

# EVANSTON

## UNITARIAN NEWS

June  
2012

### UCE STANDS AGAINST RACISM, by Eileen Wiviott

On April 27, the Unitarian Church of Evanston participated in the YWCA's Stand Against Racism in two important ways. At 12:45 pm, the YWCA organized all of Evanston to stand along the west side of Ridge and recite a pledge to stand against racism. Situated as we are on the west side of Ridge, we were able to host members and friends of UCE as well as the board of Interfaith Action, with a total of about 75 people stretched almost all the way from Dempster to Greenwood.

Later in the day, we met with Good News Partners residents and staff for a Stand Against Racism dinner. This idea evolved from conversations with interested members of UCE who wanted to mark the event in a more meaningful way. Martha Holman and Eileen Wiviott met with two women of the Good News Partners community and Shane Tytenicz, the volunteer coordinator of GNP, to plan the meal and the conversation. We cooked chicken, potatoes, and beans. Preparing food together was just about the best part, with the kids helping to peel and cut potatoes, set the tables, and make punch. People from both communities brought food and we all got to know each other a little better.

After dinner, we started our discussion as a whole group, with a few people sharing some painful experiences of racism as well as ways to overcome it. We then moved into small groups to share more deeply. These were multi-generational conversations, with children as young as 8 participating and adding tremendous insight. We talked about misunderstanding, miscommunication, the importance of knowing who you are and ignoring ignorance. We also all agreed that more conversation, more events like this one, continuing to build relationships with many people of varying perspectives, opinions, and backgrounds is a powerful way to overcome barriers.

As the evening wound down, leftovers packed up, dishes cleaned, "Let's do this again!" was the feeling shared by everyone. And we will. We will continue to learn from each other and grow in friendship and mutual support.

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### Rev. Newman's Farewell Schedule

June 10 will be Reverend Janet Newman's last day in the pulpit, and we will ceremonially say farewell to Janet at that service. At the church picnic that follows the service, we will celebrate Janet's ministry with cake and ice cream provided by the Transition Team. Janet will be at General Assembly from June 17 through June 24 and then will begin to pack up and prepare to leave UCE. She will take the month of July as her vacation time.



## IN THE INTERIM

by Janet E. Newman,  
Interim Senior Minister

Janet Newman

I hope you'll read my submission to the Annual Reports on the UCE website to see my take on what you have accomplished this year.

As we prepare to part company as Interim Minister and congregation, I want to share with you some lines that are attributed to the Elders of the Oraibi, Arizona, Hopi Nation. I find the passage relevant to your situation as you go forward with courage into the unknowns of the future:

*There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid.*

*They will try to hold onto the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart and will suffer greatly.*

*Know that the river has its destination.*

*We must let go of the shore, push off into the river, keep our heads above water.*

*At this time in our history, we are to take nothing personally, least of all ourselves.*

*For the moment that we do so, our personal growth and journey come to a halt.*

*The time of the lone wolf is over.*

*Gather yourselves. Banish the word "struggle" from your attitude and your vocabulary.*

*All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.*

*We are the ones we have been waiting for.*

The passage reminds me of a read-

ing about the trapeze experience from one of my first sermons here. The trapeze-swinger knows that it is time to reach for the next trapeze, and yet to let go of what is safe and secure ... How to do it?

In my opinion, you are doing it. And in the second year of your transition time you will see how far you have come!

**Faithfully, Janet Newman**

[Ed.note: A few copies of the 2011-2012 Annual Report are available in the Church Office]

## EDUCATING RELIGIOUSLY

by Connie Grant,  
Minister for Lifespan Religious Education



This story, adapted from an essay titled "The Star Thrower" by Loren Eiseley, is printed on bookmarks given to our religious education teachers and advisors to thank them for their work with our children and youth this year:

*One day, a man was walking along a sandy beach and saw, off in the distance, a young person who kept bending down, picking something up, and throwing it into the ocean. As the walker came closer, he saw that there were sea stars all over the beach, where they had been stranded when the tide went out. As he watched the young person throwing sea stars into the ocean, the walker asked the thrower, "What are you doing?" "I'm saving sea stars," the thrower replied. The walker said, "Look how many there are! They're all dying, and you*

*can't possibly make a difference." The Star Thrower bent down and picked up another sea star, threw it in the ocean, and said, "It makes a difference to that one."*

Over the years, I have told the story of the Star Thrower many times in several congregations, usually paired with a slightly less poetic story about worms: When the spring rains soak the soil, worms come up for air, and sometimes they crawl out onto parking lots or driveways and can't find their way back to the dirt. So when I see stranded worms, I try to save them, at least some of them. Since I really don't like touching worms, I take a leaf or a piece of paper, and I gently nudge the worm so it scrunches up. Then I carefully slide the leaf or paper underneath it, and gently toss the worm back onto the dirt. It makes a difference to the worms. Just call me "The Worm Thrower."

