

# Kairos

November 30, 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.*

**December 4, 2011**  
**8:45 a.m. in the Chapel**  
**Emmanuel**

**The Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson-Doyle**

The nativity story can help tell us what matters, and what doesn't. From the point of view of the dispossessed and disenfranchised, the story of incarnation has special power. Reflections on incarnation and liberation.

**December 4, 2011**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Music Sunday**

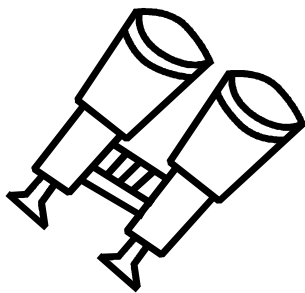
Unicantors and special guests will perform *Navidad Nuestra*, published in 1965 by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramírez. Additional music includes "La Estrella de Nazaret" by Venezuelan composer Eduardo Plaza and a guitar solo performed by Cook Ramírez. Music Sunday is always an impressive and moving experience; 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!

**Sunday Helpers**  
**December 4, 2011, 8:45 a.m.**

Ushers..... Ruth Pentecoff  
Greeters ..... Edwin Miller  
Coffee..... Sunday Evening Covenant Group  
Guest Table..... Lynn Liston & Linda Sandquist  
Children's Community Time..... **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Worship Associate ..... Susan Dunn  
Sound Tech ..... Dave Schubert

**Sunday Helpers**  
**December 4, 2011, 11:00 a.m.**

Ushers ... David Mayhall, Jon McGinty, & **VOLUNTEER**  
Greeter ..... Teri Johnson  
Coffee ..... Sunday Evening Covenant Group  
Guest Table ..... Pam Lonsway & Shari Smallwood  
Children's Community Time ..... Jerri Jones  
Worship Associate ..... Susan Dunn  
Sound Tech..... Dave Schubert



**Looking Ahead...**

**December 24, at 5pm**

Make plans now to come celebrate Christmas Eve with us. A service of song, story, candle, and hope for all ages.

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>. COME WORSHIP WITH US SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 5 p.m.

THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE, ONLY, AT 11:00 a.m., ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.

Please Note:

At our church, music is part of the worship service. It is not performance done for pleasure. Nor is the music "background." For this reason, we do not have a prelude or postlude. Therefore, during the offertory or other instrumental pieces, please remember that others near you are listening closely to the music, and would prefer not to overhear your conversation.

## Church Family News

**Jean Babb** is back home and continuing her recovery after shoulder surgery. Cards and calls are welcome.

Romesh Mehta, husband of **Linda Hotchkiss Mehta**, died Saturday, November 12, at home in Woodbridge, CT. Romesh is the son-in-law of **Kay Hotchkiss**, and was married to Linda in an Indian/Unitarian ceremony in our church.

Please keep **Spomenka Bela**, the church's custodian, and her family in your thoughts—her mother passed away early this week.

Snug Hugs had another great year this year. They took in 23,360 hand crocheted, knitted and other hand made clothing items at The Snugs Hugs Crochet/Knit-A-Thon event at The Marletta Darnall Schaumburg Child + Family Center in Schaumburg, Illinois on Saturday November 19, 2011

**Terry J. Simmons** and **Cynthia J. Simmons** celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on Wednesday November 30, 2011.

**Esther Erickson** passed away of Monday, November 28. She had celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 11 with a small family gathering. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to: **Jesse Jones** (who turns 8 on 12/01), **Sally Walker** (12/02), **Randy Furman** (who turns 18 on 12/03), **Jack Berti** (12/03), **Melodie Hueber** (12/04), **Bob Von der Ohe** (12/06), **Tom Anderson** (12/07), **Rhea Overly** (12/10), and **Jill Gnesda** (12/10)!

## Church Meetings and Events

### ANTI-RACISM, ANTI-OPPRESSION, MULTICULTURALISM SURVEY

We are still seeking responses to our survey questions. If you have not turned in your survey yet, you now have the opportunity to complete the survey quickly and easily online. Please visit

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8LCM6XN> and share your thoughts with us. Thanks for your input!

### PARTNER CHURCH-SHARE THE PLATE

I would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions during the 'Share the Plate Sunday' for our Partner Church in Romania. We collected just over \$1,300.00 and these funds will be transmitted shortly through the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council Transfer mechanism directly into our Partner Church's

bank account. If you missed the Share the Plate Sunday and would like to make a contribution you may mail it or drop it off at the church office; if by check, please write: "Partner Church" in the memo line. Thanks again for your generosity.

