

Kairos



November 16, 2011 Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church

Our Mission: *Guided by reason and sustained by love, we are a liberal religious community inspiring people to transform our world.*

November 20, 2011

8:45 a.m. (Choir) & 11:00 a.m.

This is the World I Want to Live In
The Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson-Doyle

A service of celebration and thanksgiving. One understanding of the Thanksgiving spirit is that folks who didn't know each other well came together, shared a meal, and became neighbors. That spirit didn't last as well as it should have, but the spirit of "the shared world" remains possible and within us.

November 27, 2011

8:45 a.m & 11:00 a.m.

Doing Human, Being Justice
Guest Preacher Leslie Mills

Leslie, a member of this congregation, is in her third year of studies to be a minister at United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities.

What is it that makes us human? This question is one we can spend our entire lives exploring. From the ruins of the world's first temple to the workings of the human brain, we will explore some possible answers that suggest our humanity is intimately tied to our longing for social justice.

Sunday Helpers

November 20, 2011, 8:45 a.m.

Ushers..... Ann & Bob Bowling
Greeters Barb & Pete Giolitto
Coffee..... Glenda Shaver
Guest Table..... Ruth Little & Lynn Liston
Worship Associate Susan Dunn
Sound Tech Allen Penticoff

Sunday Helpers

November 27, 2011, 8:45 a.m.

Ushers..... Dick & Myrna Lake
Greeter Neita Webster
Coffee Ann & Bob Bowling
Guest Table .. David Mayhall & **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Children's Community Time.... **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Worship Associate Alice Enichen
Sound Tech Allen Penticoff

Sunday Helpers

November 20, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Ushers..... Misha Lentz
Greeter..... Shirley Philon
Coffee..... David & Marty Zinn
Guest Table..... Dean & Pat Tollefsrud
Worship Associate Susan Dunn
Sound Tech Allen Penticoff

Sunday Helpers

November 27, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Ushers..... Cheryl Stockwell
Greeters Barb & Bill Smith
Coffee Ann & Bob Bowling
Guest Table .. Shirley Philon & **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Children's Community Time..... Carolyn Arevalo
Worship Associate Alice Enichen
Sound Tech Allen Penticoff

Church Family News

Vera Champion passed away on Thursday, November 10. A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at the church on **Monday, November 21 at 11:00 a.m.** Memorial gifts can be made to the church or to Northern Illinois Hospice.

Share your congratulations with **Ruby Magnuson** on the birth of her fourth great grandchild! Benjamin Lawrence was born to Renee and Matthew Smith of Janesville, WI on November 7.

Congratulations to **Lola and Gene Gustafson** for their 30 years of volunteer service to Northern Illinois Hospice and Grief Center. Over the years they have kept the 2 libraries organized, worked in the finance dept., yanked up carpeting, painted walls, and made gallons of green punch for the organization's fundraisers, and the list goes on. Thanks to Lola and Gene for all they do for hospice. November is National Hospice Month.

Ahoy, Me Hearties!! We'd like to congratulate **Simon Armstrong** on his performance as Captain Redbeard in "Pirates of the Curry Bean." (Children's Theater Project) Blimey, Simon, you were great! You have piratical style! Arr!!

The twin sons of Cynthia J. Simmons, **Aven J. and Blake J. Simmons** celebrated their 20th Birthday on Sunday November 13, 2011

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: **Sandi Campbell** (11/19), **Henry Tideman** (11/20), **Jim Parrish** (11/24), **Linda Sandquist** (11/25), **Teresa Wilmot** (11/27), **Anne Hendrickson** (11/27), **Tom Little** (11/28), **Jackie Thomas** (11/28), **Ann Marie Marshall** (11/30), and **Dave Brown** (11/30)!

Happy Belated Birthday to **Valerie Stenerson** (who turned 15 on 11/3) and **Sarah Pfleiderer** (who turned 16 on 11/14)! On November 30th, **Rayomand Tata** will also celebrate his 16th birthday!

