

THE PIONEER

July-August 2009

Paper Pulpit

The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister

Again we've had a number of deaths affecting our UUSG community - the information is in our Circles of Life section, and we may well over these past months have missed some. We're a larger congregation than we sometimes realize. Rarely does a month go by without someone among us having to deal directly with issues of mortality.

You may have noticed, if you've been in our Garden, that the new memorial stones have at last been installed. We had to wait for weather and schedules to cooperate, since I needed to be here to work with the landscaping crew. After they prepared the ground, I had five containers of ashes to be interred before the stones could be placed. As they had wished, the ashes of Roger Robbins, Connie McFadden, Ellen MacGregor, and two of Ellen's beloved cats now rest in the Memorial Garden.

When Ellen died in December, I wrote a prayer for her - and others. Placing her ashes in the ground of course has had me thinking about her and other UUSG friends, now gone. For Ellen, and for others as well, this is "A Prayer for Our Challenging Friends . . . "

God bless our challenging friends –
the cantankerous, who do not suffer fools gladly – or grudgingly, either,
whatever their station or power or rank;
the forthright and the alarmingly honest,
who have no filter to speak of between thought and speech;
the opinionated, their certainties shaped by both reason and longing;
the awkward, the stubborn, the loyal, determined, the ones who have learned
how they've had to be strong.
God bless the ones who are demanding and pushy –
who regard with respect those who firmly push back.

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God bless the ones who seem hard and prickly –
who are so much more fragile than they would appear,
who need so much – and give so much,
whose edges are softened by passion and love.

God bless all our friends – our loved ones – our neighbors –
God bless all the challenging people.

And since that would be all of us – God bless us, every one.

All people are challenging, different, odd –
we need from each other compassion and patience.
We need from each other kindness and understanding.

May we be so blessed
And may we so bless others, all the days of our lives.

Religious Education Announcements and Upcoming Events

Coming soon...Two OWL Facilitator Training opportunities!

On Friday, October 2, from 10am to 9pm, and Saturday, October 3, from 9am to 9 pm, UUSG will host Our Whole Lives (OWL) Facilitator Training for Grades 7-9 and 10-12.

On Friday, October 16, from 5pm to 9pm, and Saturday, October 17, from 9am to 9pm, the Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist in Palatine will host OWL Facilitator Training for Grades K-1 and 4-6.

This training provides an opportunity to:

- * Experience activities of the curricula as they were designed to be conducted.
- * Experience a supportive environment to practice skills and receive constructive feedback.
- * Get in touch with one's own feelings, opinions, experiences and comfort level in facilitating a sexuality education program
- * Connect one's sexuality and faith (as well as understand & accept others') in a nurturing environment.

If you are interested in attending OWL training for either age group (or both), please contact Sandi Sumner at LRE@uusg.org or 630-232-2350 x224.

Upcoming Adult & Youth LRE Events

July 22, 7:00pm	Compassionate Communication Study Group
July 25, 6:30pm	Small Group Ministry
July 26, 1:00pm	Coming of Age Program
Aug 2, 1:00pm	UU Atheism/Humanism Study Group
Aug 8, 6:30pm	YRUU Habitat for Humanity Reunion
Aug 9, 1:00pm	Coming of Age Program
Aug 12, 7:00pm	Compassionate Communication Study Group
Aug 13, 7:30pm	Small Group Ministry
Aug 15, 3:30pm	Small Group Ministry
Aug 16, 1:00pm	LRE Retreat
Aug 19, 7:00pm	LRE Committee Meeting
Aug 21, 7:00pm	Friday Flicks: "Rethink Afghanistan"
Aug 23, 1:00pm	Coming of Age Program
Aug 26, 7:00pm	Compassionate Communication Study Group
Aug 29, 6:30pm	Small Group Ministry

Weekly Adult RE Opportunities

Mondays, 7pm, in the Common Room:
"Still Living in the Present Moment"

Wednesdays, 7pm, in the Sanctuary:
UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Paganism Study Group

The Paganism Study Group has taken a summer break, but we will reconvene with a new book on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the church.

The book we'll be discussing will be announced soon -- watch for it. The group is open to all that are interested in studying Paganism. No need to sign up -- just come!

Questions? Contact Jill Brown at jill.monga@comcast.net.

YRUU Habitat Reunion

On Saturday August 8, at 6:30pm, UUSG is hosting a reunion for 10 years of participants in the Youth Habitat for Humanity Program.

Following a potluck supper, a brief program recognizing Hal Schulman for his contribution of this ministry to UUSG will take place.

All members and friends of UUSG are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Laura Laughlin through the church office at 630-232-2350 or office@uusg.org.

Simple Living Group Summer Plans

- * Thursday, July 23 at 9:30am at Susan O'Neill's house
- * Thursday, August 27 at 9:30am at Bob Brubaker's and Marilyn James' house
- * For more info, contact Gail Tattersfield through the office.

Volunteer Headquarters

Volunteer Appreciation We send our heartfelt appreciation to these volunteers:

Karen Moore, Karin Marshall Kemp, Dan & Sandy Bottoms, Sally Jones, Kathy Meier, Al & Ann Drover, and Jen, Starbuck, Rosie, Sadie, & Ellie Johnson, keeping the weeds at bay!

Sherri Casterline, Kathy Meier, Karin Marshall Kemp, and Karen Moore, for watering our property (when it hasn't been raining!)

Bob Atac & Tom Russo, for coordinating this year's Swedish Days pizza booth fundraiser

We'd like to especially (and profusely!) thank Kathy Meier and the Blue Goose Grocery Store, for their tremendous help and cooperation! It was a great pleasure to work with you for this event.

All those who helped out at the Pizza Booth:

Deann Alleman	Glen Flodstrom	Lily Phillips
Melissa Auer	Jim Frazier	Jean & Lou Pierce
Katie Baar	Pam & Jay Galligan	Page Poris
Pete Babich	Jinny Gilgan	John Rosenkrans
Kathy Basil	Jennifer Graham	Sue Sanders
Dori Becker	Sharon Hansen	Jennifer Scanlan
Eric Bodwell	Beth Johnson	Hal & Chris Schulman
Dan & Sandy Bottoms	Mary Jonke	Neill Shanahan
John Brennan	Paul & Steve Justis	Sue & Jeff Stibal
Jennifer Briggs	Zia & Jordan Karim	Bob Swanson
Amy Brink	Jane Kemp	Gail & George Tattersfield
Betty Bristol	Laura Kivisto	Diane, Shawn, & Ryan Thornton
Jill Brown	Sharon Kramper	Pam & Roger Tilbrook
Michael Brown	Carolyn Lach	David & Renee Tomell
Rob Brundige	Patrick McGleam	Pat Ward
Jim & Linda Burke	Joan McInnes	Mary Watters
Judith Calleja	Barb & Dane McKittrick	Ed & Ruth Wehling
Aaron & Nathan Clevenger	Jenny Montgomery	Elliott Welsh
Bev & Peter Coe	Rich Neubauer	Debbie Wilhite
Norlyn & Marcia Dimmitt	Gary & Kathie Noll	Jane Willard
Ann & Al Drover	Linda O'Neill	Molly MacKay Zacker
Mary Enck	Glenda Peck	Kat Zimmerman
Joanne Erickson		

Social Hour: Learning the Ropes

If you've thought about hosting social hour but just aren't sure how it all works, you're in luck!

We have Social Hour Hosting Experts on hand each Sunday to show you how it's done. They'll teach you how to set up, run the coffee machine and dishwasher, and clean up afterwards.

It's easy, it's fun, you can still go to the worship service, and you might even make some new friends!

We're looking for "Hosting Newbies" on the following Sundays:

July 26--working with Experts Bob Atac & Lucy Thelin Atac

August 2--working with Expert Lou Pierce

If you're interested in learning, you can sign up by going to <http://content.uusg.org/greeters-and-social-hour-hosts/> or at the Volunteer Opportunities bulletin board in the Common Room!

Circles of Life

We send our loving sympathy to Linda Valentine, whose father died in June; to Steve Justis, whose mother died in May; to Julie Wegerich, whose father died in June; and to Jan Lee, whose father died in July. Even when it's anticipated, we know that the death of a parent is terribly hard, and we hold you all in our hearts. We also send our sympathies to the extended Henningson family; Cathy Ann Newman, daughter of Jerry's sister Gwen, died suddenly in June. Memorial services for Jerry's niece and for Linda's father were held here at UUSG in July.

Linda has asked us to pass this message along to everyone who helped with setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the lunch that followed her father's service — Steve Carrow, Deb Brod, Melissa Auer & Patrick McGleam, Monica Jenkins, Ruth Cavanaugh, Norlyn Dimmitt, Gail & George Tattersfield, David de Coriolis & Rhonda Robinson, Kate Frazier, Jeanne Neltner, and Katie Phillips - and to our pianist, Lynn Fisher McCanne — “Thank you to all who volunteered their time and hard work preparing for my father's memorial service on Saturday, July 18th. Your smiles and attention made all who attended feel welcome and comfortable. I am so grateful for your generosity.”

Our prayers and best wishes for full healing and fast recovery go out to Lynn Fisher McCanne's mom in California and to Jennie Scanlon's dad (and our thoughts are with Lynn and Jennie as well), to Gloria Mansfield and her new knee, and to all others dealing with life's challenges.

On the other side of the circle, we celebrate with Helen Hawkins on the birth of her 5th grand-nephew! We invite everyone to let us know about births and other significant joys in their lives by sending a note to the office, so we can share the good news with our UUSG community.

To everyone, please remember that your church community is here and ready to provide whatever practical and emotional support we can - just let us know. You can always call the office and talk with or leave a message for one of our ministers, or ask for one of our Lay Ministers to give you a call. You are not alone.

Opportunities for Service with Youth Outlook

UUSG has been hosting Youth Outlook's newest GLBT Teen Drop-In Center beginning this spring, and it's been a wonderful experience for both organizations. They've had the biggest turn-out of youth at the start of a new center in their history, and we're able to create a safe place for area youth. This is an important ministry in our wider community; providing space has been a wonderful thing, but now we have an opportunity for members of the UUSG community to do even more!

Nancy Mullen, director of Youth Outlook, is always on the hunt for volunteers who can help Youth Outlook improve the lives of queer youth and their families. There are opportunities for people to work behind-the-scenes, helping with administrative needs or events, as well as to work directly with youth. There is a volunteer application process. You can find out more about volunteering by going to www.youth-outlook.org or get application materials by talking to Rev. Adam.

Swedish Days Pizza Booth Results

Many, many thanks to the 85+ volunteers who helped make this year's Swedish Days Pizza Booth a success even with the hot weather! See page 3 for a complete list of those who helped out (and if you were there and we've left you out of the list, please tell Katie in the office so we can give you proper credit!).

The Pizza Booth is our biggest fundraiser, despite the fact that the profits depend heavily on the weather and the state of the economy. This year, we net \$4102, which is something to be proud of considering how very hot it was and how discretionary spending is down due to the recession.

Special thanks go to Bob Atac and Tom Russo, who coordinated the event and continue to make adjustments that make the event run more smoothly.

This year, at least 5 new people came to the Sanctuary door on the Sunday of Swedish Days for a worship service. In order to make Swedish Days visitors more welcome next year, the Membership Committee will provide an “open house” where people can see the Sanctuary, learn more about UUSG, and meet some church members.

Social Justice News

August Friday Flick: "Rethink Afghanistan"

"Rethink Afghanistan" will be the Friday Flick on August 21 at 7pm. Directed by Robert Greenwald ("The High Cost of Low Price"), the film examines the human and financial costs of the war. If one thing is clear, it is that we are getting conflicting messages about the war. Greenwald believes the war is morally, strategically, and tactically wrong. But the policies of the current administration differ in some key ways from those of the past eight years.

In our discussion following the film, we will examine the current situation from different perspectives. We will also consider ways in which we can provide support for people in Afghanistan refugee camps. Join us for this timely conversation!

Shopping to Change the World

Beginning in August, the Social Justice committee will be selling Ellis Jones' *Better World Shopping Guide* (2008) to members of our congregation for \$10 each during social hours. The book grades companies on 5 issues--human rights, the environment, animal protection, community involvement and social justice.

Did you know that you can buy cereal from a company which sends 10% of its profits to peace-building efforts or cookies from a company that contributes 100% of its profits to education and charity? In this economic climate, we all are spending our money carefully. Now we can be socially responsible shoppers, as well.

September RSVP Opportunity

The Social Justice Committee arranges RSVP (Recruiting Service Volunteer Participants) opportunities – usually on the third Saturday of each month. To register to participate in any of these opportunities, sign up on the Social Justice bulletin board in the Common Room, register online at <http://content.uusg.org/rsvp-program/>, or contact Lisa Gades through the church office.

The next RSVP opportunity is on September 19, 2-4pm. We'll be helping Feed My Starving Children package nutritious meals to send to hungry children.

People ages 5 and up are invited to join us (children ages 5-9 must be accompanied by a parent).

Action Alert: Quality, Affordable Health Care

Legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives are expected to vote on **HR 3200** by July 31st. The bill was proposed on July 14, 2009. It permits people either to buy health insurance from the private sector or to choose a public plan.

