

# *The Uniter*



*Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Urbana-Champaign*

*January 13, 2010*

***Our Mission***

*Build community.  
Seek inspiration.  
Promote justice.  
Find peace.*

***Our Vision***

*We dedicate ourselves  
to:*

*- Expanding religious,  
educational, and social  
activities that serve  
our congregation and  
the larger community.*

*- Acting on our indi-  
vidual and collective  
commitment to pro-  
mote social justice.*

*- Enhancing the diver-  
sity of our liberal reli-  
gious community.*

*- Improving the acces-  
sibility and function-  
ality of our facilities,  
and ensuring that  
they are an asset to  
our community.*

**January 17**

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

"Dreams of a Post-Racial World"

The Rev. Axel H. Gehrmann

**January 24**

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

"The Life and Work of

F. Forrester Church"

Sam Beshers and Worship Committee

**January 31**

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

"Divine Desire"

The Rev. Axel H. Gehrmann

## *Minister's Corner*

*-Axel H. Gehrmann*

Snow Day. As I write this, I am looking out on an atypically quiet and peaceful world outside my window. Only the most robust of walkers and desperate of drivers are braving the roadways. Occasionally I can hear the low rumble of a snowplow rolling by, or the soft sound of a handheld shovel working its way along a city sidewalk.

The arrival of the winter storm was no surprise. We had been given warning of the storm's approach for days now. Those of us who consult weather websites could observe the colorful cloud of icy precipitation slowly moving across the regional weather map, invariably heading our way. Our teenage children went to bed yesterday evening fervently hoping for school closures this morning. And they were not disappointed.

For me, a snow day is no excuse for an additional Sabbath. Too much of my daily work is easily done from the safety of my home, thanks to the trusty computer, telephone, and the piles of books in my study. Perhaps this is true for some of you, too. I am grateful for a well-heated home, a well-stocked fridge, and all the amenities I need to comfortably carry on my routines. And yet I can't help feeling that to do so would be a mistake.

It is a misguided sense of duty that would lead us to cultivate a willful obliviousness to what is happening outside our doors. The winter world is more than a collection of inconveniences to be managed - the cold, the dark, the piles of snow - the experience of winter is a wonder to behold. Thick blankets of new-fallen snow are a sight of rare splendor. The silence after the storm implores us to pause, and marvel at this world of beauty.

We are perpetually busy with our important duties, countless tasks purposefully pursued. It is easy to get blinded by the busyness, and lose sight of the grander scheme and greater purpose. If a few extra inches of snow could help us stop, if even for a moment, and regain a sense of deeper meaning, we would do well to seize the opportunity.

See you in church,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Axel".

## ***R.E. Matters***

*-Renée Cogil*

It has been two months now since then 9-week-old Wendy, an English Springer Spaniel, came home with us to join our family. Wendy is adorable, eager to learn, very attentive and when she isn't sleeping has more energy than she knows what to do with. In our family I am the primary dog walker/runner. When Wendy or I need to burn up some energy she and I head for the park down the street. We have a great time running together, and I figure Wendy goes at least twice as far as I do despite the fact that we are on opposite ends of the same leash as she isn't as keen on going in a straight line as I am.

With our recent extremely cold weather I have been reluctant to go for our long walks and runs. "It's too cold," I grumble. But, on a recent 4 degree morning, with sun shining and a good breeze in our faces we headed for the park. I wasn't happy about it even though I had on enough cold-weather-gear to make being outside quite manageable. By the time the park was in sight, I was already starting to unbutton my coat to adjust my temperature. Then we hit the park - the joy in Wendy's bounding strides in the open space, the joy of her getting to investigate all those new smells and sights immediately melted my grumpy attitude and began warming my soul. We ran around the snow blanketed park like a couple of crazy creatures. The freedom to run in the open space through a fresh blanket of snow and in a place we had all to ourselves (the sensible people were all inside), breathing in the frozen air, the sunshine - it was good for both of us. Not only did it exercise our bodies but I believe it nurtured both our souls.

Wendy's breed is a water loving kind and even on that bitterly cold morning she was eager to head to the creek that runs through the park. Although she didn't actually get in the flowing water this day, her pacing along the frozen edge told me it was just a matter of time if we stayed there much longer. Then I noticed, along the edge of the low-water bridge, on the tips of twigs, and leaves and other things that poked up from the bridge, were intricate ice formations looking much like the delicate frond of a fern but crafted in ice. These tiny formations, perhaps an inch in length, were breathtakingly beautiful. It was then, in that frigid air, I felt extremely grateful for the dog that insists I get outside even when it is "too cold", for the frosty temperatures, and the wonders of nature that made this experience possible. For me it was a sacred experience and I am grateful.