Church Meetings and Events

DO YOU RECEIVE THE UU WORLD?

Inside each UU World there is an insert/ section just for children and families called *Weave a Tapestry of Faith*. If you receive the UU World and are not using this part of the magazine we would love for you to bring them to church. I would like to be able to recycle this great resource in religious education classes and for our families. So pull in out and leave it in my mailbox, and thank you for sharing!
-Kimberlee Carlson

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY TIME

We are looking for people who love to play & spend time with children! During the worship service we offer childcare for 5 years old and up in the Dr. Seuss Room- filled with games, toys and art supplies; we need volunteers to watch the children during this time. No preparations are needed, just willingness to play; the children are a delight, so come have some fun. If you have any questions please ask Kimberlee, if you are ready to sign up now-go for it at: <http://signupgenius.com/go/hospitality160>

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN OVERNIGHT- NOVEMBER 18

As part of our Neighboring Faiths curriculum and fun, the middle-school group is having a lock-in this Friday Nov. 18. Please be at church by 5:30pm in dressed up clothing to go to Sabbath service at 6:00pm.

We will have pizza when we return after the service. Bring sleeping bag, and usual stuff. Pickup is at 8 a.m. Saturday morning Nov. 19.

Permission forms must be turned in to participate! (Contact Kimberlee if you need a permission form.)

MEMBERSHIP BOOK SIGNING

We are delighted to invite you to join our congregation at our Membership Book Signing Nov. 20, 2011. If you are ready to become a member of the congregation, this Sunday you can make it official. It is our tradition to recognize new members with a ritual done at the beginning of worship, you (and your family) will be asked to come to the front of the sanctuary, sign our book and say your name into the microphone. The congregation will then acknowledge your membership with words of welcome.

In addition, a person from the membership committee will ask to take your picture & interview you. This interview helps us connect you with people in our beloved community and is used to write a biographical article in the *Kairos*, to let our congregation learn more about you.

We also would like to celebrate and rejoice in your membership by giving you a gift bag filled with goodies! Ready to sign up or Questions? Contact Kimberlee Carlson pd@uurockford.org

Please indicate which service you will be attending early (8:45 a.m.) or late (11:00 a.m.).

CONVERSATING 101

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

In the Caskey Conference Room

Topic: Is Our Political System Broken???

Several options to fix our current system, if it is broken, will be discussed and debated. At the end, we will take a vote to determine the most popular option.

Submitted by Steve Mahan

MATTHEW 'ROUND TOWN

Matthew will be at the Bistro at Wesley Willows on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at 9 A.M. Whether you live in the neighborhood or not, I'd love to see you there.

***Brunch and Brahms* at the Unitarian Universalist Church Musical "Informance" features pianist Jesse Parker and friends**

You are invited to *Brunch and Brahms* on **November 20**. Following morning services, the brunch starts approximately at noon with chicken, beef or vegan chili. The Informance begins at 1:30pm with an informal and info-packed performance ("Informance") of an all-Brahms recital. Pianist Jesse Parker is joined by violinist Rachel Handlin, horn player Becky Asher, and soprano Gale Ketteler. The musicians will share information and answer questions from the audience in this uniquely accessible presentation. A freewill offering will be taken at the Informance. Proceeds from the \$5 per person brunch help fund the youth group's trip to Boston.

A printable flyer is included in the online *Kairos*.

Submitted by Gale Ketteler

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving dinner will be in Deale Hall on Nov 24, 1:00p.m. If you bring a dish, be sure it is finished. We don't have ovens or stoves to cook on. You won't need place settings, we will use church china. We will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and dressing. If you prefer your own recipe and want to share, we'd like that. The sign up sheet is in the narthex or call Jamie at 815-398-6322 to reserve a spot. Please sign up by Nov 20th so we can order the turkey. I would like to plan for leftovers to take home so bring an appropriate container to take home. It's not just about food but it makes a great beginning. If you volunteer to set-up, please arrive by 11:30 a.m. Sandi Campbell, 815-484-1020.

