

The UU News

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City
Founded in 1841



July 2009 9:00 am to 11:00 am Child care is available for infants and toddlers through age three.
9:15 am to 10:15 am First Session Religious Education Programming
10:30 am Jr. & Senior High Programming in the Library

July 5 *Too Much Freedom* **Charles Davidson**
An examination of cherished American values in the real world.
9:00 AM Service
10:00 AM Lemonade and Conversation, Channing Hall
10:30 AM Jr. & Sr. High Meeting, Library

July 12 *How Can I Keep From Singing* **Mike Haverkamp**
The sustaining power of music in difficult times.
9:00 AM Service
10:00 AM Lemonade and conversation in Channing Hall
10:30 AM Jr. & Sr. High Meeting, Library

July 19 *Laugh Out Loud* **Garry Klein and Gary Lawrenson**
Stressed? Don't get choked up, get joked up! The Garry and Gary Show.
9:00 AM Service
10:00 AM Lemonade and Conversation, Channing Hall
10:30 AM Jr. & Sr. High Meeting, Library

July 26 *Walking the Talk* **Zach Wahls**
Zach will be examining the challenges of living up to Unitarian Universalist ideals. He is a freshman at the University of Iowa and has been attending the UUSIC for the last ten years.
9:00 AM Service
10:00 AM Lemonade and conversation in Channing Hall
10:30 AM Jr. & Sr. High Meeting, Library

Sunday Attendance for May 31 through June 21:

May 31	93 total: 80 Adults, 13 children & youth
June 7	92 total: 86 Adults, 6 children & youth
June 14	82 total: 74 Adults, 8 children & youth
June 21	77 total: 67 Adults, 10 children & youth

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Events & Committee News

FREE LUNCH, JULY 10

The Tasty Turkey Tetrazinis turned out to be a tremendous treat for Free Lunch guests on Friday, June 12th!! Many thanks are extended to the Covenant Group led by Deb Johnson, and includes the following: Chris Johnson, Judy and Dave Tokuhisa, Laura McMahon, Mary Roth, Katherine Henderson, Jan Locker, Cliff Missen, Doug and Leigh Hornick, and Phil Beck. The group had expressed an interest in helping with Free Lunch as a community outreach project and planned and made most of the entrée served on Friday. We welcome others who may wish to participate in Free Lunch in this manner, to contact Bonnie Penno at 354-6952 or email at: alexpenno@yahoo.com. Our UUSIC serving date is the second Friday of each month with our next date on July 10th.
—Bonnie Penno

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The first two books that we will be discussing in the fall are *Sin in the Second City* by Karen Abbott in September and *Animal Vegetable Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver in October. We are taking suggestions for other books to add to a wish list to help select books for the rest of the year. If you have a book to suggest that we can put on our wish list, call me at 354-1231 or e-mail me at jayhawkeye@juno.com.
—Mary Lou Welter

SECULAR HUMANISTS UPDATE

Last month was a busy month for the UUSIC Secular Humanists! First, we want to thank all those – planners, chefs, workers, and audience – who made “Dinner with Darwin” a success. Actor Floyd Sandford’s evocative introduction to Darwin provided a wonderful evening’s entertainment. The dinner theater event earned \$750, which went to the UUSIC general fund. Look on page 4 for pictures of the Dinner with Darwin event!

In May we also met with a student who is interested in forming a UI campus humanists group, and introduced him to two prospective faculty advisors. As a result, it is likely that such a group will be a reality by the opening of the fall semester.

The UUSIC Secular Humanists will now take its traditional summer break; our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18th.
—Lee & Susan Eberly

SHELTER HOUSE GROUNDBREAKING

JULY 1, 2009 - 4:30-5:30 PM

429 SOUTHGATE AVENUE (BEHIND WATERFRONT HY-VEE)

You are invited to join the Shelter House staff, board members, volunteers and the community in this long awaited and much anticipated event.