On the reverse of the bookmarks given to our teachers and advisors is the message "What you do makes a difference."

**In faith, Connie**





Sandra Robinson

**UPDATE  
on Buildings  
and Grounds  
from the office  
of the Executive  
Operations Di-  
rector . . .**

**Good News . . . Beginning July 1, the building will be open on Monday evening for meetings and events.** Our Budget Working Group, of which I am a part, decided that UCE could better afford to offer this important expansion of space for the convenience of Covenant Groups and others who need to meet on Mondays. This budget item was included in the 2012-13 budget approved by the congregation on May 20, 2012. We ask that all groups let us know whether or not you will be meeting throughout the week over the summer so that we can plan lobby staff accordingly.

This is the time of the year when major improvements to the church property are in progress and planned for the summer. Caulking, repair, and coating of the sanctuary and wing have been in progress over the past two weeks and will continue for another two weeks or so.

I am currently receiving additional bids on the replacement of the skylights on the wing roof and the replacement of the wing roof. The roof has been in place since the construction of the annex and is seriously deteriorating. This work will be done over the summer. The parking lot will be restriped and signage adjusted. Minor improvements are being made to the east entrance, including a crash exit door, repair of the concrete, carpet tiles (which we have

on hand) in the exit foyer and a new railing on the exterior. Tiles are being installed in the lobby where a ceiling leak damaged a small grouping of tiles, and the aged flooring in the balcony women's bathroom is being replaced.

Touch-up painting will be done throughout the church, including Room 2, Room 3, and the lobby hallway. Johna VanDyke and I are planning an area where plaques can be displayed, including the Marjorie Fisher Rain Garden and Peace & Justice plaque.

Currently, Rick Webber, our UCE Contract Custodian is in the hospital with blood clots in both lungs. I hope you will be patient and understanding if you find dust or areas of cleaning that need to be done, as we continue with temporary help as he heals and returns to us. Please keep Rick in your thoughts.

*Annual Church Picnic*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10  
after the worship  
service.**

The ministers will furnish  
hot dogs and hamburgers  
(meat & vegetarian).  
Families are invited to bring  
a side dish to share.

As we say goodbye  
to Rev. Janet Newman,  
the Transition Team will  
provide cake and ice  
cream.

**EVANSTON UNITARIAN NEWS**

The UCE newsletter is published monthly. All newsletter articles should be sent to **Editor Judith Ramey** at [jramey@ucevanston.org](mailto:jramey@ucevanston.org). Submissions may be sent by email (preferred), or as legible 'hard copy.' **WANT MORE NEWS? Join the UCE Announcements list for email news items throughout the week. Call or email the office, [uce@ucevanston.org](mailto:uce@ucevanston.org), 847-864-1330. Also consider the UCE website, [www.ucevanston.org](http://www.ucevanston.org), as a regular source of information.**

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
10:30 am

**Sunday, June 10 “The Fire and the Rose are One” by Rev. Dr. Janet E. Newman.**

In this, my last service with you as your Interim Minister, I want to explore the last lines from a long poem by T. S. Eliot titled “Little Gidding.” The well-known lines help me reflect on what our ministry together has been this year. In addition, we’ll release each other from the covenant that we established when I arrived to serve you in August. And I’ll get my suitcase back!

The church picnic will follow. The ministers will provide hotdogs and hamburgers, both meat and vegetarian, and families are invited to bring the side dishes.

**June 17 “The Good Enough Parent”** What does it mean to be a “good enough” parent? What are the roles of those who directly “parent” our children and of the “village” in which we all live? **Rev. Connie Grant**

**June 24 “The Value of Liberal Religion”** We all put in some effort to keep a church like ours going and effective. What are the values of liberal religion that make all the work worthwhile? **Rev. Jerome Stone**, UCE’s affiliated community minister.