*Renée*

## *From the Board Chair*

*-Cindy Loui*

"Promote Justice". This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> phrase in our Mission Statement. Social justice work is a fundamental and prominent part of Unitarian-Universalism; it's a way of living our faith. But just how are we going to do that? Last Sunday's guest speaker, Rev. Linda Berez's sermon, "Standing on the Side of Love" made me think more about this. How do we as individuals, as a church community and as a denomination, want to stand on the side of love? As she said, there are innumerable ways to express this sentiment, both big and small. How would like your church to "Stand on the side of love"? Many members of our congregation are involved in social justice activism outside of the church but we also want our church to be an active participant in the issues and events of the day. We've been fortunate to have an extremely dedicated core group, notably, Jennifer Greene, Jim Hannum, Pat Nolan and Eileen Zemlin, who have been responsible for carrying forth with SAC projects in the last couple years. They have soldiered on even without much participation from the congregation at large. I know our congregation is very proud of the projects SAC sponsors. With more people participating, we can do more good. I invite you consider the questions Rev. Berez posed to us about standing on the side of love, to visit the web site: <http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/> for ideas and inspiration and then, share your insights and passions with the rest of us. "Together we can achieve more", as the saying goes.



## *Volunteer Corner*

*-Peggy Patten*

### **Find more ways to get connected at our Church this year?**

Helping with Sunday Crew is an excellent way to do so! You meet others at Church while assisting with tasks that are essential to our Sunday worship services. Volunteers are needed to usher, welcome, announce, provide decorations and hospitality at both Sunday services. These tasks are easy to do. We are now using VolunteerSpot, a new web service, to help us organize our weekly sign up for Sunday Crew tasks. You can find the VolunteerSpot link on our Church's new Web site at: <http://uucuc.org/sunday-crew>

Once you link to VolunteerSpot you will be asked to enter your email address so the system can send you a link to your personal volunteer

page. Once you get that email, you can use the link in it to actually sign up for Sunday Crew. (You'll want to save that email when you get it so that you can use the link whenever you want to sign up in the future.) We have reviewed the site's privacy policy and you do not have to worry about your email address getting shared with anyone. The site uses a calendar format which we think is pretty intuitive, but let Peggy know if you have trouble. Peggy can be reached at: [m-patten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-patten@sbcglobal.net). Get connected to the Church. Join our Sunday Crew!

### **Short Term Project Volunteer Opportunities**

Want to help out at Church, but you have limited time for meetings or long-term commitments? Consider one of the following short term volunteer projects. Questions should be directed to the contact person listed below.

**Assist with our new Church Web site.** If you can help with one or more of the following tasks, contact Ryan Thomas, [rthomas@mac.com](mailto:rthomas@mac.com) or Elaine Gehrman, [gehrmanns@aol.com](mailto:gehrmanns@aol.com).

- **Content Coordinator:** point person for all interested groups or individuals wanting to contribute content; checks site regularly for freshness and accuracy of content; works closely with the Editor.
- **Editor:** good writer with voice of the Church for prospective members; provides quality control for photos and written content.
- **Photo Manager:** manages photo galleries including management of consent; helps others get photos to right place; should be a little tech savvy & a good organizer.
- **Photographer:** takes lots of photos especially of people engaged in family, church, spiritual and social activities at Church.
- **Image Editor:** edits & uploads photos for use in Web site; needs to be skilled in image-editing software.
- **Consent Facilitator:** gets consent for photos selected for Web use; a non-technical role requiring good interpersonal skills.
- **Audio Recorder:** records worship services; this is a relatively non-technical role that requires a consistent presence for Sunday services.
- **Audio Editor:** creates mp3s of sermons & special music performances & uploads them to Web site; this role requires some skill with digital audio-editing software.
- **Communications/Advertising Advisor:** available to lend advice and guidance on occasion.

## ***Our Church Family***

### ***Joys and Concerns***

(Joys and Concerns are not published in the web-based version of the Uniter.)