CARE AND SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

PASTORAL CARE, UNICARE, AND THE EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET

UUSIC is a caring community, and two groups that play an important part in this are our Pastoral Care Team and UniCare. The Pastoral Care Team receives requests for care, and also makes an active effort to learn of and then contact members who may desire assistance. We also operate a “Loan Closet” from which people can borrow walkers, canes, and other equipment to aid in recovery.

The Pastoral Care Team works closely with UniCare, which coordinates visits and calls, meals, transportation, memorial services, and a range of other supports for individuals and families.

Members of the Pastoral Care Team include Alice Atkinson, Susan Eberly, Donna Johnson, Miriam Kashia, Ricardo Sauro, and Naomi Schedl. Bonnie Penno, who coordinates UniCare, is also a member of the team. Each month we meet with our minister to discuss the pastoral care needs of the congregation.

Our goal is to provide a ministry of caring, connection, and hope, so that no one who is part of our congregation feels isolated or alone. To learn more, or to request assistance:

- Talk with any Pastoral Care Team member
 - Phone the UUSIC office, 319-337-3443
 - Email admin@uusic.org
 - Visit our web page at www.uusic.org/ProgramsAndGroups/ServiceGroups/PastoralCare.htm
- Susan Eberly

SJCC – SERVING TOGETHER

Many, many thanks to all the wonderful UU folks who contributed in so many ways to making our Shelter House Benefit Luncheon a very successful event again this year. You made wonderful salads and scrumptious deserts, and you helped set up, serve, and clean up. Too many to list, but you know who you are and so do we. It was a lovely event which raised \$1,000 for the Shelter House Operating budget. This annual event not only supports the shelter, but brings people from the community into our church.

“Together Together” (formerly the Back-to-School Project) is a program of the Consultation of Religious Communities (CRC) of Iowa City, of which UUSIC is a member. SJCC has undertaken a project to make 125 or more book bags for the low income children who attend Grant Wood Elementary School, our partner school. If you passed ‘Scissors 101’ in kindergarten or you have a sewing machine and can do basic stitching, we want YOU to help with a team making school bags. We will have two work events – think of an old fashioned sewing bee! Or you can make this simple pattern at home. Please contact Gay Mikelson ASAP at 354-1160 if you can help.

SJCC’s next official meeting will be Monday, September 14 at 7pm in room #34 of Worthley Building (the Senior High room). Our meetings are informal and fun, and we welcome new faces and input.
—Miriam Kashia

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS, JUNE 11

The board met at the home of Susan Young and welcomed Russ Lenth to the group. Dick Siefers reported positive receipts in May, but cautioned still about a possible cash flow problem in late summer. A proposal to trade money from the Bingham fund, which was set up in part to pay for a sound system which was paid for instead from 2008 general funds, for \$8,500 from unrestricted endowment funds will be explored. A motion to change the policy which forbids the board from taking money from the endowment without getting a vote from the congregation, enabling the board to borrow a short term emergency loan from the non-donor restricted endowment funds was tabled until further information can be obtained.

Rev. Benjamin stated that the search committee, having been elected at the annual meeting, has begun their work.

Dick Siefers noted that in view of the fact that UUSIC received \$5,000 from Prairie Star District for flood relief we should consider full funding of our fair share contribution this year. Currently it is not in the budget.

Rev. Benjamin announced that Tom Capo, from People's Church in Cedar Rapids, would be on call for emergency situations while Benjamin is gone this summer.

The July board meeting will be conducted by email.

—Jeanette Carter, Board Secretary

JOIN A COVENANT GROUP!

The covenant group program is growing and open to new members. Join us!

Covenant groups are small groups that meet monthly to deepen member's relationships and to share their spiritual growth. Covenant groups enrich our understanding of Unitarian values and principles and express them in the community. Covenant groups give us the chance to experience a beloved community in a small, comfortable circle.