**CRACKERBARREL DISCUSSION GROUP**  
9:15 am



**JUNE 10, “Being Alone Together”** We live in a technological universe in which we are always communicating. But have we sacrificed conversation for mere connection? Our electronic devices and online presence have, for some, displaced the need and even desirability of having face-to-face, real-time relationships. Guest Steve Zissman will discuss whether and to what extent we should allow Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter to enter our lives. **Jim Kepler**

**Summer hiatus: Crackerbarrel will be on summer hiatus from June 24 until the beginning of the UCE 2012-2013 season. Watch this space for announcements.**

**SUMMER SUNDAY CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY PROGRAM**



On Sunday mornings at 10:30 am (during the worship service) from June 10 through September 2, children who will be in preschool through sixth grade are invited to participate in a multi-age program of crafts, games and other activities. Child care will be provided for infants and toddlers.

Adults are needed to share your skill, interest, or expertise with our children on a Summer Sunday or two. What is it you like to do that our children might enjoy doing, too? Teach a craft, play a game, or read a favorite book and lead related activities. To share your creativity with our children, please sign up on the Religious Education bulletin board near the Lobby or contact Christine Peters at [PetersC@newtrier.k12.il.us](mailto:PetersC@newtrier.k12.il.us) or Rev. Connie Grant at [cgrant@ucevanston.org](mailto:cgrant@ucevanston.org).

**RIDE A BIKE TO CHURCH!**



Green Sanctuary wants you to make a special effort to ride your bike to church **on June 10**. Bike riders will be asked to join Green Sanctuary in lighting the chalice. Please wear your bike helmet when you come to the front. Also, we will reserve extra bicycle parking space in the lot on that day. You will be reducing our collective carbon footprint while leaving extra spaces in our crowded parking lot. Thank you!

## A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



On May 23 the Board of Trustees held a special meeting to discuss how the Board chooses its President and Vice President. The Church Bylaws state that the newly elected Board “shall elect from among its members a President and a Vice President.” Accordingly, we have clarified that the Board will hold our election of officers at the July meeting (July 18), the first meeting after our new Board members take office. At that meeting, we will also appoint our Secretary and Treasurer for the new year. The Board is developing written procedures that will set forth the process the Board will follow in meeting this Bylaws requirement.

ily and friends for not only birthdays, but other special events such as graduations, retirements, and special accomplishments. We welcome *your* gift at any time of year!

And we are very honored that **Betty Jane Wagner**, in memory of **Durrett Wagner**, has become the latest person to join the Nellie Brough Society by including UCE in her estate plans. Thank you, Harry and B.J., for your recognition that the Endowment Fund is important for its special contribution to the fiscal health of the church.



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## SUMMER SERVICE PROPOSALS

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COME

Do you have a proposal for a summer worship service that you would like to present? Some opportunities remain for UCE members to offer lay-led services this summer between July 22 and September 2. Some thoughts about what makes an effective worship service: grounded in the speaker’s experience: “Life passed through the fire of thought” (Ralph Waldo Emerson); invites listeners to respond, even when their side of the conversation is unspoken; and engages mind

and heart.

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## ENDOWMENT NEWS

The **Endowment Committee** made a gift in memory of long-time UCE member **Harry Miller**. Harry and his wife Lucia became active members long before many of us committee members even joined.

We are grateful to **Harry Hirsch** for his gift in honor of “**Lucas and Harry’s birthdays**.” This type of gift, which some individuals make an annual family tradition, helps Endowment grow steadily. People honor fam-

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Barbara Butz, who brought FPU to the church this year and last, got good news about the program from her contact there. The program has been revised and shortened to 9 classes (from 13), and the classes themselves will be 1.5 hours rather than 2. The entire series has been reshot and is in production, to be released in late August. The cost will be \$89 rather than \$99. Perhaps this will interest some of you who passed on the program last time around because of its length. We’ll be reporting more on the program in

## 2nd BAPTIST LUNCHESES June 18 First Opportunity

UCE is again serving summer lunches at 2nd Baptist Church – 1717 Benson Ave. This year the dates are June 18, July 16, and August 13th. Please visit the UCE website [www.uceevanston.org](http://www.uceevanston.org) and go to the [volunteer opportunities](#) page to sign up for the June meal. These meals are free, sponsored by Interfaith Action of Evanston, and made possible by the generosity of hundreds of people in Evanston who care. Contact Eileen Wiviott at [ewiviott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewiviott@hotmail.com) with any questions.