## ***Church Announcements***

### **Office Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday January 18th, 2010**

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

### **Questions and Answers on UUism**

On **February 7**, following the worship service, the minister will offer a brief orientation to Unitarian Universalism and this church in his office. The session is informal and designed to answer your questions, whatever they may be. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to the church or have been attending for a while.

### **Something New for the New Year**

You are invited to more personally join in our Sunday morning rituals by signing up to light the chalice or lead the unison chalice-lighting reading. Sign-up as a family or individual for these two important Sunday service jobs and be a UU ritual leader. A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall on the religious education table.

**Support your favorite Shared Offering for 2010!**

Each month our Shared Offering is assigned a coordinator who is responsible for securing a speaker for Community Matters, writing an article for the Uniter and shorter pieces for the Order of Service and E-News, as well as making signs to post for that month. Consider becoming a coordinator for a scheduled Shared Offering for an organization which inspires your sense of fostering a better world. We need additional enthusiastic coordinators for the following organizations in 2010: Land of Lincoln Legal Service (May), Grand Prairie Friends (July), Don Moyers Boys and Girls Club (September), Wesley Evening Food Pantry (November). Sign up at the Social Action Committee table or speak with a SAC member (Jennifer Greene, Eileen Zemlin, Jim Hannum or Pat Nolan).



**Letter to Sally Babbitt RE: UUCUC History Book**

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for sending the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) A History: The Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign, Illinois and A History of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign, Illinois 1982-2007. We will place them in the Dana McLean Greeley Library here at the UUA.

As I may have mentioned, we keep archives on all UUA member congregations. Traditionally, we would place historical materials donated by a congregation in these files. However, I have chosen to place your books in our library instead for two reasons: First, because the files are kept in traditional filing cabinets--not the best place to store books of the kind you've sent. Second, because it is our estimation that such excellent works of history should be kept in a place where others can view them. Many Unitarian Universalists use our library to conduct historical research on a variety of topics, and we are certain that this will make a good addition to our resources.

Again, I wish to express our thanks to your congregation for these two wonderful volumes of history! If you need anything else, or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information given below.

Best regards,

Rachel Walden

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### **Shared Offering for January: UUA and UUSC**

This month's Shared Offering will be split equally among three worthy Unitarian Universalist programs: The UUA's Association Sunday is designed to fund special new initiatives. Over 1,000 UUs shared their opinions on what projects should be funded, through an electronic survey. The following initiatives represent the top choices:

- Expand the Building the World We Dream About curriculum and associated resources and training.
- Support congregations that are working to create a Unitarian Universalism that is racially, culturally, and economically diverse; a part of this support will be in the form of grants.
- Enable UU congregations and districts to minister effectively to youth and young adults who identify as people of color or multiracial, and to their families, in the areas of spiritual development, racial/cultural identity development, and leadership development.

Standing on the Side of Love is a public advocacy campaign sponsored by the UUA that seeks to harness love's power to stop oppression. In public debates over immigration, LGBT rights, and more, religious people stand on the side of love and call for respect, inclusion, and compassion. The Standing on the Side of Love campaign elevates compassionate religious voices to influence public attitudes and public policy.

Through community activism, social networking, and media outreach, people across the nation are equipped to counter fear and make love real in the world.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. Through a combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people in times of humanitarian crisis. UUSC is an associate member of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), but receives no general financial support from the UUA. Drumbeat for Darfur and Gulf Coast Advocacy are examples of recent campaigns. Ongoing programs are JustJourneys (unique educational travel experiences that focus on human-rights and social-justice issues) and JustWorks (camps in which participants work directly with people in local communities on direct-service projects, learning about human-rights issues firsthand). The annual Guest At Your Table project sponsored by our RE youth is a program of the UUSC.

### **Help the Homeless in our Area**

Are you interested in helping the homeless in Champaign-Urbana? We would like to find a member of our church who could attend the planning/support meetings of the "Faith Coalition Supporting Safe Haven". As you may know, Safe Haven is a grass roots organization of homeless individuals who established a tent city in the backyard of the Catholic Worker Home last summer. When they were forced to move due to zoning regulations, they obtained temporary shelter at St. Mary's Catholic Church and more recently moved into space at the Restoration Urban Ministries in north Champaign (14 rooms rebuilt by members of Empty Tomb). Churches have donated funds to help with renovation costs and there are plans to develop micro housing units that additional homeless people could live in on a longer term basis.