Here is what one member said: "The entire experience has been wonderful. I've made new friends and had the opportunity to explore deep issues in a safe and stimulating environment."

Covenant groups ask for a 6 month commitment to meet monthly. For more information, contact Jan Locher at 354-6260 or jan-locher@uiowa.edu. We hope you will give us a try—we want to know you better!

—Jan Locher

THANK YOU!

A thank-you from the MOE Kids for supporting their fundraising efforts in May. Nearly \$400 was raised for Domestic Violence and Shelter House and \$200 for Breast Cancer.

Returnable cans and bottles are being collected near the fireplace in Channing Hall to raise money for Breast Cancer Research and Education.

—Rhonda Rowden & Lisa Lepic

UUSIC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 7

President Jeffery Ford called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and announced there was a quorum present.

Reverend Benjamin Maucere gave his interim minister's report. He reported the deaths of Dee Norton, John McLure, Ruth Williams, H. Wayne Johnson and Betty McKray during the past year. One child was born, Joseph Hayek to Matthew and Mary Kate Hayek. Seventeen marriages were performed in a marriage equality ceremony following the Iowa Supreme Court decision allowing same-sex marriage.

Vicki Siefers was praised for her excellent coordination of services for victims of the flood in 2008, which directly affected many members of the congregation.

Douglas Wallace of the Leadership Development Committee presented nominees for leadership positions:

For Leadership Development: Deb Schoelerman and Michael Cervantes; for Vice President: Russ Lenth; for President: Arnold Lindaman. All were elected unanimously.

The search committee slate selected by the executive board was nominated and chosen unanimously. They are Marilyn Jennewein, Susan Salterberg, Kelly O'Berry, Zach Wahls, Nancy Noyer, Douglas Wallace, Mary McMurray, with Jean Reese and Kris Barrash chosen as alternates.

Steve Locher congratulated Jeffery on his hard work in setting up the search committee.

In response to several comments about the need to make a decision about the building before a new minister arrives, Benjamin stated that he will help us work on our purpose, identity and direction this year, which will help us decide on the building's fate.

All were urged to maintain timely pledge donations to avoid cash flow problems this year.

Mark Yuskis reported a successful Secular Humanist event which raised \$750 for the general fund, and the highly successful auction this spring was mentioned.

Closing words were given by Reverend Benjamin.

—Jeanette Carter, Board Secretary

JOYS AND SORROWS

Joe Brisben has completed what is hoped will be his last surgery on Tuesday. The doctor is optimistic and prognosis positive. Joe can be reached on his cell phone.

Tova Vitiello is still recovering and continues to have medical tests since breaking her neck in an accident on May 3. She would like to thank all the members of the UU who have helped during her healing.



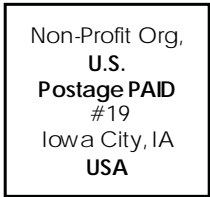
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00p CH-Yahoo Drummers 7:00p Lib-UU-Buddhist Sangha	2	3	4 <i>Fourth of July</i>
5 9:00a CH-Sunday Service 9:15a RE-Children's Summer Programming 10:30a Lib-Jr/Sr High Programming	6	7 6:00p Lib-Search Committee	8 7:00p Lib-UU-Buddhist Sangha	9 7:00p Lib-UUSIC Board	10	11 4:00p Sanct-Laughlin/Hellberg
12 9:00a CH-Sunday Service 9:15a RE-Children's Summer Programming 10:30a Lib-Jr/Sr High Programming	13	14 6:00p Lib-Worship Associates 6:00p CH Stage-Search Committee 7:00p Fireside-Green Sanctuary Meeting	15 7:00p Lib-UU-Buddhist Sangha	16	17	18
19 9:00a CH-Sunday Service 9:15a RE-Children's Summer Programming 10:30a Lib-Jr/Sr High Programming	20	21 3:45p Lib-Pastoral Care 6:00p Lib-Search Committee	22	23	24	25
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