## OUR GIVING HOUSE

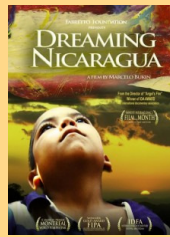
We are lining up sponsors for Our Giving House for next fall. This is the little pink house that sits by our front door and receives your generously donated items, which then go to the Hilda's Place Shelter. You'll be seeing more information about the monthly items soon and if you'd like to be a sponsor, please contact Carol Nielsen at [carolsnielsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolsnielsen@sbcglobal.net). This summer, we will be collecting jam or jelly and saltine crackers to donate to the Hospitality Center, a day shelter at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, which is operated by Interfaith Action of Evanston. Please bring your jam, jelly and crackers all summer long and they will be greatly appreciated by the folks at the center.

## RICKY BYRDSONG RACE AGAINST HATE - June 17

Looking for a good way to get some exercise? Wanting to spend more time outdoors with friends and family? Hoping to "give back" more this year? Join your UCE friends and family for a 5K walk or 5k/10k run on Sunday June 17th. The 11th annual Ricky Byrdsong Race Against Hate starts and ends at Long Field, on the corner of Lincoln St. and

Sheridan Rd. in Evanston. The course goes along the beautiful lake-front. The UCE group meets up between 7:00 and 7:30 at the northwest corner of Lincoln and Sheridan. Then we start out together and see what happens! Wear your UCE T-shirt if you have one. Bring the kids. Bring the dog. (No bikes allowed.) Proceeds from the Race benefit the work of the YWCA Evanston/North Shore, especially in areas of violence prevention and racial equity.

Schedule of Events: 5K run/walk and 10K start at 7:30 am; Youth Mile begins at 9:15 am; Awards presentation begins at 9:40 am. Lots of fun, music, give-aways, free food and water. Check this link for more information. Sign up online or at the YWCA 1215 Church Street. <https://www.signmeup.com/site/register.aspx?fid=KS2VIK7>



### Friday, June 15, 7 p.m.

Join us for a screening of the award winning documentary, *Dreaming Nicaragua* at UCE, co-sponsored with Lake Street Church. A sensitive and lyrical portrayal of four children living in extreme poverty in Nicaragua, the film takes us beyond their hardships and gives voice to the youngsters, who are surprisingly funny, hopeful, and optimistic. Fabretto is an organization that is on the ground in Nicaragua, changing the lives of these children. Our May shared offering went to Fabretto and donations collected at the film showing will also support this transformative organization. A panel discussion will follow.

## SHARED OFFERING SUGGESTIONS FOR 2012-2013

The Social Action Council invites members to make nominations for our shared offering recipients for the 2012-13 year. 501c(3) organizations with which our members have a relationship will be chosen by the Social Action Council from suggestions made by members of the congregation. Recipients are chosen based on a balanced mix of organizations addressing education, mental and physical health programs, hunger, poverty, and justice, a well as a mix of denominational, local, national and international organizations, and a mix of our four primary social action issues: environmental stewardship, peace and justice advocacy, homelessness and hunger, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender equality. The Social Action Council will also use the following categories to further prioritize the organizations to which we devote our financial support:

**First priority** - Organizations with which UCE has a close working relationship, such as Connections for the Homeless, Good News Partners, and Interfaith Action. UCE partners with these organizations by participating routinely in volunteer activities. The SAC will review this tier every other year to be sure we are still working closely with them and that they are still a viable organization.

**Second priority** - One or several UCE members have a close affiliation with the organization, such as being an employee, on the Board of Directors, or regular volunteer.

**Third priority** – Organizations recommended by members and whose mission and values align with those of UCE.

Visit the UCE website to obtain a form to complete and submit to Eileen Wiviott, the Social Action Coordinator at [ewiviott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewiviott@hotmail.com).

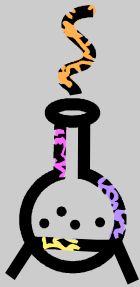
## RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS!



