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Calendar

March

- 8, Wednesday, 6:30 PM: Aerobics
- 2, Thursday, 6:30 PM: OWL Parent Group Meeting
- 2, Thursday, 7:00 PM: Youth Group Meeting – Service Preparation
- 4, Saturday, 6:00 PM: First Church Service Auction**
- 6, Monday, 6:30 PM: Aerobics
- 8, Wednesday, 6:30 PM: Aerobics
- 9, Thursday, 8:00 AM: Building & Grounds Committee
- 10, Friday: Office Closed
- 10, Friday: 6:30: Cakes
- 15, Wednesday, 7:00: Final Phase 1 Session of the Value Analysis Workshop
- 17, Friday, 6:00 PM: Search Committee Feedback

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The next deadline for submissions (the New Year's Issue) is March 12. Send notices directly by e-mail to: tylercarpenter@dedhamuu.org or call me with questions: 617-816-9728.

Sundays in the Meeting House

March 5, 10:00 AM: Youth Group Worship Service

March 12, 10:00 AM: Our UU Heritage. The sermon will be "The Peabody Sisters" by Rev. Dr. Robert R. N. Ross

March 19, 10:00 AM: Faith as Openness. The sermon will be "The Card Game" by Rev. Dr. Robert R. N. Ross.

Focus on Religious Education

When do we meet:

Sunday, March 5th – 10 AM: Group Service – we start in the meeting house. (No teaching)

Sunday, March 12th – 10 AM: Teaching Sunday

Our Whole Lives (OWL) begins this week. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 2nd – 7:00 PM: Parent Orientation in the Parish House

Sunday, March 5th – 10:30 AM: A joint Dedham/Needham OWL Social

Sunday, March 12th – 10:00 AM: 1st OWL session – upstairs in the Parish House

On Sunday, February 26th for our social service project we made 4 double sided fleece blankets. We also made gift cards for baby boys and girls. All of the items will be given to the Welcome Baby Project.

The Youth Group will meet again at 7PM on Thursday, March 2nd to continue planning their Sunday Service..

Susan Sennott, Director of Religious Education

All Around the Church Community

Please Join Us...

The Search Committee would like to invite everyone to join them for an evening of interesting conversation, good food and wine. Everyone will be getting a phone invitation to attend one of these gatherings to be held at the homes of members. The dates are **Friday, March 17, Saturday, March 25** and **Saturday, April 8** with more gatherings to be scheduled if necessary. We would like to share the results of the Congregational survey done in the fall and get your feedback on what is most important in our next minister.

We hope everyone can attend one of these get-togethers—don't miss out on the fun!!

Save the Date!

The Committee on Ministry is sponsoring an evening event on Saturday, April first (April Fool's Day). Details are still in the works, but we hope people will save the date now. Rob Ross's musical group is all set to play that evening. Dinner will likely be involved, too. The goal is for a relaxing, and fun evening! No fund raising at this event!

Beethoven's 9th on the 9th

Come see Emily O'Connor, now a freshman at Tufts University, who will be performing in the following concert on Sunday, April 9:

The Great Ninth Symphony with Tufts Symphony & Choruses

The Tufts Symphony Orchestra and Tufts Choruses come together for an explosive performance of Ludwig van Beethoven's famous masterpiece in Boston's Faneuil Hall. Tickets \$10 adults, \$2 for all students or with a Tufts ID. The Great Hall of Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market/Government Center, Boston, 4 p.m.

Church Email Problems...

Lately, the email in the church office has been working only intermittently. So if you have some e-communication you must get to the church administrator, please also send it to Judy Butler's home address at butlerslp@verizon.net. Thanks.

Judy Butler

Satisfy that Curiosity & Help Other UUs

Interested in visiting other congregations? Help us evaluate other UU congregations in your area.

We seek "Mystery Worshipers" for our new Growth Team program. We need volunteers to visit another congregation twice and then report on the newcomer experience. Contact Hilary Green at the Massachusetts Bay District of UU Churches to volunteer. 617.484.0396 or mbd@mbduua.org

First Church Service Auction Update

We will be holding a Service Auction Saturday, March 4th, this will be a “fun” fund raiser that will support the operating budget of First Church and Parish in Dedham. The auction will be most successful if everyone participates.

The schedule for the night will be:

6:00 *Beverages, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction*

6:30 *Dinner*

7:30 *Live auction*

Please call Carol Dixon Hutton(781) 461-0522 to make your dinner reservation by Thursday, 3/2/06. Also, please indicate if you would like turkey or vegetarian curry.

We will be asking each person to pay \$10 to cover the cost of the meal and beverages.

We still need some volunteers the night of the auction, so let Carol know if you can help.