THE GIVING TREE

The 3-5th grade students are focusing on how Love Connects us all this year in religious education class. They are putting their *Faith in Action* by creating a giving tree that will be in the Narthex next week and through the holiday season. Our giving tree will be decorating with ornaments; each ornament will have an item listed on the back. All the items are things that are needed by Homeless Clothes Closet & Rockford's MELD (Mothers and Dads Establishing Life's Direction.) If you wish to contribute to the Giving Tree can take an ornament off the tree and

purchase the item listed. When you return to church place your item under the tree and we will make sure it gets to the homeless families in Rockford. Thank you for your generosity!

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The Social Justice Team will hold its first meeting with a new structure and people on Monday, Nov. 28th, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

MUSIC SUNDAY-DECEMBER 4TH

As is our custom, the first Sunday in December is one of our two annual Music Sundays. We will have two services that day. The 8:45 service will be an informal and simple service in the chapel, led by Matthew Johnson-Doyle. The 11:00 service, upstairs in the sanctuary, will be the Music Service where the Unicantors and special guests will perform *Navidad Nuestra*, published in 1965 by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramírez. Additional music includes "La Estrella de Nazaret" by Venezuelan composer Eduardo Plaza and a guitar solo performed by Cook Ramírez. Music Sunday is always an impressive and moving experience; it is also a great way to introduce someone you know to the Unitarian Universalist church in a high-quality but low-pressure way. So bring a friend!

EDUCATION OUTLOOK LUNCHEON

On December 8, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cliffbreakers, the Rockford Chamber partners with the United Way, Alignment Rockford, Zion Development Corporation, and the City of Rockford to bring United for Our Children, featuring Geoffrey Canada. Mr. Canada will share with the audience the successes his organization has experience in bringing about positive change in a highly urban school system.

If you are interested in attending and joining a table of fellow church members, **please contact Kathy Scarpaci at kscarpaci@yahoo.com or 815-751-3003 by November 22nd**. Cost is \$35 per person.

SCOOPIE DAY DEC. 11

The youth would like to give you a good reason to eat out on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Culver's from 12-3pm. Culver's has generously offered to give our youth 10% of all sales from that time period from guests who bring their Scoopie Coupons. These funds will be used to pay for the coming of age Boston trip. Look for your coupon in the worship program that Sunday and in a future *Kairos*.

WINTER WOMENSPIRIT-2012

**Heart Pulse: The Sacred Journey into Sound
with Keynote Speaker:
Ragani**

February 3-5, 2012: Explore your self through the myriad of workshops available Saturday and immerse your self into the Heart Pulse. Ragani plans to share with us over the weekend. Shop your favorite vendors and find a few new

favorites, as well! Share a hotel room with a friend, or meet a fellow UU through home hospitality. The options available are truly endless as the women of the Central Midwest District come together for another year of personal enrichment, sisterhood, and fun! Register online at <http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1016651>

HOME HOSPITALITY

The Unitarian Universalist churches of Rockford and Rockton are coordinating the Winter WomenSpirit Conference, February 3-5, 2012. The coordinators are looking for home hospitality hosts for individual women on Friday and Saturday evening (February 3 & 4). Call Judy Pickle (815-399-8365) or Jan Henningsen (815-397-4721) if you can provide a place to stay for a conference attendee.



Matthew's Memo

Over a year ago, the consultant who came to visit us from the Unitarian Universalist Association made a set of recommendations, including to “let our light shine.” We do many great things, he said, but we suffer from excessive Midwestern humility, and we don’t tell people about us. This has to do with our comfort with inviting friends to church, talking about our faith, and how we greet visitors. But it also has to do with the congregation as a whole knowing more about the great things we do.