Over 100 volunteers put in hours and hours of time, energy, and enthusiasm to once again pull off a successful rummage sale. We grossed over \$24,000 on the May 4 and 5 event, a very useful contribution to UCE's financial welfare. Thank you to all who helped. Thank you also to all who contributed old, but still useful, items to sell. We appreciate that donors sorted their donations, discarding trash before it got to us and making setup faster and easier. — **Maggie Wilson, Rummage Sale Chair**

## THAO FAMILY REMEMBERS HARRY MILLER — AND UCE

Thirty-two years ago, in March 1980, Harry and Lucia Miller met the Thao family, refugees from Cambodia, at a Chicago airport, and the Unitarian Church of Evanston became the sponsor that helped the family make the difficult transition to life in the United States. As Lucia explains, while the UCE Social Action Committee was their official sponsor, Harry and Lucia became, for the family, the face of the church, even after they moved to California in 1983. Many UCE members will remember purchasing Mrs. Thao's needlework, which she would send to Lucia each year, especially around Christmas time. When Lucia let the family know of Harry's death in April, the family responded with an outpouring of grief, gratitude, warm memories, and news of the family -- all of whom are doing well --- and a financial contribution to UCE in Harry's memory. A display with photos and their letters and notes may be seen in the church lobby.



## FLAME RETARDANTS, OTHER CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS BARELY REGULATED

Ecotips, by Lynn Lawson

For years toxic chemicals known as flame retardants have been accumulating in our homes and bodies, the result mainly of their use in the foam in our furniture. Scientists have now linked them to cancer, neurological deficits, developmental problems, and impaired fertility. In case you missed the stunning *Chicago Tribune* expose of how the chemical industry stealthily fought any curbs on their use, here are the far-reaching implications spelled out in its May 6-10 series "Playing with Fire": "The nation's chemical safety law, the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act, gives the government little power to assess or limit dangers from the scores of chemicals added to furniture, electronics, toys, cosmetics, and household products . . . [The

Act] allows manufacturers to sell products without proving they are safe and to treat the formulas as trade secrets. . . [Further], EPA officials acknowledge they know little, if anything, about the safety of not only Firemaster 550 [a leading fire-retardant], but most of the other 84,000 industrial compounds in commercial use in the U.S. Unlike Europe, where companies generally are required to prove the safety of their chemicals before use, U.S. law requires data only if [the companies] have it. . . [Stalled in Congress, unfortunately], is a bill [S-847] sponsored by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., that would give the EPA more authority to regulate chemicals." **TIP:** Let Senator Richard Durbin know that you want action on this bill: 202-224-2152.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

On April 22 we welcomed these new members.



*Standing left to right: John Hancock, Mark Schab, Amy Ruta Schab, Mark Saint Amour, Andrea McLain, Jill Revivo.*

*Seated from left to right: Jennifer Crosby, Kate Poole, Janelle Brittain, Julie Shannon Geller Not pictured: Pat McGhee*

and doing Land Use and Transportation policy development for the State of Oregon. After my husband and I retired we decided to have a big adventure before settling down, so we sold most of what we had accumulated over the years and moved to Guatemala. My husband flourished and still lives there, but when my youngest daughter and her husband started their family, I moved from Guatemala to Chicago to help raise their two daughters,

Ellie, now 2-1/2 and Quinn, 4 months old.

**Jill Revivo** - What do you get when a non-practicing Jewish girl goes to Catholic school? A Unitarian, of course! I grew up on the North side of Chicago, have lived in three other states, & settled in Evanston in 2008, near my family. I have been a medical Social Worker for about 20 years, & currently have my dream job: I am a Social Worker with Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care. I have an amazing 7-year-old daughter, Alex, who goes to King Lab. Being OUT later in life has brought peace & some challenges. I am thrilled to join the UCE community.

**Mark Saint Amour & Andrea McLain** moved to Chicago from Metro Detroit in August of last year. Andrea, a top of her class Masters graduate in Intelligence Analysis, works in Des Plaines fighting commercial insurance fraud, and hopes to one day complete her doctorate in Statistics, and rise to top of serial crime fighting. Mark, a business developer when not busy being in complete awe of Andrea and her accomplishments, manages to work towards his eventual MBA in business with a focus on economics and entrepreneurship while expanding luxury guesthouses in the Andersonville

neighborhood of Chicago. Mark hopes to one day open his own small business consulting firm, continue to goof around extremely well at the arts, and to raise a family with Andrea. Mark & Andrea attended Emerson Church Unitarian Universalist back in Michigan where Mark served on the board of directors.