Some fabulous services that have been donated: a weekend at the Cape, a week in Florida with meals at the Dechichio's, 50 daffodil bulbs lovingly planted at your house, hemming overnight childcare, a sailboat ride, dog or cat sitting, home baked cakes and cookies, gift certificates for dinner, flowers or a Swedish massage. This is just a sample of the wonderful opportunities that will be available.

Out of Town? You can put in a pre-auction bid on any item. You may obtain a catalog before the auction from Carol Dixon Hutton (781) 461-0522 and she will take your pre-auction bid or bids.

It's not too late to donate a service, please call Carol (781) 461-0522 or Vicky (781) 326-3723 or e-mail them to Carol carolhdixon@gmail.com by Thursday, 3/2/06.

Your participation will make this event a success. This is an even that builds and strengthens our church community. Please plan to attend the auction on March 4th.

Thank you,

The Service Auction Committee

Carol Dixon Hutton

Andrea Gilmore

Vicky Berg

MaryAnne Osborne

Natasha Lawhon-Schneider

From First Church Green

Now You Are Fit World Community

The UUA website tends to reinforce the notion that Unitarian Universalists are primarily a North American community. This notion needs correcting. We are a world community. The UUA's Office of Public Information lists just under 160,000 certified adult members in the United States, another 62,000 youth members. However, on the basis of a 2001 survey, at least 629,000 United States adults think of themselves as Unitarian Universalists. So much for statistics in matters of theological identity. If we go beyond the boundaries of the United States, at least another 100,000 UU souls must be included – from Canada, the UK, Western Europe, large numbers in Eastern Europe (70,000) and India (10,000). There are also growing communities in Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, South America, Cuba, South Africa.

Unitarian Universalism will never be a large world community. There is far too much theological diversity even to be sure what it means to identify such a community – except for one area we clearly have in common. UU faith is about faith *in action*. Thus, it has occurred to me that that are avenues of joining concerns for social justice with organizations that address not only local communities but also the world community. Here are some perhaps less familiar organizations through which UUs can become involved in action directed at issues of economic and social injustice in the world beyond our immediate boundaries.

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

1501 Cherry Street

Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 241-7000 www.afsc.org

Three major areas of focus, including the Community Relations Division which has programs working on economic injustice issues. Publishes an annual Resource Catalog.

LUUNA (Latina/o Unitarian Universalist Networking Association)

46 Greentree Lane #13

S. Weymouth, MA 02190-2024 luunaysol@aol.com

A multicultural association of Unitarian Universalists dedicated to attracting more Latina/os and enhancing their participation by providing fellowship, interaction with other justice-making organizations to bring about effective social change and empower traditionally marginalized and under-represented communities. Membership not restricted to Latina/os.

Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East

PO Box 510, Peterborough, NH 03458

Donald McInnes, Cambridge djmcinnes@mindspring.com

Samir Moukaddam, Georgia samirmouk@earthlink.net

An organization working for peace and justice in the Middle East, including a settlement that would affirm the equality, dignity and freedom of all peoples involved.

From First Church Green

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

110 Arlington Street

Boston, MA 02116 (617) 542-0643

Contact: Pam Kelly, Director pam@uujec.org

A grassroots network to foster systemic change, encouraging congregations to work toward economic justice; networks of small democratic communities of solidarity, action and reflection, moving toward a goal of global justice and sustainability.

Unitarian Universalist Migrant Ministry

Rev. Kenneth Brown

10466 Cumpston Street

N. Hollywood, CA 91601-2932 (818) 760-2932 UUREV@aol.com

Works for human rights by assisting migrant workers and immigrants in the United States; affiliate of the National Farm Worker Ministry.

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council

c/o Cathy Cordes, Executive Director

P.O. Box 88

Bedford, MA 01730 (781) 275-1710 uupcc@uua.org

Assists partner relationships between North American congregations and churches around the globe wherever they are desired, mutually beneficial, and linked by a mutual covenant. Currently coordinates and supports partner church relations in Transylvania, Romania; Hungary; the Czech Republic; India; Poland; the Philippines.

International Council of Unitarians and Universalists

(Many points of contact including info@icuu.net)

Congregations exist in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bolivia, Britain, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Cuba, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka.

These and other organizations like the **World Conference of Religions for Peace** and the **International Association for Religious Freedom** should provide some interesting opportunities for *faith in action* globally as well as locally.

Rob

***First Church in Dedham
Service Auction - 3/4/06
Service Donation Form***

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Email: _____

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*Please return to Carol Dixon Hutton by: **NOW!!***

Questions???

Call Carol Dixon Hutton at 781-461-0522 or email at carolhdixon@gmail.com