I thought of this recently when I went to a few meetings and trainings in the community. At three different meetings, from three different other ministers, I heard what I’ve heard off and on since I arrived here: “I’d like to be more involved in social justice, but my congregation doesn’t want me to do it.” Some congregations limit their minister’s participation in social justice because they think it will be too “political” or controversial. Others do so because they want the minister to focus all their efforts at building (or trying to save the dying) church.

And these are the clergy who show up at some meetings. Most don’t come at all. Catholic priests in the Rockford Diocese are prohibited by their bishop from any ecumenical or interfaith work. Though we have dozens of Lutheran churches and Black churches, I can count on one hand the active, settled ministers from these traditions who show up for justice work on a regular basis.

This is too bad, because we need clergy to do this work. Clergy, usually, understand institutions, power, change, hope and people. At our best, we do social justice work out of faith and love instead of frustration or ego. Our very presence in the room can help other activists avoid demonizing, name-calling, and petty foolishness. We also

have the unique power to set our own schedules and can meet during the day.

And this is when you, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford, should pat yourselves on the back. Because you don’t just allow me the time to do social justice ministry in our community – you expect it and thank me for doing it. The ministers of this church – since at least Augustus Conant in 1857, including especially Dr. Kerr, Dr. Connolly, Jack Mendelssohn, Alan Deale, Tony Perrino, Dave Weissbard and Colleen McDonald – all were deeply involved in the community and justice issues. They helped found the local United Way, worked on education, racial justice, equality, freedom, peace, ecology, and more. It is part of your identity. And it makes a difference in our community.

The other day, someone stopped me while I was at the Y. They recognized me and wanted to thank me “for all I was doing in our community.” They had heard me give the invocation at the Severson Dells breakfast, and they had read my newspaper columns, and heard other things about my work, and they just wanted to say thank you. I’ll tell you, it was sweet and really brightened my day. But really, part of that compliment belongs to you: for you it is you, following our mission to inspire people to transform our world, who make it possible for me to do what I do on our behalf.

So, feel good about what you and we do. It’s important, it is unique in our community, and you do it well.

In faith,
Matthew



Gratitude

You may remember that several weeks ago during worship, we took up a special offering in support of Association Sunday 2011. At that time, Matthew mentioned that a portion of the money raised will be used to fund grants to support ministers, religious educators, and musicians serving UU congregations. The Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA), the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA), and the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network (UUMN) have all been working on grant proposals to fund initiatives aimed at helping their respective members excel in their ministries in the congregations they serve. In addition, the three organizations are putting forward a joint proposal for a program promoting collaboration among ministers, religious educators, and musicians to encourage what is described in the grant application materials as “a staff team approach to excellence in ministries.”

In case you’re wondering why I would be familiar with the specific phrasing used in the application materials, it’s because just yesterday I sent off two grant proposals on

behalf of UUMN. As UUMN treasurer, I was tapped to put together those two proposals, one in support of funding for UU musicians attending our annual summer conferences and another requesting scholarship funds for candidates in the Music Leadership Credentialing Program run by the UUA. If both projects are funded fully, UUMN hopes to receive just over \$80,000 from the Association Sunday offering in support of those initiatives. Keep your fingers crossed for us!

One of the questions on the grant application asked in what way the initiatives we were proposing would serve to “support thriving congregations.” The connection between professional development for musicians and thriving congregations seemed an obvious one to me, but sometimes articulating the obvious can be challenging. It took me a couple of attempts, but I finally managed to come up with the following: *“Music is an essential part of worship. Along with the spoken word and the visual arts, music has the ability to draw people together in worship, building and strengthening the sense of community that is the foundation of a thriving congregation. Of course, the effectiveness of music in community building depends on the strength of the music program.... [Professional development] bears directly on the work of musicians serving UU congregations, promoting healthy and vibrant music programs that in turn promote healthy and vibrant congregations.”*

Writing the grant proposals was a lot of work, and not always a whole lot of fun. However, as a result, I was reminded of a couple of things that I would be remiss not to share with you. I am fortunate to serve a congregation whose members have made a budgetary commitment to support my professional development, given that many of my colleagues receive only moral support from their congregations. Likewise, I am blessed to lead a healthy and vibrant music program, due as much to the dedication and talent of its volunteers as to anything I bring to the table. Finally, I am lucky to be a part of a church staff that values collaboration and makes excellence in thematic worship its weekly goal.