- The plan achieves near-universal coverage through a combination of regulation and subsidies.
- Insurance companies would be required to offer the same coverage to everyone, regardless of medical history
- Everyone except the poor and near-poor would be obliged to buy insurance, with the aid of subsidies that would limit premiums as a share of income. People who make up to \$66,000 per year will get a subsidy that they can use toward either public or private, and there will be a subsidy for small businesses.
- Employers would also have to chip in, with all firms employing more than 25 people required to offer their workers insurance or pay a penalty.
- And those who prefer not to buy insurance from the private sector would be able to choose a public plan instead.

350 lobbyists are spending 1.2 million each day to argue against health care reform in our country. \$450,000,000 has already been spent since January by the insurance industry.

What you can do: Write to your federal legislators today to share your stories about health-care. Federal legislators have full coverage for their families. They need to hear from us. You can follow the progress of the bill either at <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/> or through <http://www.healthcareforamericanow.org/>.

Note: Single-payer bills, which would provide for a public plan only, are HR 676 and S.703. The single-payer bill in Illinois is HB 311. All of these bills are currently still in committee.

Giving "Beyond Our Walls"

In June, we collected \$614.32 for the Association for Individual Development in Aurora.

Green Corner

Water-wise Car Washing

From www.ucsus.org/publications/greentips/

Taking your car to the local car wash instead of washing it at home might seem like a guilty pleasure, but from an environmental perspective it is often the better choice. When you wash your car in the driveway or street, contaminants such as grease and brake dust (as well as the detergent itself) flow into storm sewers, which discharge directly into our waterways. Car washes, on the other hand, are required to drain their water into sanitary sewers (which direct sewage to treatment facilities) or to filter and reuse it.

Water efficiency is also a benefit of many commercial car washes. An analysis by the Maryland Department of the Environment found that car washes use approximately 50 to 75 gallons of water per car (assuming the water is not being recycled); using the self-service bay consumes only 15 gallons. A typical garden hose, on the other hand, which has an average flow rate of seven gallons per minute, would exceed a car wash's water consumption after two minutes compared with the self-service bay or seven minutes compared with the automated wash if the hose were left running.

If you don't live near a car wash, here are some ways to clean your car in an ecological way:

- **Wash on gravel, grass, or another permeable surface.** Grass and gravel help filter contaminants from your wash water so they don't end up in the storm sewer.
- **Use a water-saving hose nozzle.** A nozzle with adjustable spray settings and automatic shut-off can save as much as 70 gallons per wash.
- **Use the right soap.** Choose a biodegradable soap that is chlorine- and phosphate-free. Avoid dish soap, which could remove your car's wax finish.
- **Use "gray" water.** If you use biodegradable detergents in your home, and local regulations allow, you can wash your car with the water that drains from your washing machine or dishwasher. You can also use captured rain water.
- **Dump your dirty soap bucket into a sink or toilet.** These drain into the sanitary sewer (instead of the storm sewer).
- **Consider waterless wash products.** Several companies have developed nontoxic car cleaners that require no water; they are designed to be sprayed on and wiped off with a soft towel.

It's a Seed Exchange hosted by Batavia Mainstreet

The event isn't until October 10th, but soon it will be time to start collecting seeds from your garden. The chives are ready. Soon the lettuce and spinach will have mature seed pods. Collect whatever you have -- the flowers and vegetables that are favorites and thrive in our area. Then put the seeds in little envelopes, label them and share them.

Small envelopes will be available for sale each week at the Batavia Mainstreet table at the Farmer's Market – 10 envelopes for a dollar.

For information about how to collect seeds and general guidelines for the seed exchange, visit www.greenbatavia.org/what-you-can-do/seeds.aspx.

There are links to sites which include instructions on how to collect different types of vegetable and ornamental seeds. Remember that hybrids won't reproduce well. Focus on heirloom and native plants, plants that are true to the parentage, and steer clear of exotic invasives.

Give a little, get a little!

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am – noon

Batavia Farmer's Market

A Little More Green Corner

Cut Back Your Consumption

Hints from www.ivillage.com

Hold the Phone Book

"Opt out of receiving telephone books at www.YellowPagesGoesGreen.org. They will contact the publishers and inform them to stop delivering books. This is a free service. [The site] is working with state and local governments on ordinances concerning the delivery of unsolicited telephone books. [The site] is not against telephone books, but against the delivery of 4 to 5 pounds of paper on people's doorsteps 5 to 6 times per year."

