worship service. All young members who intend to join, please arrive at 9:30 a.m. in Dan’s office before the service. Don Metivier will introduce them during the worship service and they will be asked to say a few words about why they are joining the church.

## GREEN SANCTUARY

COFFEE - Green Sanctuary will be selling coffee on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The cost of \$11/lb. The coffee, for those who don't know, is Fair Trade coffee from Monteverde, Costa Rica. It is only available as whole bean. We have been decaf and regular. Also on those Sundays we will be using this coffee for the coffee service so people can try it out.

FAIR TRADE GIFT FAIR - Green Sanctuary will hold the annual Fair Trade Gift Fair on Saturday afternoon, November 21st and Sunday after the service. As in the past we will provide a variety of gift and food items.

RECYCLING BINS - Kerrie Kurth has donated some bins for recycling cell phone, batteries and CFL bulbs. They are located to the left of the table along the wall shared by the office. We encourage everyone to bring these items in for recycling.

\*\*For more info on Green Sanctuary, contact Margaret Fox-Hawthorne Margfh2000@yahoo.com\*\*

## FOR THE NEXT 7 GENERATIONS

We will be showing the documentary entitled “For the Next 7 Generations” at the church on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6:30p.m. after the Fair Trade Gift Fair. Donations are \$5 for Adults and \$2 for children

“For the Next 7 Generations”, narrated by Ashley Judd, documents the momentous journey of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, as they travel around the globe to promote world peace and share their indigenous ways of healing. Originating from all four corners, these 13 wise women elders, shamans and medicine women, first came together in 2004 at a historic gathering in Upstate New York. Motivated by their concern for our planet, they decided to form an alliance: The International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. The film begins at their first gathering follows them to the Amazon rainforest, the mountains of Mexico, throughout North America, and to Dharamsala, India, for a private meeting with the Dalai Lama. Facing a world in crisis, the Grandmothers share with us their visions of healing and a call for change now, before it’s too late. Through their teachings, they are lighting a way to a peaceful, sustainable planet. This film documents their unparalleled journey and timely perspectives on a timeless wisdom.

## NEW FUNDRAISER

Introducing a New Fundraiser that won’t cost you a dime!

We will take orders for gift cards. Here’s how it works:

You choose the gift cards you want to order and fill out a form provided at church. Drop off the form and cash or check (payable to UUC of Woodstock with gift card on the memo line) to Heather Madaus or Whit Sears after church on Sundays, or mail it to the church by Monday. You will receive your orders on the following Sunday.

The church makes \$ by purchasing the cards at a discount and you get the face value of your card! Please consider helping us by planning your weekly expenses for fuel, groceries, entertainment, and gift-giving from this list!

Please contact Heather Madaus for online ordering instructions or with further questions at [heathermadaus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heathermadaus@sbcglobal.net) or at 815-509-7862.

## DISCRETIONARY FUND

We would appreciate contributions to the Discretionary Fund. This fund is used for the Latino Outreach Program that meets on Monday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please make checks out to the

church: UUCW or Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock with a note in the memo "For Discretionary Fund".

## YOUTH GROUP

For those parents who have students who are currently registered, or still need to register, and haven't been to church lately, I urge you to consider coming back to be a part of the latest Youth Group curriculum which will be starting on November 1st. It is taken from a book that is called "5". It's about living your life on purpose and celebrating the "want to's", "choose to's", and "I can't wait to's" in your life. It addresses the question, "where will you be in 5 years from now" and offers opportunities to explore taking charge of your own destiny and making conscious choices. It's a wonderful program, and the lessons build weekly, so it's important that your student begin this curriculum from the beginning in order to get the full impact and benefit. Please contact Sam Jones for more information.  
samjones@ameritech.net

## PODCASTS

We are now making Podcasts of many of our worship services. You may go to our website to access the podcasts and please share this information with your friends.

## BENEFIT CLOTHING SALE

Hello friends of El Vaquero School in Mexico. It's that time of year again, and we will soon be having our bi-annual clothing sale, in which 100% of the proceeds will assist impoverished students in El Vaquero, Mexico.

A benefit clothing sale will be held Nov.13th and 14th at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock. We would greatly appreciate your support and invite you to please share/forward this information with anyone whom you think would be interested in donating gently used warm clothing, blankets, linens, boots, etc... or volunteering at the sale.

I truly appreciate your past support and hope you'll continue to support this effort to help others in need.

Thank you very much. Every lit bit of clothes truly makes a difference!