I know it’s a little early for Thanksgiving, but I figured I’d share these thoughts while they were on my mind.

Peace,
Tim

YourBOT

Okay, so what’s the question for this week, you ask? Well, the question is “what is ARAOMC?” Rolls right off the tongue, doesn’t it?

Matthew and **yourBOT** (your **Board Of Trustees**) established the Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, Multi-Culturalism team as one of three teams in the all-church Social Justice Project. Hopefully you remembered, and

filled out, their survey in the last *Kairos* (or in this *Kairos*, for that matter) because it was designed to find where we are and where we need to be to tackle AR, AO, and MC. Because we consider Social Justice Projects to be important, **yourBOT** encourages you to; fill out the survey; see Carol Fox about becoming a tutor at Nelson School (hey, only one hour a week); come to the inaugural meeting of the Social Justice Team on Mon., Nov. 28 at 7:30; see Jackie Dehler about helping with her clothing-for-homeless-children project; see Dave Lantz about helping school nurses with filing and paperwork; and, as always, talk to a friendly **yourBOT** member with your ideas or concerns.

President-Jan Dunham, Vice-President-Ruth Little
Treasurer-Pete Giolitto, Clerk-Gaen McClendon, Trustees-
Dave Lantz, Nikki Ticknor and Andrew Harmon

FROM YOURBOT TREASURER

I would like to thank the congregation for raising over \$30,000 for the “Fix it Quick” Campaign. As we come into the last two months of the calendar year, I would like to mention two tax saving ideas that could benefit you, as well as the church. The first one is the gift of Appreciated Stock, or mutual fund shares that you have owned for over 12 months. By donating the shares to church, you eliminate paying any capital gains tax, and you can receive a schedule A tax deduction of the total fair market value of the stock or fund on the day of the gift. The church has made it easy to accomplish this.

The second tax break is for members who are 70 years or older. Here is a way to reduce your federal income tax for 2011. The passage of the Tax Act of 2010 extends a provision that allows for the required minimum distribution from an IRA to be excluded from your income for 2011 if given as a Qualified Charitable Distribution that meets the following requirements:

1. Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
2. The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) must go directly to the church.
3. The QCD must not exceed \$100,000, and must be made by Dec. 1, 2011.

This method would apply to people who must take RMD’s, who do not itemize deductions or contribute at the 50% limit, or whose RMD income would cause more of their Social Security to be taxed.

Please call your church treasurer, Pete Giolitto, for further details.

In the next *Kairos* we will discuss Legacy Planning.

Submitted by,
Peter Giolitto
UU Treasurer



AUCTION SALE!!