**Mark Schab and Amy Ruta Schab** are Chicago natives who discovered UCE about two years ago. They were married in the UU church in Bannockburn in 2006 and have been friends of UU ever since. Mark and Amy met while both performers in the theatre in Chicago. Currently, Mark works in food and beverage in hotels downtown, and Amy is a nursing student. They have recently had twins (Henry Emerson and Ella Helene), and they are so happy to be welcomed into this community.

**Julie Shannon Geller** is delighted to be returning to U.C.E. after having been gone for several years. She has moved to Glenview where she lives with her husband Bill and where she continues to write music and lyrics for musical theatre works for the stage with actor/librettist John Reeger. Julie received her Bachelors and Masters in Music Theory as well as her teaching certificate from the University of Michigan.

**Patricia "Pat" McGhee** grew up in Eau Claire, Wis., graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and lived in and worked in Florida for 30 years. She first joined the UU fellowship in Gainesville and then transferred to the Jacksonville congregation upon moving there. In 2008, she and her partner, Bob, returned to the Midwest to be closer to Pat's cheesehead relatives and, specifically, Luke Montzka and his parents (UCE members Sarah and Karl). What brought her to Unitarianism? Music! She sings with the UCE choir and has served on the music committee since moving here in 2008. A writer, editor and public relations consultant, she happily makes UCE her spiritual home.

**Janelle Brittain** - I'm excited to join UU as I enjoy everyone's openness and caring, as well as learning about your interesting life journeys. UCE has already provided great spiritual and intellectual stimulus. When I'm not at church, I'm a business consultant, trainer, author and professional speaker working with leaders of companies and boards of directors.

**Jennifer Crosby** is a freelance horn player who conducts the Bensenville Chamber Orchestra and the Round Lake Community Band. She has a private music studio and teaches horn, brass, and Suzuki piano. She plays softball and has recently taken up the sport of Judo.

**John Hancock** is a composer of classical orchestral and chamber music. He has written over 24 works including a Symphony and a Horn Concerto. He teaches brass players and works with community groups.

**Kate Poole** - I grew up traveling around the United States, England and Japan with my family, my father a career military man in the U.S. Air Force. I later settled in Oregon to raise my family and finish my education, including law school. Most of my career was as a city attorney for two communities

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES - June 2012 - by Margaret Shaklee**

The bustin-out month of June heralds anniversaries of members who have found their niche at UCE in a myriad ways, but all have developed a deep and abiding relationship with our beloved community.

**Charlotte Tyksinski** celebrates fifty one years, the doyen of the soprano section of the choir. **Margaret and George Schatz** have logged thirty-two years, having raised their three sons in the church community and found a home for themselves as well. Margaret is one of our archivists and is active with our quilting and crafting community. **Margaret Shaklee** notches twenty-seven years this month; she is one of

the Margarets stewarding the archives and telling stories of our history. You can find Charlotte and the two Margarets in the thick of things whenever we are called upon to extend gracious hospitality to one another and/or to guests.

**Paul and Susan Mayfield** may celebrate twenty-four years this month. They, too, came to the church seeking a community in which to raise their daughters. Susan became deeply involved in the children's Religious Education Program and eventually chaired the Board. Many of the reforms engineered by Frank Robertson were brought off by a very organized Susan.

**Martha Holman**, and **Bonnie Bean and Cathy Deamant** celebrate sixteen years this month. Their work can be felt in a wide range of UCE endeavors, from hospitality to social justice to chairing the Boards. **Mary Cameli and Susan Sporer** notch thirteen years this month. Mary, too, chaired the Board of Trustees, she at the tender membership age of five years (?) **Bettina Frankel** celebrates twelve years, raising three boys in our community and helping in the Religious Education Program. **Gordon DenBoer** is our tenderfoot for June, with seven years' membership; he has found a niche in our hospitality program.

**MEMBERSHIP AT UCE**

**INTRO TO UU**

**Introduction to Unitarian Universalism: Sunday, August 12; 12-2 pm** Newcomers to our church and our faith are invited to join us for a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism. This 2 hour session, led by our Ministers, will provide an overview of Unitarian Universalist history, the seven principles of our faith, church governance, and how we live in beloved community. It is designed for anyone who wants to know more about our UU faith, and is **also** the first step if you are considering membership at The Unitarian Church of Evanston.

**OTM**

**Orientation Toward Membership (OTM): Saturday, August**

**18; 9 am – 12:30 pm** What is the meaning of membership? How will your life be different if you join UCE? If you've been asking yourself these questions and have participated in an Intro to Unitarian Universalism class, please consider signing up for **Orientation Toward Membership**. This class will address our various spiritual journeys, the meaning of covenant, as well as UCE culture and programs. By the end of the session, you'll have a good sense of the rewards and responsibilities of membership at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, and whether you're ready to join.

Please register for **Intro to UU** and/or **OTM** at the Guest & Member Services table in the lobby or contact Membership Director, Eileen Wiviott, at 847-864-1330 x111 or [ewiviott@hotmail.com](mailto:ewiviott@hotmail.com). Child-care will be provided upon request.



**HYMNAL DEDICATIONS**

Note that the hymnal you receive on Sunday has a dedication plate in the front. When UCE purchased the first batch of hymnals in the 80's, we were given the opportunity to pay for a hymnal and have it dedicated with those bookplates. Now, we have designed new bookplates with our new UCE logo and we offer you the opportunity to dedicate a new hymnal. The cost of a hymnal is \$30 and you can word the dedication as you please. If this opportunity strikes your fancy, talk to Margaret Shaklee at the Book H any Sunday or Eileen Wiviott at the Guest and Member Services Table.

**Members & friends may share personal news by writing brief notes to be read at Sunday morning services or by sending items to the church office by email or another legible form. Joys and sorrows are also posted weekly on the UCE website, [www.ucevanston.org](http://www.ucevanston.org), in the Members' Section. Notes may be edited for length. The following items were read at our April 29 worship service and services in the month of May.**

### From April 29

A joy from **Nancy Lee**: My partner **Nancy Owens** finished the Illinois Marathon yesterday, with a time that qualified her for the Boston Marathon. In case you don't know, Boston is a big deal! Congratulations to all the runners.

**Eileen Wiviott** says it was a joy to have our friends from Good News Partners join us on Friday evening for a dinner to honor the YWCA's stand Against Racism. Thanks to all who participated in the dinner and the stand on Ridge in the afternoon. It was an exciting and meaningful act of witness.

### From May 6

**David Linsell** is in the ICU at North Shore Skokie Hospital with bilateral pneumonia.

From **Maria Laubhan**, a joy and thank you: No cancer progression this quarter! And we fight on.

A joy from **Chris Chambers**: Working the Rummage Sale was really fun and a great experience.

**Sarah Hendershot** was saddened to see, dead in the parkway, apparently hit by a car, the baby fox she understood was living in the yard of the coach house she is renting in Evanston.

**Gerald Adler** is concerned that parents of poor Chicago school children will lose a day's pay for disruptions due to the NATO summit. "Why do we always punish the poor and vulnerable to protect the haves?"

The **Peace & Justice Program** thanks the kindergarten & first graders & their teachers for planting the tulips whose beauty we see around the Peace Pole as we enter the church.

### From May 13

A joy from **Erlene Howard** that yesterday she shared in the celebration of Susan Soric's graduation from Chicago's Theological Seminary with a Masters in Divinity. "What a blessing."

**Andrew Fisher** is joyful that both of his sisters, one from New York and the other from Oregon, are in town to celebrate their mom (Marjorie Fisher's) life. There will be a very brief memorial ceremony in the Rain Garden just east of the church.

A joy from **Sarah Vanderwicken** that her daughter Elena is joining her here today.

Joy from **Jill Revivo**: My best friend of 25 years, Margaret, is visiting from Minneapolis. Also today I remember and honor my late mother Susan and grandmother Janet.

**Pat McGhee** is celebrating today because her son-in-law (and father of the best 4-year-old on the planet) and his trio are here sharing their talents with us.

A joy from **Priscilla Ormes**: When I was 18 I would have told you that we'd have a black president – maybe in 2,000 years! And that a president and his family agree that gay people have the same right as others to marry – I would have said "I don't believe you." Being 84 years young I have lived to see the unbelievable become fact. May our young people

live to see their hopes for justice also come true.

A joy from **Larry Lundberg** that **Karalee Wiviott** brought her Mother's Day violin recital to their home for **Barbara** to enjoy even though she could not attend the recital as she has done in the past. **Enid and Nelson Cleary** also played for Barbara during the week. "Blessed music therapy," Larry says. Day in and day out, Larry says, our congregation and other friends help provide a great atmosphere of caring.

**Ian Riddell** shares the "great joy" that he will graduate from Meadville Lombard this afternoon and will begin as minister of the UU congregation in Las Vegas on August , with much gratitude to UCE for support and encouragement.

**Bill & Trudi Westwood** share two daughter-related joys: Older daughter Sarah passed her Ph.D. oral exam at Boston University & now has the "mere" task of writing her dissertation. Younger daughter Amanda obtained a new job with higher salary and more responsibility and can now walk to work from her Evanston condo.

The **Crawford-Cloonan** family welcomes back Grandma from her family timeshare in Indiana and also welcomes Aunt Mary from Baltimore.

From **Kathy Talmage**: A joy tht the tablecloth fairy has visited again and brought new oblong tablecloths. "Let's try to hang on to these!"

**Read more of our Joys & Sorrows on the next page >>>**

## Joys & Sorrows of Our Community (cont.)

**From May 27**

**Gwen Jessen, as well as Lynn and Court Lawson**, write of their sadness at the death, on May 10, of **Susanne Carson Jessen**, 84, long-time friend of UCE. Gwen Jessen writes that it was a comfort for her and her family to be a part of this warm, friendly community. Lynn Lawson remembers that she taught Susanne and Howard's son Ned in the fourth grade of our Sunday school "at a time when that meant introducing ten-year-olds to Akhenaten (the first monotheist) and Moses.

**Libby and Harry Hirsch** have two joys: They've just returned from 8 days in Tuscany where Libby learned that her May 23 birthday is the anniversary of the execution in 1848 of reformer Savonarola. Yesterday they drove

to South Bend for their oldest grandchild Jillian's graduation from the University of Notre Dame.

Please send positive, healing thoughts to **Angie Dzikoski** who is having surgery on Thursday to replace her left knee, which she hopes will regain its status as her "good knee."

**Kate Berman, daughter of Rick and the late Holly Berman**, is marrying Jacob White this Saturday, June 2, at Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette.

**Jerry Galich** is happy that the star he did for the North Shore Art League is on permanent display at the Community House of Winnetka.

A sorrow from **Eileen Wiviott**: Two tragic events occurred in her neighborhood this week. An

8-year-old boy riding his bike was killed by an intoxicated driver. There were two explosions, seemingly motivated by hate, one at a home 3 blocks away and one right across the street from their home. Eileen asks for healing and loving thoughts and prayers for the families affected by these sad and frightening experiences.

From **Connie Grant**: We have learned that **Rev. Nancy Shaffer**, who served as Interim Minister of Religious Education here in 2007-2008, is nearing the end of her life as the result of a tumor that has recurred in the right frontal lobe of her brain. Nancy is at home in Davis, CA, with hospice care and the loving attention of the Davis congregation and minister.

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*UCE's kitchen buzzes with shared food preparation activity before the April 27 Stand Against Racism Dinner (below). UCE'ers join with other guests to enjoy the meal (right). UCE'ers pictured include Eileen Wiviott, Karalee Wiviott, and Dale Griffin.*



## THE MINISTERS' SCHEDULES

**Rev. Dr. Janet Newman** is generally in the office during the day Monday thru Thursday and often has evening meetings on those days. She takes Friday as her sabbath day. Please call or email for an appointment. In an emergency, the office will know how to reach her. [jnewman@ucevanston.org](mailto:jnewman@ucevanston.org); 847 864-1330 ext. 201 (office)

**Rev. Connie Grant** is generally in the office during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and often has evening meetings on those days. She takes Mondays as sabbath days, and works at home on Fridays. Please email or call Connie for an appointment. In an emergency, you may call her at home at any time. [cgrant@ucevanston.org](mailto:cgrant@ucevanston.org); (847) 864-1330 ext 103 (office); (847) 222-0457 (home)

## Annual Church Picnic

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10**  
after the worship  
service.

The ministers will furnish hot dogs and hamburgers (meat & vegetarian). Families are invited to bring a side dish to share.

As we say goodbye to Rev. Janet Newman, the Transition Team will provide cake and ice cream.

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