Regards,  
Andrew Harmon, Partner Church Team Coordinator



## ONGOING DONATION PROGRAM

### ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

Since July, our church has received \$1000 from Bunte Auctions for donations from church members to our ongoing donation program.

I am currently looking for more items to take to the auction house. Call Dave Zinn, 397-8247, if you have an item to donate or if you have questions regarding this program.



## HELP NELSON SCHOOL

Many food producers participate in the Labels for Education program. The schools redeem them for educational materials. If you are not already saving these for another school, please save them for Nelson School. You can find them on many cereal boxes and soup labels and Pepperidge products. Be sure to get the "clip and save" portion generally outlined by a dotted line to signify cutting out. Some cereals have a small icon on the top while the portion you save is on the bottom of the box. There is a jar in Deale Hall in which to drop off your collected tops. If you're a volunteer at Nelson School, you can turn them in at the office any time.

## 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>



## THE GIVING TREE

The 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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 you can take an ornament off the tree and purchase the item listed. If you choose a book or toy, please wrap the item. All others can be left unwrapped. When you return to church place your item under the tree and we will make sure it gets to the homeless families in Rockford. **PLEASE RETURN ALL GIFTS BY DECEMBER 20.** Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to make an additional contribution to MELD or forgot an ornament, here is a list of things on MELD's Holiday Wish List. Items with asterisks are especially needed.

- Garbage bags
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry soap
- \*Bath towels
- First aid supplies
- \*Dish Towels
- Paper plates, cups and napkins
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Combs and hairbrushes
- Hand and bath soap
- Hand and body lotion
- \*Bed pillows
- \*Chunky books for toddlers
- \*Disposable diapers
- \*Baby wipes
- Formula
- Crib sheets and blankets
- Crib mattresses
- Toddler beds
- High chairs
- \*Baby shampoo, lotion, oil and baby wash
- Strollers
- Infant and Toddler car seats
- Baby swing
- \*Baby Toys
- \*Onesies
- \*Baby Blankets
- \*Small Toddler Toys

## CONVERSATING 101

SUNDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

In the Caskey Conference Room

Topic: How can we get parents, needing help and guidance with their kids' education, more involved? Five "global" options will be discussed and debated. At the end, we will take a vote to determine the most popular option.

*Submitted by Steve Mahan*



## WELCOMING A GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Each year at this time, friends and families in our congregation participate in Guest at Your Table — a UU tradition for decades. By bringing home a beautiful Guest at Your Table box and a Stories of Hope booklet, families and individuals learn about how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee puts our shared values into action in the United States and around the world. Through a potent combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots human-rights leaders, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people in times of humanitarian crisis.

In each household, the Guest at Your Table box is placed in a prominent spot, often at the family dinner table. When family and friends gather to enjoy their blessings, they can reflect on the contributions of their "guests" to the movement for universal human rights — and share generously. Each week, we can choose a different story to read, bringing our guests to life and helping celebrate our own rights.

Sharing our blessings through Guest at Your Table ensures that UUSC's human-rights work continues. Please consider making a contribution that meets membership levels. Since UUSC is an independent organization that receives no funding from government or the UUA, your support and membership are vitally important.

**You can get your Guest at Your Table boxes here in the Narthex and Religious Education area of our church. Guest at Your Table boxes are due back at the church on Jan. 8, 2012.**

## RAMBLERS

On December 11th after the second service we will meet at the Culver's on East State St., near Saint Anthony's Hospital to plan next year's Rambles. No need for a brown bag lunch, our U/U youth are working to raise big bucks for their Boston trip that very same afternoon at that very

same Culver's, so it's a 2-fer-1! Bring maps and all your wonderful new ideas to inspire the group.

*Francie Barnes*

## 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.



### COOKIES PLEASE . . .

Planning to bake cookies this holiday season? Consider sharing a few with church members and friends who are unable to get out and about.

Each December, we prepare and deliver plates of cookies to homebound members of our church family. This year, we will meet at church on Monday, December 12, 1:30 pm to prepare the cookie plates. We're looking for people who can donate one or two dozen cookies for this activity. You can bring your cookies to church on Sunday, December 11, or before 1:30 pm on Monday, December 12.

Also, if you would like to help assemble the plates and/or deliver one of them, please let Jan Dunham know by e-mail ([jdunham@T6B.com](mailto:jdunham@T6B.com)) or by phone or text (815-520-7477).

Thank you so much for making the holidays a little brighter for our homebound friends.

*The Caring Team*

## FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Northern Public Radio through the church this fall. Donations totaled \$1,870.00. Supporting NPR in this way benefits the church by enabling it to have PR spots on WNIU (89.5 FM) and WNIU (90.5/105.7). I recently spoke with two visitors from Beloit who said they heard about our church on WNIJ so the radio spots do make a difference.