Linda Baumert  
815-245-1478  
email: buildabledreams@aol.com

## SMALL GROUP #2-"THE SOCIAL CLUB"

"The Social Club" will be the new name of small group #2. They will be meeting monthly at the homes of members beginning on Tuesday, November 10th at the home of Anna Evans, 6919 Green Road, Harvard. The agenda is open to getting acquainted, having fun and doing whatever comes to mind. If

you are interested in joining our group please contact the church office at 815-338-0731 or office@cucw.org

### SPIRITUAL PRACTICES GROUP

The Spiritual Practices group will be meeting on Monday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the parsonage. We will be continuing our study with a handbook based on a book by Peter Tufts Richardson, a UU minister, called "Growing your Spirituality". Richardson combines the four major personality types (Jung and also the Meyers-Briggs Test) with the Four Spiritual Types and helps us to grow spiritually and psychologically on our own particular path.

### MIND OVER MOOD

This is an 8 week group to address depression/anxiety through cognitive restructuring. In this group, you will learn to identify negative thoughts and beliefs that lead to emotional problems and, eventually, to problem behaviors.

The group will meet from 7 to 9 pm on Thursdays, beginning November 5th, in the parsonage through December 19th (skipping Thanksgiving). Cost is \$10 per person per group, and is limited to 12 participants. The group will be led by Gale Harris, a licensed clinical social worker with 25 years of experience. The group builds on skills learned each week, so it is important to attend all sessions. If you have previously participated in this group, you are welcome to join again. There will be make up options, as needed.....and there WILL be homework! To sign up, contact the church office at 815-338-0731.

### FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN POTLUCK

The Young Families group that is just forming will meet on Saturday, November 7th at 4:00p.m. The group will meet at the home of Carlos Valdes and Shelly Nicholson with their two children at 119 Norman Drive in McHenry.

Directions: From Woodstock take Rt. 120 to McHenry. Turn right on Crystal Lake Rd to Dartmoor Dr., left on Dartmoor Dr., then a right on Norman Drive. There will be a tapas potluck, so please bring your favorite appetizer and something to drink. Please join us! Bring a game or two that your family enjoys! To RSVP or for more information call Sherry Nicholson 815-322-2533 or snichol33@hotmail.com . The group is for Adults with their children.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Current Affairs Discussion Group will be meeting in the parsonage at 9 am beginning this Sunday, November 8, and will continue for the next two Sundays. Don Metivier will host a discussion of what's going on in the world with special emphasis on whether or not "I Am My Brother's Keeper".

### MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will be meeting on Thursday, November 12th at the home of Carl Rudolph in Marengo. The group will meet at 6 pm and dinner will be served. To RSVP or to get directions, please call Carl at 815-568-3241.

#### COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS PAGANS

CUUPS (our Pagan Group) will be meeting Friday, November 13th (second Friday of the month) at 7 pm upstairs in the church. The Topic will be "Wheels of the Year". Roz Zarecki is the contact person at 815-245-1692.

#### CIRCLE DINNERS

Circle Dinners provide a wonderful way to become better acquainted with church members in an informal setting. Diners will meet for dinner in member's homes on the second Saturday of each month from January through April. Please mark your calendars from January 9, February 13, March 13 and April 10. The host/hostess provides the entrée and the guest round out the menu. Each month diners are rotated to meet with a different group of diners.

If you cannot commit to four Saturdays, are not comfortable hosting a dinner or you just want to try it out, you can sign up on the "substitute list". Substitutes will be called in when a regular diner is unable to attend. Please note: This is an adult dining group. If you have children, but would like to participate, you are welcome to sign up on the substitute list.

The sign-up sheet is in the Social Room. For more information, please contact Lora in the church office.

#### READING GROUP

The Reading Group Meets again on Wednesday, December 9th at 7 pm upstairs in the parsonage. We have ordered copies of a book on "Atheism" and inform members when they are available.

#### SUN CITY GROUP

The Sun City Discussion Group will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 pm at the home of Lilly & Norm Bailey, 12742 Kishwaukee Lane, Huntley. This month's discussion is about "Justice" based on the book by "What would you do?" by Michael Sandell. Hang on to your socks will be stimulating! Guaranteed to be fun, interactive and lively! Please RSVP 847-515-3280.

#### OFFICE SCHEDULE

Lora Cantele and Karen Stowe share in the secretarial duties at the church office. You will find the office schedule below.

Monday, Nov. 9th: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, Nov. 10th: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Nov. 11th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe  
Thursday, Nov. 12th: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele  
Friday, Nov. 13th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Monday, Nov. 16: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele  
Tuesday, Nov. 17th: all day – Janet Burns  
Wednesday, Nov. 18th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe  
Thursday, Nov. 19th: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele  
Friday, Nov. 20th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe