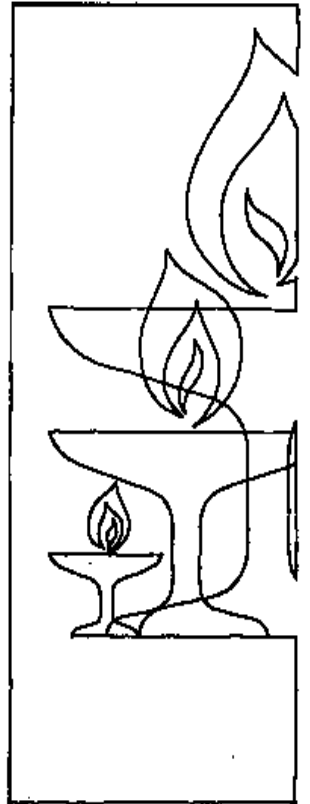


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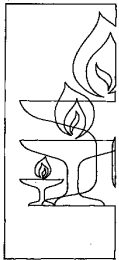


## A Guide to UCE Programs & Activities

Fall - Winter 2009 - 2010

*Our Mission:*

*Nurturing the human spirit for a world made whole*



# UCE Church Year Highlights

## November

- 15 Fair Trade Fair
- 21 Serendipity Auction

## December

- 6 Ornament Sunday
- 13 "The Darkness & the Light" Music Sunday
- 24 Christmas Eve Services (5 & 9 p.m.)

## January

- 15 - 17 Winter Family Retreat

## February

- 6 Night of the Arts
- 7 Choir Festival (4 p.m.)

## March

## April

- 4 Easter Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt, Brunch
- 11 Vivaldi "Concerto" Music Sunday
- 30 -
- May 1 Central Midwest District (UU) Assembly, Wheeling, IL
- 26 Rummage Sale set-up begins

## May

- 1, 2 Rummage Sale
- 23 Religious Education Sunday
- 23 UCE Annual Meeting

## June

- 6 Flower Festival
- 13 Last Regular Season Service/ Welcome Summer, Church picnic
- 23-27 UU General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN

## THIS GUIDE

The Program Guide is a concise summary of UCE programs, activities, leadership, and administration. Highlights of the 2009-2010 church year are included. The Guide is intended to give you an overview of UCE, how it works, what to expect, and whom to contact for more information about something of interest to you. Several UCE committees have produced brochures describing their program or activity. Check the Guest & Member Services Table in the church lobby. If you notice omissions or have other suggestions for next year's Guide, please contact the editor, Judith Ramey, [jramey@ucevanston.org](mailto:jramey@ucevanston.org).

### LOOKING FOR CURRENT INFORMATION?

Here are a few ways that you can stay up-to-date on what's happening at UCE: **1)** Sign up for the **Listserv** (UCE announcements) to receive email announcements during the week. (To request the posting of a notice, email the church office. **2)** Visit the **website**, [www.ucevanston.org](http://www.ucevanston.org), for

current information. The members' section has newsletters and a directory. Many sermons are available on the public site. Members, please call or email the office for password information. **3)** Read your **newsletter** and the news in the **Order of Service** on Sunday. You may receive the newsletter in one of three ways: by email in PDF format; in PDF on the website; or by snail mail. (Choosing an electronic method helps us save printing and postage costs.) To sign up for any of the above, please call the UCE office, 847-864-1330, or email us at [uce@ucevanston.org](mailto:uce@ucevanston.org)

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Rev. Barbara J. Pescan, Senior Minister  
Rev. Constance L. Grant,  
Minister for Lifespan Religious Education

# Welcome from the Ministers



## From the Rev. Ms. Barbara J. Pescan . . . .

As we begin our fifteenth year together, I continue to be aware of how much I appreciate the lay and professional leadership of this congregation, and all the members who teach, volunteer in worship, pastoral care, governance and service. I welcome you to the vibrant year ahead and encourage you to engage, and to continue welcoming all who come who may be moved to join with us.

Beginning in December, I will be on sabbatical leave through April – a time for both minister and congregation to renew and deepen our spirits, and to strengthen our commitments to our shared ministry. My plans have not gelled completely, but may include selecting from among my sermons, hoping we might publish a collection. I hope for some travel, too. I know Rev. Grant, the Sabbatical Committee (Bill Irons, Linda LaPlante and Trudi Westwood), Pastoral Associates, the Committee On Ministry and the Board of Trustees will be in communication to ensure that church life goes smoothly. I look forward to this fall's activities, and will be eager to see you when we are together again in the spring. In the meantime UCE will continue excellent Sunday worship (with guest preachers, David Pyle, Dr. Thandeka, and Rev. Mark Stringer, as well as Rev. Grant), and smooth operations by the hands of our fine staff and Board. **Welcome!**

## From the Rev. Ms. Constance L. Grant . . .

Welcome to Lifespan Religious Education at the Unitarian Church of Evanston! Religious education is a lifelong process, part of everything we do together in religious community. Together, we don't just think about religion, or talk about religion—although those are certainly interesting things to do! Together, we learn to act upon our religion, both within the community and in the larger world. The purpose of religious education for people of all ages is to learn to live as religious people: people for whom our religion is part of our daily lives. As children, youth, and adults engaged in this lifelong process, we learn that there are many sources of truth; we learn to be open to new ways of understanding; and we learn to take responsibility for our actions in the world. We are always learning what it means—what it means to us—to be Unitarian Universalists. Welcome to a new year of religious growth and learning for all of us. **In faith, Connie**

## SUNDAYS AT UCE

### 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Religious Education for Adults  
Art & Music Enrichment for Children  
Parents' Café  
Childcare for Nursery and 3 & 4-year-olds  
Choir Rehearsal

### 9 a.m.—noon

Childcare for nursery & preschool

### 9:15 a.m.

Crackerbarrel

### 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service  
Religious Education Classes for children

### 11:45 a.m.

Sr. High School Group  
Young Adults Chalice Circle  
Coffee and/or lunch after the service.

### 7 p.m.

Men's Group (alternating Sundays)

### Sunday Lunch Program

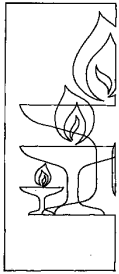
On some Sundays, UCE provides lunch after the Worship Service for a small fee. Church programs/groups often sponsor a lunch. We are looking for volunteers to assist. **Contact Lunch Coordinator Liz Goodwin, [lizbiz1961@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizbiz1961@sbcglobal.net) or 847-966-0504.**

**See pp. 9 & 10 for more information about the Religious Education Program.**



### BOOK H BOOKSTORE

On Sunday mornings, the Book H Bookstore offers for purchase titles from the UU Bookstore and elsewhere, including UU histories & biographies, discussions of UU values & traditions, readings to promote spiritual growth, sermons & such from UU ministers, children's UU-values oriented stories, titles promoting social justice & much more! The Book H has copies of Sunday sermons and books being read by folk in various UCE discussion groups. It provides up to a 20% discount from jacket prices, and contributes 10% of sales to the UCE operating fund.



## Welcome from the Church Manager

**From Sandra Robinson, Church Manager** . . . We are an ever expanding congregation in the way we use our church facility. It is exciting that many programs, activities and classes occur in the space. In addition to our own use of this space, we enjoy rentals to enhance our income. But, with this use comes the responsibility of caring for the building and for each other with careful attention and respect. In order to do this more effectively and to make things run more smoothly, here are some procedures to follow:

### A GUIDE TO MAKING THINGS HAPPEN AT UCE

**Initiating** - If you wish to initiate a new program, contact Rev. Pescan or Rev. Grant before proceeding.

**Scheduling** - When planning to use the church for an event, first contact me to check the Master Calendar and clear the date. Once you have booked your event, if you need to change the day, time or room size, contact Sandra well ahead to make the change.

**Communicating** - Once you have cleared and scheduled the event, email your publication-ready announcement to Judith Ramey for publication in the newsletter and/or email announcements, and/or the Sunday order of service. Judith can also be helpful in notifying persons outside UCE about activities. Talk with her about press releases and other methods. If your activity calls for a mailing, check with Sandra Robinson. We have office volunteers who can help prepare your material for mailing. Judith handles website updates, listserv requests, newsletter items, and announcements in Sunday orders of service, determining appropriate-

ness of material and length for each of these publication sites. If you have items to post, please contact her at [jramey@ucevanston.org](mailto:jramey@ucevanston.org)

**Using the kitchen** - If your event or activity requires use of the kitchen, please ask Sandra to clear this on the Master Calendar. Your group is responsible for leaving the kitchen in clean condition: dishes washed, countertops wiped down and tablecloths laundered by a member of your group.

**Child care** can be available for church programs and large activities such as Auction, Annual Meeting, Stewardship Dinner, Young Adults Potluck, among others. If you are planning such an event, please contact Carli Magel at [re@ucevanston.org](mailto:re@ucevanston.org) or 847-864-1330, extension 101.

For questions relating to **pledges or payments** other than Capital Campaign, contact Chris Isely, Accounting Manager or Sandra Robinson. For Capital Campaign finances, contact Eileen Wiviott at [ewivott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewivott@hotmail.com)

For questions relating to **Membership** contact Eileen Wiviott, Membership Director.

## UCE Music Program - *Explore your creativity and spirituality through sonority.*

### THE CHOIR



The Choir presents music of diverse traditions, both a *cappella* and accompanied by assorted instrumental combinations. Regular rehearsals include vocal and choral technique as well as insights into the interpretation and theory of music. The Choir presents two special music services each season and welcomes singers of all abilities. Speak with Director of Music Bart Bradford prior to attending your first rehearsal - [bbradfield@ucevanston.org](mailto:bbradfield@ucevanston.org)

### MAKE MUSIC

If you play a musical instrument or sing, you are invited to participate. Opportunities include vocal solo, solo with choir, brass ensemble, recorder ensemble, Orff ensemble (handbells, Orff, percussion, keyboards); drum ensemble (African & Latin percussion);

groove band (keyboards, guitar, electric bass, drums); keyboard ensemble (piano & synthesizers). **Contact Bart .**

### 2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

**"The Darkness and the Light"** — December 13, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service special music program

**Choir Festival** — February 7, 2009, 4 p.m. Area choirs unite for an afternoon of joyful song. Proceeds will benefit a charity TBA.

**Vivaldi "Gloria"** concerto with the UCE choir and a chamber orchestra - April 11, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service special music program.



# BECOMING INVOLVED

**The strength and beauty of Unitarian Universalism is in its diversity.** Every person who joins our community enriches it. We want you to feel at home here and hope that you will find joy in fellowship and service. Many feel that this church transforms our lives by empowering us to live out our shared values of open-mindedness, caring for each other, and searching for truth and meaning. This Guide describes many opportunities to become more involved at UCE, both socially and through service. **Please contact Membership Director, Eileen Wiviott, at 847-676-2487 or [ewiviott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewiviott@hotmail.com)** to have a conversation about how you might share your gifts and pursue your passions in a purposeful way within our faith community. You may also visit the **Guest & Member Services Table** on Sundays in the lobby to learn more or to sign up for a group or activity.

## BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF EVANSTON

The process of becoming a member of our church takes place in two steps. **First** we offer Introduction to Unitarian Universalism approximately every 6-8 weeks. This class offers newcomers the opportunity to meet our Minister for Lifespan Religious Education, Reverend Connie Grant, as well as other members. The discussion will include our religious history, our principles, the sources of our faith, church governance, and how we practice being in beloved community. You are also encouraged to ask your own questions. This is the first step in the membership process, designed to help you determine if Unitarian Universalism is right for you. Childcare can be provided upon request.

The **next step**, and the one that will help you determine if the Unitarian Church of Evanston is right for you, is our Orientation toward Membership class. This is a class totaling three hours and offered four times a year. We offer this class at various times to accommodate as many schedules as possible. In this class, we will explore your spiritual journey, what it is you are looking for in a church community, and the many rewards as well as the responsibilities of being a member. Again, childcare is available upon request.

For dates and times and to register for either or both of these classes, please stop by the Guest & Member Services table in the lobby on Sunday mornings or contact Membership Director, Eileen Wiviott at 847-676-2487 or [ewiviott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewiviott@hotmail.com).

## COVENANT GROUPS

Covenant Groups offer the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations, experience the rare gift of being truly listened to, and get to know a small group of people in a safe and loving atmosphere. There are long term groups, meeting once a month, that welcome new participants and there are six-month covenant groups that meet twice a month starting in the spring and fall. Speak to Eileen Wiviott, [ewiviott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewiviott@hotmail.com) or 847-676-2487 about which group is right for you.

## CARING PROGRAM

The mission of the Caring Program is to connect church members with each other during times of need. Members can provide rides, meals, visit those who are ill or welcoming a new member to the family but also meet a range of other short-term needs. Upon request, the committee will organize a reception after a memorial service. **Contact Nicole Lange, 773-494-9561, [white1nc2003@yahoo.com](mailto:white1nc2003@yahoo.com) ; and/or Tracey Loland-Knotek @ 847-492-1760**

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATES

Pastoral Associates strengthen and enhance the caring network in our church, helping to ensure that our shut-in, ailing, and older members receive regular visits and care, while deepening their own spiritual lives. **For more information contact Rev. Pescan or Judith Ramey, 847-475-2123, [jramey29@comcast.net](mailto:jramey29@comcast.net).**

## WORSHIP ASSOCIATES

Worship Associates (WA) meet monthly with Rev. Pescan, help select themes, and do research for Sunday services. On Sundays they are service leaders, creating liturgy, opening the service, and calling the congregation to participate in word and song. **Contact Rev. Pescan or one of the WA's if you are interested in this program.**

## FRIENDSHIP DINNERS & FAMILY FRIENDSHIP DINNERS

These dinner series in members' homes, one adult dinners; the other, family dinners, are a wonderful way to come to know other members and form friendships in a relaxed social setting. Each series includes four dinners. Hosts prepare a main dish and guests bring other parts of the meal. Coordinator for Friendship Dinners is **Jo Jones, 847-424-1662**. Family Friendship Dinners coordinator is **Kat Falls, 847-424-0585; [Kat77@aol.com](mailto:Kat77@aol.com)**. Learn more at the Guest & Member Services Table; watch for announcements.



## REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

**SOUP KITCHENS** - Our neighbor, Beth Emet Synagogue, hosts a weekly soup kitchen, serving around 100 guests each week. We host the dinner when they cannot due to holidays or other conflicts. Watch for sign-ups in the lobby this fall. Spring dates will be announced later this year. Contact **Janet Hartmann** [jtwros1@comcast.net](mailto:jtwros1@comcast.net).

Over the summer months, we also serve some Evanston lunch-time meals at other churches. These meals are sponsored by Inter-Faith Action Evanston. More information will appear in the newsletter or listserv, or you can email Eileen Wiviott at [ewiviott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewiviott@hotmail.com) to be contacted as the dates approach.

**The PEACE & JUSTICE PROGRAM** is a committed, peaceful, team-oriented group that emphasizes working with organizations that advocate for policy changes that will alleviate the causes of injustice and war and promote true peace for all. The UUA "Statement of Conscience: Peacemaking" is a main focus, 2008-2010. We promote the UUSC: the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, a worldwide agency for humanitarian relief and protection of civil liberties. We meet on the 3rd Sunday, after the Worship Service. You may make a short term commitment for a special project, drop in and acquaint yourself with us or join us for a sustained project. We welcome all ideas and viewpoints. Pick up a copy of our brochure for more information. Contact **Gini Sayad**, [ginsay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ginsay@sbcglobal.net) or **Mary Dudek** [mdudekpa@yahoo.com](mailto:mdudekpa@yahoo.com).

**COMMON THREADS** - Knitting and crocheting are wonderful crafts that give your hands an opportunity to create gifts of love. All levels of needleworkers may join us in creating handcrafted items that will provide warmth & comfort when they are most needed. We are open to new projects and ideas. 10 a.m., 1st Tuesday of each month; 7 p.m., 4th Tuesdays. Contact **Jean Novales**, 847-491-9819, **Nancy Lee**, [nlee1215@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nlee1215@sbcglobal.net), or **Tammy Besser** [tsbesser@rcn.com](mailto:tsbesser@rcn.com).

**The WELCOMING CONGREGATION ACTION GROUP** works to preserve UCE as a UUA Welcoming Congregation, striving to maintain an inviting, inclusive place for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Contact **Sandie Elliott** or **Kristy Pinkowski** 847-475-5872.

**GREEN SANCTUARY** – UCE was officially recognized in May 2005 by the UU Ministry for Earth as a Green Sanctuary. The Green Sanctuary Committee leads activities aimed at a greener life in our church home and elsewhere. This includes many initiatives, from renewable energy to recycling to organic foods to renovations of our church building to public transportation and many more. UCE is a participant in the Network for Evanston's Future, including the Evanston Interreligious Sustainability Circle and groups on Transportation, Energy, Affordable Housing, and organic food. Check the bulletin board, read our brochure, and join our second Sundays (8:45 - 9:45 a.m.) meetings to see how you can become involved. Contact **Dick Whitaker**, [dwhitaker4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwhitaker4@sbcglobal.net).

**FAIR TRADE FAIR** - The third annual UCE Fair Trade Fair will be Sunday, November 15 at UCE after the Worship Service. Food, clothing, and household items crafted by artisans from around the world will be available for purchase. "Fair trade" means that these artisans are given a fair, living wage for their work. This is an opportunity to support them as well as their arts. Proceeds from the Fair will benefit special projects and students at Martin Luther King Lab School in Evanston. For more information or to help, contact **Joan Retzloff** at [jr1100@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jr1100@sbcglobal.net).

**SECOND HELPING SUNDAY** - Every second Sunday of the month, UCE collects non-perishable food and toiletries for donation to Hilda's Place, an Evanston homeless shelter and emergency food pantry that provides housing, meals, and counseling to residents on a daily basis. Simply bring non-perishable food items and toiletries to church and place them in the labeled box. For more information, contact **Harry Jones** at 847-424-1662 or [JNS75@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JNS75@sbcglobal.net)

### UCE GENEROSITY TAKES MANY FORMS



Under our Shared Offerings program, half the proceeds of collections taken during Sunday worship services is donated to organizations nominated by members of the congregation. The programs address family, children & youth, education, mental health, hunger, poverty, or justice concerns, among others. Through this program, UCE members' generosity has donated thousands of dollars to worthy local, national, and international organizations.

# GATHERING, LEARNING, PLAYING

## WOMEN'S GROUPS

The **Second Tuesday Women's Group**, a discussion-based group open to all women, meets on the first Tuesday of each month during the church year at 7:30 p.m.

Contact **Enid Cleary**, [enidcleary@comcast.net](mailto:enidcleary@comcast.net)

The **Women's Circle** is a small spiritual group founded on the question: "How is it with your spirit?" This group meets on the first & third Tuesdays of each month, year round. A few openings are available. Contact **Nicole Lange, L a n g e , 7 7 3 - 4 9 4 - 9 5 6 1**, [white1nc2003@yahoo.com](mailto:white1nc2003@yahoo.com)

The **MEN'S GROUP** meets throughout the year on alternating Sundays at 7 p.m. at UCE, for sharing from the heart and discussion of a topic selected by the evening's host. Each spring after April 15, the Men's Group holds a **weekend retreat** to which all men of the church are invited. Contact **Dave Woods**, [dnwoods@ameritech.net](mailto:dnwoods@ameritech.net) or **Tony Gronner**, [tgronner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tgronner@sbcglobal.net).

The **YOUNG ADULT GROUP** (ages 18-40) is an opportunity to meet in a smaller group setting to explore Unitarian Universalism and spirituality while building stronger ties within the community. The group usually meets for a potluck on the 2nd Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at UCE (childcare generally available). Throughout the year, the group also meets for Chalice Circles and volunteer events, which are announced through our Yahoo Group. Contact **J e n n y W a l s h , 8 4 7 - 3 0 9 - 3 6 4 8 ;** [jenny.walsh@comcast.net](mailto:jenny.walsh@comcast.net). Or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UCEYAG>.

**STAR TREKKERS CLUB**, an intergenerational program for Star Trek enthusiasts, meets the 2nd Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. to watch an episode, then discuss issues raised in the context of Unitarian Universalist values. No need to register. Just come. Contact **John Poust, 847-733-9448**, [poustus@hotmail.com](mailto:poustus@hotmail.com)

The **BRIDGE GROUP** gathers twice a month, 1st & 3rd Fridays at 8 p.m. for an evening of contract bridge. Partners are guaranteed. No need to register, just come. Contact **Joan & Morde Horberg, 847-491-0928**.

**GENTLE YOGA** classes are held every Thursday evening from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. This is yoga in the Himalayan tradition using gentle postures, breath awareness, and sitting meditation. Fees are \$12 to drop in or \$8 per class for a two month series; fees

halved for UCE members; free trial class for new students. Saturday classes are also being held on Evanston's Clark Street Beach in the summer.

Contact **Dick Whitaker at 847-772-6209**, or [dwhitaker4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwhitaker4@sbcglobal.net)

The **WINTER FAMILY RETREAT** - Jan.15 - 17, 2010 MLK Day weekend, at Lake Geneva, WI, has lots of fun indoor & outdoor activities: cross country skiing & sledding (if it snows), skating, climbing wall, arts & crafts, open gym, swimming and more. Of course there will also be great family times with games and good conversation. We encourage people with and without children to come! Contact **Alexa Bezjian-Avery, alexaavery@comcast.net**

**THE GREENWOOD GROUP** - The Greenwood Investment Group, member of the National Association of Investors Corporation (NAIC), is a partnership of individuals interested in learning about and practicing good investment strategies. We maintain a single portfolio, making decisions for investment by majority vote. Members commit to participating fully as a partner in the business of the group. We meet the 4th Tuesday of a month at 7:30 p.m. at UCE. Inquirers are invited to sit in on a meeting before deciding whether to become a partner. Contact **Hillis Howie, howshak@att.net**.

The **SOUTH EVANSTON NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP** meets for a potluck supper 3 times a year. Everyone who lives south of UCE is invited to join. Contact **Mary Sproul at 847-869-0237** or email [marysproul@gmail.com](mailto:marysproul@gmail.com)

The **NORTHWEST EVANSTON NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP** meets for potluck suppers periodically throughout the year. If you live in the area west of McDaniel Ave. & north of Golf Rd, let us know you are interested: **Inge Kistler, 847-328-5158; Martha Holman, 847-475-6141, or Jean Novales 847-491-9819**.

**CENTRAL EVANSTON NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP** A new neighborhood group serving the central area of Evanston is forming. Similar to the other groups, it would meet in homes for a potluck supper approximately three times a year. The boundaries for this group would be North of Greenwood and East of McCormick/McDaniel. Contact **Jill Van Wagenen, [jvwag@aol.com](mailto:jvwag@aol.com) or 847-328-7664** for more information.

*More Gathering, Learning, Playing next page »*



## MAJOR CHURCH EVENTS

**INTEGRATED STEWARDSHIP** Running an active church community requires significant financial resources – far more than most of us realize. The church staff and Board of Trustees continually look at ways to reduce costs at the church without adversely affecting our programs. A newly formed Integrated Stewardship Committee has responsibility for the overall financial health of the church. They have strategic oversight and work to improve the coordination and efficiency of our budgeting process, annual pledge drive, fundraising, endowment process, capital campaigns, stewardship education/communication, and record keeping. Look for a new approach to both the budget process and the Annual Pledge Drive, in early spring, as the most visible changes.

**SERENDIPITY AUCTION, Nov. 21** Mark your calendars now for Sat., Nov. 21. In action-packed live and silent auctions, we put the fun into fundraising, selling goods and services to benefit UCE. Items and services sold include the ingenious contributions of church members and friends' time, talents, and treasures. Silent Auction and dinner begin at 5:30 p.m. So that families with small children can enjoy the entire evening, we will try to end by 8:30. We welcome participation in planning, preparation and the auction itself. Contact **Tom Hempfling, 847-869-1445 or teh45@att.net**

**NIGHT OF THE ARTS, Feb. 6** Reviving a tradition that honors our late UCE member/artist Rosemary

### *Gathering, Learning, Playing, cont.*

**BOOKS AND TALK - The Fiction Discussion Group** meets at 7:30 p.m. the 3rd Friday of each month except July & August. This open group reads and discusses the classics as well as modern novels. Contact **Hillis Howie, 847-328-7954; howshak@att.net**.

The **Non-fiction Book Group** meets 4th Sundays, 11:45 a.m. at UCE. We meet in the summer to choose books for the year, choosing books of broad appeal across a wide range of topics. Our goal is meaningful discussion about topics that fit well with UCE themes and current issues. Your participation is welcomed enthusiastically. **Contact Tom Barounis 847-823-8902.**

The **Intergenerational Book Group** welcomes children and adults (with or without children) to its lively discussions. We meet 6:30 - 8 p.m. at UCE on dates TBA. The books we choose are usually available at the Book H Bookstore or from your local library. **Contact Eileen Wiviott at 847-676-2487 or ewiviott@hotmail.com.**

Zwick, UCE's Night of the Arts fills the sanctuary with individuals of all ages enjoying a variety of art projects. Some projects will be individual for taking home, and some will be group projects for display. Enjoy music and noshes. Interested in helping or attending? **Call Johna & Will Van Dyke (847-864-7852),** and watch for sign up information in the church newsletter.

**RUMMAGE SALE May 1 & 2 ;** set-up the preceding week. This annual major fundraiser—and incentive to clean closets—is also an opportunity to work with and get to know almost 200 church members and friends as well as to reach out to the wider community. We hope you will participate! Contact Maggie Wilson, [manddwilson@msn.com](mailto:manddwilson@msn.com), 847-864-3473.

**UU GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) , June 23-27, 2010, Minneapolis, MN** Any member or friend is welcome to attend GA. Registration begins March 1. If you wish to be a delegate, express interest to the Church Office or Board of Trustees Chair Steve Serikaku. Go to the UUA website for **more information, www.uua.org, or to register.** You need not be a delegate to attend, but UCE does need 9 delegates.

**CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, April 30-May 1** at the Westin Chicago North Shore, Wheeling, IL. Folks who are interested in attending, helping, or learning more about this gathering, should **contact the CMwD office at 312-636-9724 or [cmwd@cmwd-uua.org](mailto:cmwd@cmwd-uua.org).**



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Learning Associates work with the Minister for Lifespan Religious Education to plan and offer classes, discussion groups, and workshops for adults. Watch the newsletter, electronic announcements, and the Religious Education bulletin board off the lobby for information. Offerings are planned for 9 a.m. Sunday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and at other times. If you have an idea or question about religious education for adults, **contact the Rev. Connie Grant.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for CHILDREN & YOUTH

## MISSION STATEMENT

*(Adopted by the Religious Education Board,  
March 2008)*

The Religious Education program for families at the Unitarian Church of Evanston exists to prepare our children for lifelong faith development by: 1) creating a feeling of community where the children and youth feel safe to be themselves and explore ideas; 2) fostering a way of thinking about and experiencing faith, grounded in our principles; and 3) teaching content on Unitarian Universalism and other faiths. The program encourages children to think independently, develop strong moral fiber and respect for all people, and to reflect these beliefs in their actions towards others. The program is not fee-based and depends on volunteer support.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD

Nine members elected by the congregation work with the Minister for Lifespan Religious Education to plan and implement a Religious Education Program for Children and Youth that fulfills our mission. Each Religious Education Board member is actively engaged in supporting the program, serving as liaisons to individual classes and planning special activities for the program and for the congregation at large. See page 11 for 2009-2010 RE Board members.

**Calendar and Communication** - Watch the Religious Education bulletin boards, the newsletter, and electronic announcements for information about special services, social action projects, and other community events. The Religious Education Calendar for the year is posted on the bulletin boards and on the website. If you have a question, please ask!

**Enrollment and Visitors** - Each child and youth who participates in our Religious Education Program must be registered each year. Forms are available the Guest and Member Services Table in the lobby and at the Welcome Table on the lower level. Visiting children are welcome to attend. Please see the Religious Education Greeter to have your questions answered and be directed to the appropriate classroom.

**Congregational Involvement** - As a community, we explore ideas and learn together. Our Religious Education Program for Children and Youth provides many opportunities for adults to engage in their own religious growth and learning while supporting that of our young people. Adults are needed to serve as volunteer teachers and classroom assistants, leaders and helpers for social and social justice activities and

special projects. Please contact the Rev. Connie Grant or any member of the Religious Education Board to learn more about how to get involved.

**Expectations of Parents** - Parents are expected to support the Religious Education Program in which their children and youth participate by teaching classes and/or helping with other activities on a regular basis. There is no fee for participation in our Religious Education Program for Children and Youth. The program is supported by the congregation as a whole through the operating budget of the church, and parents are encouraged to pledge as they are able to the annual stewardship campaign. Parents of children who participate in 9 am - 10:15 and/or 10:30 - 11:45 programming are expected to remain in the church building, and are encouraged to participate in discussion groups, classes, and worship services.

**Parents' Café - 9 - 10:15 am:** Parents meet and discuss topics of interest, ranging from prayer, death, and sex, to the holidays, rituals, and generosity. Parents are invited to suggest topics and to lead discussions on topics of interest to them from time to time.