You'll have another chance to donate to Northern Public Radio in the spring.

*Submitted by Pam Wilson*

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION PANEL

The Conflict Resolution Panel met on October 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss and review the Panel's charter. As a matter of information to the congregation, the members of the Panel

submit the following information about the Panel's Charter and purpose:

Its principal purpose is to provide an additional communications resource to the church community.

Using as a foundation our church's Code of Ethics and the Guidelines for the Conflict Management process, the Panel will receive requests from members to assist with conflicts that may arise and which require an additional communications level to aid in the resolution of such conflicts.

The panel serves as a resource to church members and groups seeking to address and resolve issues. We believe that such conflicts are better resolved with reasonable and honest dialogue between the parties involved.

Conflicts are usually resolved long before they would be referred to the Conflict Resolution Panel. If not, then the Conflict Resolution Panel would be called on as an advisory body and upon hearing parties to the conflict will make recommendations to the Senior Minister and/or the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Arevalo, Pat Littlejohn, and Dave Mayhall (Panel Members)



## 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

Once again, Morgan and I made the trip up to Northern Wisconsin for Thanksgiving. Her father's house, where we stay, is a few minutes outside a small town – which is to say, it is pretty isolated from the hustle and bustle. Once upon a time, these few days up north were the quietest and most peaceful days of my whole year, a real chance to recharge and re-center.

That was before I had small children. I enjoy the chance to not leave the house and do nothing. The kids do not enjoy this at all.

Despite the change in the character of the trip, it remains a Sabbath for me, at least from my everyday life and my work as your minister. It is one of the few Sundays that I am not in church at all. Even with my fancy phone, I don't read email other than ensuring that none of the subject lines read "emergency" or "hospital" (which sometimes they do).

Sabbath is important. It is important to step away so that we can return. Whether this is paid work or unpaid work, we need time to recharge, learn, pause from learning to absorb, and refresh.

This is why in our tradition, ministers take a Sabbatical. Every few years, we step away for a few months. This is for the sake of the congregation we serve – that our ministry might be refreshed. The Sabbatical is a chance for the minister to learn something new, renew their spirit, go deeper than the week-to-week schedule allows, and get "on the balcony" of our ministry. It is also a chance for the congregation to grow in strength and skill as they manage some things themselves and learn, "yes, we can do that."

My agreement with you, as is standard language among Unitarian Universalists, is for me to earn 1 month of Sabbatical leave for each year of service.

It used to be that a minister would take a 6-month Sabbatical every seventh year of ministry. However, in the mid-sized church (like us) this model has proven disruptive and unwise. The recommendation now, and the practice of many of my colleagues, is to take shorter, more frequent sabbaticals; namely, 3 months every four years. The Board of Trustees agreed to this plan a few years ago for our congregation. Though this is my fourth year, it was not the time to take time.

We are thus tentatively planning for me to take a few months from January through March, 2013. Though it will be a short break, and more than a year from now, the Committee on Ministry thought it wise I let you know so that it wouldn't be a surprise later. A good suggestion.

What will I do with my time? What will you need to do to

prepare for it? Those will be subjects for another column at a later date. We are planning and welcome your input – you can talk to me or the members of the Committee on Ministry (Wendy Bennett, Steve Lewis, Bill Smith, Tracey Armstrong, and Chris Dunn).

In faith,  
Matthew ☺



## Navidad Nuestra

This Sunday at 11:00 a.m. is our December Music Sunday, which will feature the music and traditions of Christmas in Latin America. The main musical offering of the day will

be *Navidad Nuestra: A Folk Drama of the Nativity Based on the Rhythms and Traditions of Hispanic America* by Argentine composer Ariel Ramírez. The service will also feature "La estrella de Nazaret" by Venezuelan composer Eduardo Plaza, as well as a guitar solo by Brazilian composer Dilermando Reis. The Unicantors will be joined by guest soloist Joe Sweeney, guitarist Julie Cook Ramírez, harpsichordist Trish Rooney, and percussionists Ed Pawelski and Scott Stich. Gale Ketteler is our soprano soloist for the morning. Children are especially encouraged to attend. It is sure to be a morning filled with great music, with a lovely reception afterward by Nancy Eliseo, whose financial support continues to make events like Music Sunday possible. Thank you, Nancy!

Ramírez's *Navidad Nuestra* is a musical retelling of the nativity story. However, instead of setting the story in Bethlehem, lyricist Felix Luna places Joseph and Mary in northern Argentina. Ramírez describes the work as a *criollo retablo* (i.e., a native or Creole tableau). In this tableau, each part of the nativity story is set to a different traditional style of Argentine folk music and dance. The angel Gabriel's annunciation to Mary of the birth of Jesus takes the form of a *chamané*, a dance style believed by some to be a variation on the schottische introduced to Argentina by German immigrants. The pilgrimage of Joseph and Mary is set to a *huella pampeana*, a delicate and melancholy style influenced by the gavotte and minuet popular in European court music. The birth of Jesus is told using a *vidala catamarqueña*, a lyrical style of love song characteristic of the Catamarca province of Argentina, traditionally sung with no accompaniment other than a *bombo* ('drum'). The visit of the shepherds takes the form of a *chaya riojana*, a lively folk dance in 6/8 rhythm from La Rioja, another Argentine province. The visit of the Magi is told through a *takirari*, a lively dance rhythm that originated in eastern Bolivia before being incorporated into Argentine folk traditions. Finally, the flight of Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus from Herod's soldiers takes the form of another *vidala*, but this time a *vidala* from the province of Tucumán.

It is not uncommon for the nativity story to receive interpretations incorporating indigenous elements

representative of the people retelling the story. In fact, one of the main strategies employed by Catholic missionaries in the Americas was to find points of commonality between indigenous traditions and Catholic traditions as a way of facilitating the conversion of the native people. Examples of syncretism involving these traditions abound in contemporary Hispanic culture. In the case of *Navidad Nuestra*, the fusion of indigenous elements with the traditional nativity story offers us an opportunity to explore which elements of that story can and should speak to us today as Unitarian Universalists. During the service on Sunday, we will consider this very question as we explore readings touching on Christmas celebrations in Latin America, as well as partaking of the music of the day.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday! Bring a friend – or two!

Peace, Tim

## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

### MidAmerica Regional UUA

The “MidAmerica” region doesn’t exist—yet. But its future birth was announced on November 18<sup>th</sup> by Rev. Brian H. Covell, President of the Central Midwest District, via email.

The UUA is interested in consolidating our 19 current districts into a smaller number of regions. This should reduce the cost of governance. Our wealth of electronic communications allows virtual shrinkage of distances. The Central Midwest District has operated a virtual office with staff working out of their homes for over a year. The joint districts have cooperated in on-line workshops.

The Central Midwest District (CMwD) is the group to which Rockford currently belongs. Our district includes Illinois, most of Wisconsin, parts of Michigan, Missouri and Indiana. Our future Region adds two other districts, Prairie Star and Heartland. This will add the rest of Wisconsin and Missouri, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas to the west. To the east, we will add the rest of Michigan and Indiana, Kentucky and western Ohio.

The MidAmerica region will probably be the first one organized in the UUA. Boards of the three districts, Central Midwest, Heartland and Prairie Star, have each voted unanimously as of November 12, to dissolve and form a regional government by July 1, 2013. This depends on the District Assemblies in spring, 2013, all voting for the transition.

If you have questions or concerns about this pending change, Rev. Covell welcomes emails to [bhcovell@gmail.com](mailto:bhcovell@gmail.com). A web-based sounding board is being set-up in all three districts. Our District welcomes

input and inquiries about this change. I look forward to sharing a region with my daughter in Minneapolis.

It’s only 203 days to Justice GA 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona, June 20 – 24, 2012.

Submitted by Teresa Wilmot, 815-399-5263; work 815-654-7321

## *New Member Spotlight*

**Andrew & Jessica Beaufls**

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**Andrew and Jessica Beaufls** became members of our congregation on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Their son, Felix, is two years old, with a second child coming to round out their family in April. Meanwhile, Andrew is working at retail wine shop in St. Charles, and has his own “hobby vineyard” in Cherry Valley. His other interests include cycling, cross country skiing, and reading. As a former philosophy student, Andrew is passionate about social justice and women’s issues. One of his pet peeves is the hypocrisy of so many religions.

Jessica is a busy mom as well as grad student in medical anthropology. She is a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a major in psychology, and an MBA. Currently, she is a member of the “Holistic Mom’s” program, which meets at Just Goods, and is about to become an accredited leader in the La Leche League.

This is a definite “power couple”, and we are so very lucky to have them as members of our church. We are grateful they will be bringing their talents and enthusiasm to our liberal, religious community.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming Womanspace Events:

Womanspace Barnes & Noble Bookfair & NOOK Tablet™ Raffle  
Saturday, December 3; 9:00am-9:00pm at Barnes & Noble in the District in CherryVale Mall. Make your holiday gift purchases to support Womanspace and enjoy special events throughout the day. *New York Times* best-selling children's book author and illustrator, Tom Lichtenheld appears at 3:00pm with his latest release *E-MERGENCY!* Lichtenheld will talk about his books, invite youth to read *Duck! Rabbit!*, and create live interactive drawings and stories with the audience. Womanspace has **raffle tickets for the new NOOK Tablet™** on sale now for \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20 in their offices or at <http://www.womanspace-rockford.org/pages/news/specialevents/specialevents.htm#bn>. The drawing will be at 8:00pm at the Bookfair. A portion of purchases will benefit Womanspace when local *and* national in-store shoppers verbally designate "Womanspace" or provide the Bookfair Voucher with ID#10519254 at check-out on December 3. The fundraiser is also online December 3-8.

Insight Meditation Tuesday, December 6 6:30–8:00pm with Dorothy Bock in the Womanspace Library. Cost: \$15 (Members \$12). Ages 15 & up. Treat yourself to the practice of meditation, also known as Vipassana, as it teaches us to calm and steady our minds by grounding our attention to the present moment. The desired result is openness and clarity. Through periods of silent sitting we learn to pay attention to our breath and body, allowing silence, sound, and word or visual images to build awareness and transform our hearts and minds. Wear comfortable clothes. Paced for beginners as well as occasional meditators. All are welcome—women, men, and teens.

*Dorothy earned her BA at Alverno College, her MA in English Literature at Marquette University, and completed her MFA in Art at the University of Notre Dame. She has been a teacher of art, literature and the humanities since 1950.*

### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

**Kairos:** The next issue of *Kairos* will be published on Wednesday, December 7. Please submit all articles for publication by noon on Monday, December 5. Articles can be submitted to [kairos@uurockford.org](mailto:kairos@uurockford.org).

**Worship Attendance: November 20:** 61 (8:45 service), 86 (11:00 service) and **November 27:** 45 (8:45 service), 56 (11:00 service).

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Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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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, December 1**

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, HCR

### **Friday, December 2**

12:00pm Food for Thought, DH & CL

### **Sunday, December 4**

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

8:45 a.m. Worship Service, C

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. Music Sunday, S

12:00 p.m. Social Hour, DH

### **Monday, December 5**

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Meeting, OWR

### **Thursday, December 8**

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, HCR

### **Friday, December 9**

9:30 a.m. UU Mom's Group, CL

### **Sunday, December 11**

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

12:00 p.m. Ramblers-Culvers off of East State

12:00-3 p.m. Scoopie Day Fundraiser at Culvers off of East State (proceeds benefit youth Boston trip)

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

Message from Your Treasurer

HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF  
ROCKFORD

NOW

1. Support the church with your generous contribution of time, talent, energy and money. Your gifts build and enhance our mission and affirm the legacy of previous gifts, making our church what it is today.
2. Give to the church's endowment funds. Make tribute gifts in honor of the living, or in memory of those who have died.

FUTURE

Additionally, as your circumstances and commitment permit, please consider the following options, (consult with your financial or legal advisors):

1. Make a provision in your will or living trust to designate a portion of your estate to the church.
2. Designate our church as the beneficiary of a paid up life insurance policy that you no longer need. Benefit: you will leave a legacy and remove the asset from your estate.
3. Designate our church as the beneficiary of an IRA or other qualified retirement plan, (there are specific legal requirements on how to accomplish this).
4. Consider setting up a one or two life current Charitable Gift Annuity. If you are 60 or older, your benefits would include: income for life, immediate charitable deduction, and a legacy to our church.
5. Consider setting up a One or Two Life Deferred Gift Annuity. Benefits include: If you are in your 40's or 50's you receive a certain amount of income during your retirement years, immediate charitable deduction, and a legacy to our church.
6. Charitable remainder trust. Benefits: variable income, charitable deduction, and a legacy to our church.
7. Give marketable Real Estate outright to the church now, (a house, farm, vacation home, etc.). Benefits: you will receive a significant income tax deduction, remove the property from your estate, and have the satisfaction of making a major gift in support of your religious values.
8. Give marketable Real Estate now to fund a Charitable Remainder Unitrust that pays income for life, or for a period of up to 20 years to one or more income beneficiaries. Benefits: Charitable income tax deduction, total avoidance of capital gains taxes, and a legacy to our church.
9. Establish a life estate agreement. Give your primary residence to the church now, but continue to live in it for the rest of your life. Benefits: you will receive a valuable charitable income tax deduction, and leave to our church property it can sell to support its mission.

If you are interested in discussing any of these (and other) Legacy options, please contact me.

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