CLOSEOUT PRICES

- **11 spaces are available for the Apres (After) Opera Event, La Traviata, April 14th with Wanda and Gaen at \$25 each.**
- **2 seats are available for the Day Trip to the Chicago Art Institute on December 7th at \$22 each.**
- **Game Night at Holly's – Saturday January 7th – 5 seats still available at \$15 each.**
- **Cruisin' the Rock River by boat has 3 spaces available at \$40 each.**
- **Mystery Reader's Dinner on January 7th has room for 3 more mystery lovers at \$25 each.**
- **Dinner & a Movie March 17th at Sandi's – for good food and one of 3 open seats in the home theatre at \$20 each.**
- **Chili & Game Night at Wendy's has 3 spaces available at \$20 each.**
- **Ruth's lessons for Tray Favors. (Francie said that if you knew how cute these are, she wouldn't have been able to get in on the fun.) But there are still 7 spots available at \$10 each.**
- **Mardie will provide 3 piano lessons to one person for \$10!**
- **Christopher will craft a personalized poem for you or a friend for \$10.**
- **Ruth and Holly will provide Aging In Place With Grace consulting for one person for \$50. You never know when you may need this!**
- **A pool table with a history! You move it, but own it for \$25!**
- **Wanda is willing to make one more rum cake for \$30. Did you try the sample at the Auction?**
- **A spring tour of Anderson Gardens, with your own personal docent – 4 more can join the group at \$10 per person.**
- **Sweet times – 5 more spaces available at the Teddy Bear Tea Party – for young and young at heart. \$10 per person.**
- **2 seats available for the Victorian Christmas Tea Party on December 10th at the Johnson Doyle's beautiful Victorian home. \$15 each.**
- **Oscar party hosted by the Giolittos on February 26th. 2 seats available for \$25 each.**
- **Oscar party at Sandi Campbell's on February 26th. 8 seats available for \$15 each.**
- **Morgan Johnson-Doyle will menu plan for 4 different households at \$20 each.**
- **Holly will help you figure out the non-financial elements of retirement for \$50.**
- **Teresa will knit one more baby or toddler sweater for \$15.**

Stop by or call the church office TODAY to make your purchase....first come first served!



THANK YOU!

The FUUN Auction committee would like to thank all of the supporters of this year's auction. Thanks to those who donated wonderful items for the auction – food, dinners, baskets, tickets, poems, memberships, getaways, services, art and handcrafted items. The tables were brimming with goodies! We have lists available of the winning bidders for your items.

Thanks to our bidders who found great treasures. We have certificates for many of the items you purchased if you have not picked them up yet. Check out the reverse side of this sheet for even more great buys!

We value your input. Please let us know your thoughts.

General comments on this year's event:

What could we improve?

Should we provide the food or should we ask those who come to bring something to share?

Would you like to be a part of the 2012 Auction team?

Name: _____

Please return to the church office.

Greetings! The Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, and Multiculturalism Team of the UU Church is interested in getting a better sense of where you think we are in our process of becoming an anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and multicultural congregation. Please review the following definitions and then answer the questions on the survey.

Definitions:

Anti-Racism: Actively and intentionally opposing racism, especially institutional racism, in one’s own life and in society. Involves working to identify and transform those structures and powers which discriminate against people based on race.

Anti-Oppression: Actively and intentionally opposing all forms of oppression, including, but not only, oppression based on race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or cognitive (dis)ability, age, class, and national origin. Seeks to identify and transform oppression wherever it is found so that all people may live lives of more fullness, opportunity and beauty.

Multiculturalism: For institutions and groups, multiculturalism indicates not only that the group includes and welcomes people who identify as members of more than one cultural/racial/ethnic group, but also that the group respects, celebrates and values this diversity and is able to operate out of more than one cultural mode. In a multicultural organization, no one culture is accepted as normal.

Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, and Multiculturalism Survey:

Please mark the most accurate box for each category

<i>THIS BOX IS OPTIONAL</i>							
<i>What is your name?</i>							
<i>What is your racial or ethnic identity?</i>							
	actively resistant	passively resistant	Supportive, inactive	Supportive, inactive, but willing to be active	Active support	Strong active support	Comments
Your personal life:							
Anti-Racism							
Anti-Oppression							
Multiculturalism							
The UU Church, Rockford							
Anti-Racism							
Anti-Oppression							
Multiculturalism							

Below or on the reverse: What are your suggestions for next steps for this congregation on its journey to more fully becoming an anti-racism, anti-oppressive, multicultural congregation? What are ways you might like to be involved in moving the church along on this journey?