The Faith Coalition group is an interdenominational group of many local churches. They **meet twice a month at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays** at the First Mennonite Church in Urbana.

We don't know how our church might be able to help in this effort, but hope that a member or two of our congregation will be willing to attend some of these meetings to keep us informed. Are you willing to be our liaison person? Please contact the Social Action Committee (Jennifer Greene and Pat Nolan, co-chairs) or Axel Gehrman if you could be our contact to this group.

### ***Church Events***

#### **Bucket Listers Meet Again**

Afraid you might get to the end of your trail before doing all you had hoped to do in your life? If so, maybe you'd like to join the Bucket Listers for their **next meeting, Sunday, January 17th, 7-9pm**. Members of this church group provide a supportive environment for discussing dreams and goals and strategies for achieving them.



### **Spiritual Practices Workshop**

A Spiritual Practices Workshop Sampler is back. Mark your calendar for the second annual Spiritual Practices Workshop Sampler, Saturday, **January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 - noon.**

Together we will learn about spiritual practices and have a chance to experience three different practices. This year we are pleased to have Jason Mierek leading our meditation workshop, Barbara Jauhola will introduce us to a walking mediation using a labyrinth, and Sally Babbitt and Dave Sharpe will introduce us to Tai Chi. One of the great parts about this workshop is you can bring the whole family, grandma, the kids, your friend or neighbor next door. These three workshops are meant for all ages and will repeat three times throughout the morning, so you can try all three. Mark your calendar. You won't want to miss this.

### **January 24, 2010 Service**

"The Life and Work of F. Forrester Church"

Forrest Church was the minister of All Souls church in New York City from 1978 to 2009. The author of numerous books, he was a leading advocate and national spokesperson for religious and political liberalism and the separation of church and state. This service will examine his life and the diverse facets of his ministry.

### **SAC-at-the-Movies**

Every few months the Social Action Committee will be presenting a film followed by discussion on social justice topics. The first of this series will be the award-winning documentary, *The Least of These*. This film explores conditions at an immigrant family detention center in Texas and how the ACLU and local residents act to promote change at the facility. Discussion on immigration reform following the showing will be facilitated with the help of Celeste Larkin from La Colectiva, a campus organization promoting immigration reform. Bring your popcorn and pull up a chair! **Date: Monday, January 25th, 7PM, Children's Chapel** Submitted by Pat Nolan ([pnolan96@aol.com](mailto:pnolan96@aol.com))

### **New date for next UU Coffeehouse: Saturday, March 13, 2010**

Mark your calendar for the next UU Coffeehouse: Saturday March 13 from 7:00 - 10:00 pm (not February 20 as previously announced). The UU Coffeehouses provide an opportunity for UU members and friends of all ages to deepen our fellowship through the performing arts – music, dance and the spoken word. If you would like to be included on the list of performers talk to Peggy Patten, [m-patten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-patten@sbcglobal.net) or 337-5668.

### **Building Community, Building Financial Resources**

Why do I attend this church? I attend and have become involved because our church gives me a place to meet like-minded people. I appreciate that this place of liberal religion was in place for me when I moved to this community, and I cherish the role our church plays in the larger C-U community. I pledge money to our church to be certain that it is here for others in the future.

Since I have been a part of this church, I have belonged to numerous groups—or communities—that our church provides. I have served on the Social Action Committee, taught RE, co-led the Stewardship campaign, and been a part of the community of members on the Board of Trustees. Currently I am in a Chalice Circle. Involvement in these smaller communities is what I 'get' from church. That's right! Teaching RE and serving on the Board, where I meet people and build community, are things that I get from church.

My parents—Lin & Alice Foote—recently moved here and have joined the community of people who fold the Uniter. Dad is in the Bridge group, and they both have signed up to be part of the community of people who spruce up our church grounds.

Over the past year Mike & I, along with my parents, have taken part in the auction, and have attended coffee houses and Gastro dinners. We also regularly attend Sunday services.

I am thankful that people in Urbana before we arrived had the foresight to contribute to and build this wonderful church. To ensure that our church is here for us and others in the future, it is important that each of us contributes financially to the extent that we can. I hope that you will review the Fair Share Giving Guide to determine how generous you can be in the coming year so that we all can continue to enjoy the communities that we are building together.

