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Summer Worship Services 2009

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

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June 28 - "Forty Years Beyond Stonewall"

June 28, 2009 is the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, when lesbians and gays in New York City resisted police harassment for the first time. Worldwide "Pride" parades, services and celebrations (including the Welcoming Congregation movement within the UUA) trace their origins to that pivotal event. This service consists of personal reflections, music and readings that touch on the history, progress, accomplishments, and aspirations of the BGLT Rights Movement. Planned and presented by the UCE Welcoming Congregation Committee and friends.

July 5 - "Mission Possible: UU Services at Great Lakes Recruit Training Command"

One Sunday morning every month UCE member Chris Isely visits Great Lakes to facilitate a UU service for Navy recruits going through basic training. What does he do there, what has he learned, and why, after almost two years, does he keep going back? Chris Isely speaking; Annette Wallace Worship Associate.

July 12 - Steve Serikaku and others will speak on their experiences at UUA General Assembly. Rachael Malone, Worship Associate.

July 19 - "What Do We Deserve?" An interactive service exploring distributive justice, including *The Ultimate Game*. Presented by

Peace and Justice Program members and the Non-fiction Book Group. Annette Wallace, Worship Associate

July 26 - "On Growing Up" A mother and daughter share the view from their diverging and converging perspectives. Ann and Amalia McCallister speaking.

August 2 - Have you had moments when life seemed meaningless (absurd, worthless, pointless, trivial, futile)? How have you handled such times? What makes life meaningful for you? What's it all about? Why were you born? What is your purpose in life? Will your death nullify your life? Does God have a plan for you? Has Science destroyed meaningfulness? Does anything matter in the end? Join John Tobin in trying to answer these "big questions." Worship Associate, William Phillips

August 9 - "Epitaphs for the Ages" This service celebrates a great Illinois work of poetry. Edgar Lee Masters's brilliant *Spoon River Anthology* was published more than 90 years ago. This profoundly moving work comprises epitaphs spoken by the subjects from their graves in the Spoon River region of central Illinois. They celebrate both the narrowness and nobility of our Midwestern past. The typical elements of our UCE service mix with a selection of the poems presented by an intergenerational group of UCE readers. The service includes music of the period and from a stage version of the work (Aidman & Hirshhorn, 1963). Planned and coordinated by UCE Worship Associate William Phillips.

August 16 - "To Listen and Be Listened To"

Led by Eileen Wiviott and Covenant Group participants. Covenant Groups are a meaningful way to make our large church community feel smaller, closer. A group of about ten people makes a commitment to each other, to listen and share of themselves, to talk about meaningful things, to be present to each other. In this service, several of our members will express the significance of covenant groups in their lives and in the life of the church.

August 23 - "Religious Naturalism, A Service for the 21st Century"

- Jerry Stone and Dick Whitaker cordially invite you to a summer service on Religious Naturalism. This is a world view in which the religious aspects of our existence can be appreciated within a naturalistic framework. It denies any need for a remote, controlling creator or strict rituals handed down over the centuries. Come join us for a Sunday service about the "here and now." Annette Wallace, Worship Associate

August 30 - David Pyle will speak on "The Spiritual Practice of Leadership." William Phillips, Worship Associate

September 6 - "Submerging in the Task"

Reflections on work and the people who do it. Rev. Connie Grant speaking; Annette Wallace, Worship Associate. An ice cream social follows the service.