If we were to offer the curriculum “Building the World We Dream About” would be interested in participating?
 (See uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/buildingworld/)

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming Events at Womanspace

Basic Watercolor Artshop: *Loose & Easy* with Sue Gilbert Abare. **Saturday, November 19;** 9:00am-Noon in New Dimensions Studio. Cost: \$35 (Members \$30) please register by November 17. Ages 16–Adult. This fun workshop is for students wanting to learn some of the basics of watercolor painting. Participants will need a basic set of watercolors, a #8 or #10 round brush, a 1/2”-1” flat brush and a palette. Paper will be provided. Fee includes 140 lb. paper. *Sue has studied at Ohio State University & at the Cincinnati Art Museum. She has taught privately, as well as at the Kaleidoscope School of Art in Barrington. Sue exhibits throughout the Midwest & South, has artwork in many private & public collections, & tries to devote most of her time to developing her own paintings.*

Supper & Film Discussion Group: *Winter's Bone* Monday, **November 28; 6:00-9:00pm** in the Fountain View Room. Cost: \$12 (Members \$10). Please register by **November 24**. Seventeen-year-old Ree Dolly (Jennifer Lawrence) sets out to track down her father, who put their house up for his bail bond and then disappeared. If she fails, Ree and her family will be turned out into the Ozark woods. Challenging her outlaw kin's code of silence and risking her life, Ree hacks through the lies, evasions and threats offered up by her relatives and begins to piece together the truth. (Rated R)

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven women ages 16–Adult with Gale Ketteler and Tracy Pease. **Sunday, November 27;** 7:00-9:00 in the Fountain View Room. Cost: \$15/session. In the final session, we will again ask: What would it be like to grow up in a world where the divine was imagined to be female? More than Goddess 101, this class demonstrates that ancient matriarchal civilizations were peaceful, and also reclaims stories of powerful women in ancient religions. We started meeting in January, but new participants are welcome at this ending celebration. Bring a woman-honoring poem, song, or artwork to share. Womanspace offers this program in partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford

Have a community event in which other members would be interested? E-mail the details to kairos@uurockford.org by the Kairos deadline.

From the Church Office

Kairos: The next issue of *Kairos* will be published on Wednesday, November 30. Please submit all articles for publication by noon on Monday, November 28. Articles can be submitted to kairos@uurockford.org.

Worship Attendance: November 6: 85 (8:45 service), 77 (11:00 service) and **November 13:** 51 (8:45 service), 105 (11:00 service).

Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th, Friday, November 25th and Sunday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Gobble, gobble!

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Church Calendar at a Glance

*(Please keep in mind that the calendar changes on a daily basis and does not show outside rentals.
To check on the availability of a date please check with the church office.)*

Thursday, November 17

4:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, CCR

4:30 p.m. Trash or Treasure Meeting, CL

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, HCR

Sunday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Choir Practice, HCR

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Childcare, N

8:45 a.m. Worship Service, S

9:45 a.m. Social Hour, DH

10-10:50 a.m. Conversating 101, CCR

10:00 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service, S

12:00 p.m. Social Hour, DH

1:30 p.m. Brunch and Brahms: Chili Brunch & Informance, DH & S

Thursday, November 24-HAPPY THANKSGIVING

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

1:00 p.m. All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner, DH

Friday, November 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Childcare, N

8:45 a.m. Worship Service, S

9:45 a.m. Social Hour, DH

10 a.m. Choir Practice, HCR

11 a.m. Worship Service, S

12:00 p.m. Social Hour, DH

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, CCR

Thursday, December 1

7 p.m. Choir Practice, HCR

Friday, December 2

12:00 p.m. Food for Thought, DH & CL

S=Sanctuary, C=Chapel, DH=Deale Hall, HCR=Hotchkiss Choir Room, CCR=Caskey Conference Room, OWR=Office Work Room, CL=Connolly Library, N=Narthex, YL=Youth Lounge, WY=Whitney Young Meeting Room(1), MFMR=Margaret Fuller Meeting Room; CB=Clara Barton Meeting Room(2), EMR=Emerson Meeting Room (21), TBD = To be determined