Karen Retzer



## *Community Events*

### **Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting**

#### **Mini-Peace Bazaar/Pancake Supper**

On Saturday, January 30th, the Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting will be holding its annual Mini-Peace Bazaar/Pancake Supper at our meetinghouse, 1904 E. Main St. in Urbana. The meal will be served from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm with a donation basket available. At the same time, the Peace Bazaar, selling a variety of household items, jewelry, and knick-knacks, will be open. There will also be a few larger items selling by silent auction from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. The money collected will be used for school supplies for a child in Uganda orphaned by AIDS, and the U-C Friends Meeting Emergency Fund---used for folks who fall between the cracks of the local traditional helping agencies. Please come support social justice activities locally.

In addition, we will be collecting books for Books to Prisoners, so rummage your bookshelves for long forgotten reads---they will be much appreciated.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you.

## *Church Groups*

**Adult Discussion Group** meets Sunday in the library for a lively discussion of topics ranging from political to religious and beyond. The group meets Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome! Led by Chuck Cooper.

**Bridge Group** meets from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Children's Chapel. Due to the holidays, their next meeting date is **January 25**. All levels are welcome. Contact: Barb Mann: barber\_mann@yahoo.com.

**Gastronomical Society Group** hosts themed potluck dinners once a month at a member's home or at a restaurant. This group is open to anyone who loves to cook various ethnic and regional cuisines and to try new things. Contact Emily Sanders (emily@sanders-home.net) for more info.

**U.U. Play Group** For children from birth to 5 years of age. Join us **Fridays from 10:30-12:30** in the nursery. Can't find us? Look for us on the playground. It is a chance for young children to play and socialize, and for adults to meet other UUs. Contact: Renée Cogil, 384-8862 or re-director@uucuc.org.

**Women's CommUnity** An informal discussion group for women and an opportunity for quieter, more in-depth discussion and connection. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. in the Library. Next meeting: **January 27**. Join us! Please contact Maryly Crutcher if you would like to be a newcomer to the group: maryly7@comcast.net.

**Feminist Book Group.** An opportunity to read works by women and to discuss them in a friendly and supportive environment. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 7 to 9 pm in the Library. **Next meeting is January 19.** The book for discussion is "Female Trouble: Stories" by Antonya Nelson. For more information, contact Karen Folk, fox-folk@aol.com or 367-9723.

### *Join a Chalice Circle*

**Chalice Circles** are an opportunity for friends and members of the church to develop deeper connections and wider service within our community through small-group involvement.

**Chalice Circle** - first and third Thursday of the month, 7:15 pm. Contact Karen Ruhleder for more information.

**Chalice Circle** – second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Contact Elaine Gehrmann (344-2335, Gehrmanns@aol.com).

**Caring for Aging Parents and Elders Circle** – third Monday of the month, 7 p.m. Contact Karen Retzer or (352-9482).

**Writer's Circle** – third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Contact Pat Nolan (384-7477, pnolan96@aol.com)

**Sustainable Living/Deep Ecology Chalice Circle** Third Friday of the month, 7 - 9 p.m., with optional 6:30 dessert potluck. Contact Amy Hassinger: amyhass@gmail.com; 384-7735 or Emily Laugesen: emilys-laugesen@yahoo.com; 384-5921.

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### Calendar of Church Events - 2010

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Friday, 1/15</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Playgroup	Nursery
<b>Sunday, 1/17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Monday, 1/18</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Bucket Listers	Library
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Caring for Aging Parents and Elders	Library
<b>Tuesday, 1/19</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Feminist Book Group	Library
<b>Wednesday, 1/20</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Choir Rehearsal Resumes	Library
<b>Thursday, 1/21</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Writer's Chalice Circle	Library
	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	Chalice Circle	YRUU
<b>Friday, 1/22</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Playgroup	Nursery
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Care Core Steering Committee	Library
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Sustainable Living/Deep Ecology Chalice Circle	Library
<b>Saturday, 1/23</b>	<b>10:00</b>	Spiritual Practices Workshop	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, 1/24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Monday, 1/25</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Bridge Group	Children's Chapel
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Social Action Committee Movie Showing	Children's Chapel
<b>Tuesday, 1/26</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Board of Trustees	Library
<b>Wednesday, 1/27</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Women's CommUUnity	Library
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

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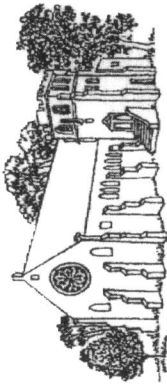
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