**Social Action Involvement** - Social action is integrated into many of our classes, and there are many opportunities for children and their families to participate in congregation-wide projects, including year-round Second Helping Sunday food pantry donations; winter holiday Guest at Your Table and Mitten Tree programs; and fall and spring soup kitchens. Watch the newsletter and electronic announcements for opportunities.

**Worship Opportunities** - Participation in worship provides an opportunity for children to celebrate and explore the mysteries of life and to experience and reflect on their connections within their religious community and to the universe. At 10:30 am most Sundays, children in Preschool through Sixth Grade will gather in Room 3 for a Children's Worship Service incorporating songs, stories, and meditation. An offering will be taken, and at the end of the year children will have the opportunity to decide on an organization to receive their collected donations. Following this service, children will go directly to their classes with their teachers. Approximately once a month at 10:30 am, the whole community participates in Worship for All Ages, designed to engage children as well as adults. On these Sundays, all children and youth are invited to attend the worship service in the sanctuary with their parents.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for CHILDREN & YOUTH Program Offerings

Our Religious Education Program for Children and Youth is structured to be appropriate to developmental levels and to explore:

- » what it means to belong to this religious community
- » Unitarian Universalist principles
- » the natural world and our place in it
- » our Jewish and Christian heritage
- » the world's religions
- » ethics, decision making, and relationship building

**Nursery (infants and toddlers not yet three years old as of September 1, 2009) - 9 am to noon:** Caregivers provide a safe and caring place where our youngest children can play and become comfortable while their parents participate in classes and discussion groups or attend the worship service.

**Preschool (three- and four-year-olds) - 9 to 10:30 am:** Preschoolers are offered a warm and welcoming place to play and interact with each other and their caregivers while their parents participate in classes and discussion groups.

**10:30 to 11:45 am:** "Celebrating Me and My World" explores the wonders of children and the animals, objects, and people around them, offering opportunities to develop their self-identity and sense of connectedness with the world around them.

**Music Enrichment (Kindergarten - Second Grade) - 9 to 10:15 am:** Led by a professional music teacher, children explore and experience Unitarian Universalist principles and values through musical activities, while their parents have the opportunity to participate in discussion groups and classes.

**Art Enrichment (Third - Sixth Grades) - 9 to 10:15 am:** Led by a professional art teacher, children explore and experience Unitarian Universalist principles and values through artistic activities, while their parents have the opportunity to participate in discussion groups and classes.

**Kindergarten and First Grade - 10:30 to 11:45 am:** "Around the Church, Around the Year" acquaints children with their own Unitarian Universalist community: the people, building, rituals, traditions, celebrations, and basic values of Unitarian Universalism.

**Second Grade - 10:30 to 11:45 am:** "Free to Believe" focuses on UU principles, values, and beliefs through activities, stories, games, songs, and discussions and introduces the lifelong process of finding our own answers to life's big questions.

**Third and Fourth Grade - 10:30 to 11:45 am:** "Keepers of the Earth/Hands-On Nature" uses Native

American stories and hands-on explorations of the natural world to foster an awareness of the relatedness of all living things and to encourage environmental stewardship.

**Fifth-Sixth Grades - 10:30 to 11:45 am:** "Toolbox of Faith" uses tools such as a mirror (reflection), duct tape (flexibility), and a flashlight (justice) as metaphors for the tools Unitarian Universalists use to live our lives and build our own faith. The class will participate in "Faith in Action" projects to embody some of these ideas.

**Seventh Grade - 10:30 to 11:45 am:** "Listening between the Lines" uses song lyrics from a wide variety of musical styles from the 1960s to the present to explore ways in which those words do (or do not) express our own values and beliefs. "Living in UUville" employs role-playing games to apply Unitarian Universalist principles to real life issues and problems.

**Eighth Grade - 10:30 to 11:45 am:** "Compass Points" explores ideas from Unitarian Universalist history, polity, and theology and encourages participants to think independently, make decisions, and discover their own answers questions about the nature of humanity and God and their beliefs regarding such matters as death and faith.

**Seventh and Eighth Grades - 6 to 8:30 pm, dates as scheduled:** "Our Whole Lives" sexuality education provides age-appropriate information about anatomy and human development and helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality so they are equipped to make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior.

**Senior High Youth Group (Grades 9 - 12) - 11:45 am - 1:00 pm:** Senior High Youth are supported and challenged as they discuss issues important in their lives and continue their commitment to their Unitarian Universalist faith and church community. A focus for the fall is to plan the Central Midwest District Youth Conference which our church is hosting in November. The group will present a worship service for the congregation in May.

### CHILD DEDICATIONS

In this ceremony, the child's name is recognized, the child is blessed with the elements, parents' hopes for their child are expressed, and the congregation dedicates itself to the well-being of the child and all the world's children. Dedications are performed at the 5 pm service on Christmas Eve (generally for babies) and at the 10:30 am service on the second Sunday in May (generally for older children), and at other times by special arrangement with the ministers.



# UCE ADMINISTRATION & LAY LEADERSHIP 2009-2010

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The mission of the UCE Board of Trustees is to promote the vision and mission of the congregation. Board members pledge to uphold the values held in common with the congregation. This includes maintaining a caring community, recognizing contributions of time, talent and money, and practicing an open process of decision-making to help reach unity of direction for the church while respecting individual differences and making a positive contribution to the larger community.

**TERMS ENDING JUNE 2010:** Tom Carlton, Gordon DenBoer, Amanda Potts, John Poust, Steve Serikaku (Chair); **TERMS ENDING JUNE 2011:** Jean Butzen, Harry Jones, Nicole White Lange, Marc Rolfes, Sylvia B. Stallings; **TERMS ENDING JUNE 2012:** Sandy Danforth, Cathy Deamant, Jo Ann Schalk, Betty Walker, Trudi Westwood; **Secretary (ex-officio)** Jane Bannor **Treasurer (ex-officio)** C. J. Presto

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD

**TERMS ENDING JUNE 2010:** Rachelle Brooks, Janet Hartmann, Linda LaPlante; **TERMS ENDING JUNE 2011:** Joe Berghammer, Kat Falls, Sandy McNabb (Chair) **TERMS ENDING JUNE 2012:** Lee Bannor, Andrew Bernstein, Dana Deane

## CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council consists of the Vice-President of the Board of Trustees and the chairs of standing committees and other church programs. The Council meets approximately four times during the church year to consider and recommend measures intended to strengthen and broaden the work of the church.

### Current members are:

Annual Pledge Drive	Jean Butzen
Building & Grounds	Bud Brock
Capital Campaign	
Continuation	Linda LaPlante
Caring Program	Nicole Lange & Tracey Loland-Knotek
Committee on Ministry	Charlotte Tyksinski
Covenant Groups	Eileen Wiviott
Crackerbarrel	Larry Jordan
Endowment Committee	Dale Griffin
Green Sanctuary	Dick Whitaker
Hospitality	Jane Kenamore & Margaret Shaklee
Integrated Stewardship	Marc Rolfes
Member Involvement	Susan Carlton
Men's Group	Tony Gronner
Music	Barbara Butz
New Members	Margaret Schatz & Mike Tracy

Nominating &  
Recruitment  
Outreach Committee  
Peace & Justice

Religious Education  
Rummage Sale  
Serendipity Auction

Soup Kitchen

Stewardship  
Welcoming Congregation

Young Adult Group

Martha Holman  
Jessica Tomell-Presto  
Mary Dudek &  
Gini Sayad  
Sandy McNabb  
Maggie Wilson  
Tom Hempfling, Auction  
Team Leader  
Janet Hartmann &  
Eileen Wiviott  
TBD  
Sandie Elliott & Kristy  
Pinkowski  
Jenny Walsh

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Michael Goodwin, *Chair*; Richard Berman, Eleanor Boyer, Susan Comstock, Sandra Danforth, Dale Griffin, Will Van Dyke

## NOMINATING & RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Martha Holman, *Chair*; Tom Barounis, Eleanor Boyer, Robb Geiger, Gay Menges, Barbara Schon-Lundberg, Michael Takada, Jill Van Wagenen, Trudi Westwood

## CHURCH STAFF

**Ministers** Rev. Barbara J. Pescan, *Senior Minister*; Rev. Constance L. Grant, *Minister for Lifespan Religious Education*

**Staff** Bart Bradfield, *Director of Music*; Gregory Shifrin, *Pianist*; Sandra Robinson, *Church Manager*; Chris Isely, *Accounting Manager*; Judith Ramey, *Communications Director*; Eileen Wiviott, *Membership Director*; Carli Magel, *Religious Education/Office Assistant*; Brenda Dunkins, *Church Assistant*; Eric Webber, *Custodian*; Lindsey Kennedy, Liz Kennedy, Jonathan Motley, *Lobby Staff*

## FINANCIAL BASE

The annual contributions of members and friends constitute the primary financial base for operating our church. We supplement this with denomination dues fair share contributions, fees from rental of church facilities, special fund raising events, and 50% of our loose plate offerings on Sunday mornings. In addition, we may use earnings from the Endowment Fund to fund special projects and growth opportunities selected by the Board of Trustees. We designate other dedicated funds to make possible new church programs, enhance lay leadership, pursue community and social action projects, and maintain and upgrade our building and grounds.

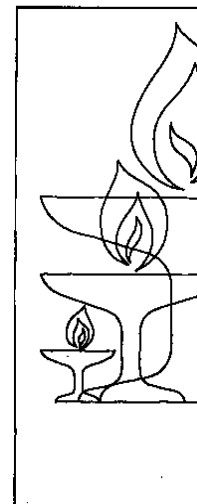
## CHURCH RENTALS

UCE relies on rental income to balance the budget. Consider renting space for your ceremony, party, or meeting. Contact Church Manager Sandra Robinson.

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES & PURPOSES

### We covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



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