Refuse Receipts

"I just read that if you decline a receipt at your ATM machine or gas pump you would save the planet tons of paper trash. ATM receipts are one of the top sources of litter on the planet. Apparently if everyone in the U.S. did not take a receipt at the ATM, it would save a roll of paper more than 2 billion feet long, or enough to circle the equator 15 times."

Lose Your Lunch (Bag)

"I pack over 500 lunches each year and am always looking for ways to save money and reduce waste. [I] pack in a reusable lunch box, use a metal water bottle, buy fresh fruits in their own 'wrappers,' buy in bulk to save money and packaging, [and] pack cloth napkins (find perfect ones sized right for the lunch boxes and in fun themes for kids at www.LitterFreeLunch.com). My kids bring everything home to be reused and a big benefit is that I can see what they eat for lunch!"

Over-Ripe Fruit Solutions

"I put over-ripe bananas and apples in a plastic bag and place them in the freezer. Then when I bake banana bread or apple bread, I simply thaw them in the microwave a bit then use them in my bread. Yum!"

Upcoming Services & Summer Planning

Summer Services

Through September 6: summer schedule of one service
on Sundays at 10am

September 12 & 13: return to our regular 3-service weekends
(Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 9am & 11am)

Church School

July – August: Spirit Play for grades K through 5.

Staff Travels & Vacations

Lindsay is attending the annual National Guild of Hypnotists
Convention, August 4-12

Financial Report...How's That Deficit?

We're very pleased to report that we ended fiscal year 08-09 with a deficit of only \$168.03! Considering that we originally projected a deficit of \$6728, we should be very proud.

Many thanks to the committees who kept their spending to a minimum, and to our generous pledgers and donors who continue to support UUSG.

We look forward to seeing how we can save money and reduce the deficit again in the current fiscal year.

Traveling with UU Friends

As you travel to work or on your way to some wonderful summer vacation, wouldn't you like to take along some UU friends?

Unitarian Universalist Podcasts—sermons, meditations, RE materials, and more—are available from the Church of the Larger Fellowship anytime and any place for your iPod, MP3 player, or computer. Hear the voices of UU contributors to the CLF's worship publication via iTunes subscription or listen à la carte.

The Church of the Larger Fellowship is the UU congregation through mail and the Web. Our monthly worship publication, "Quest," (also available in print and on-line) gathers contributions from renowned UU ministers.

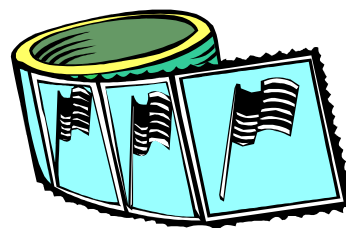
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Going Behind the Scenes

Have you ever wondered what happens at Council Meetings or Board Meetings?

These meetings are open to anyone who's interested. The Councils (which is a meeting of the Committee chairs, vice presidents, ministers, and administrative staff) meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. The Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Save a Stamp!
Pick up your 08-09
end-of-year pledge
statement in the
Common Room!



Facilities Reminders!

Carpet Spills These will happen! Cleaning up spills immediately using *CLUB SODA* is the most effective method. Kits of club soda and clean rags are placed in the kitchen, the mini-kitchen downstairs and in the LRE Supply Room upstairs in Pioneer House. Instructions are with the kits: just rub the spot with some fizzy club soda. Cleanup is most effective if done immediately, before the spills soak into the carpet. If supplies are low, please notify the office.

Our Painted Walls To protect our paint, please avoid sticking things on the walls. Use the tack strips that are in most rooms and hallways. **Please do not use tape on the painted walls.** Avoid leaning things against the walls.

Outlet Covers All electrical outlets on the first floor need child protective covers for safety and to comply with fire department regulations. Extras are stored in the file cabinet (lower drawer), south wall of the Common Room.

Repairs and Maintenance Needs When a need is noticed, please notify the office. It helps to have your name & the date the problem was noted.

Emergency Repairs A procedure for emergency repairs is posted in the Common Room, on the door to the church office, and in PH-11. This lists whom to call when a problem requires immediate attention.

Our calendar is provided on the next page, and is current as of July 22, 2009. For the most up-to-date calendar information, please visit our Website Calendar – go to www.uusg.org and follow the links to the Interactive Online Calendar. You can download a printable version if you like; the Calendar site has the instructions.

NEXT PIONEER DEADLINE

The deadline for submission to this monthly newsletter, the PIONEER, is generally 9:00 a.m. on the third Friday of the month.

The next deadline for articles is **Friday, August 21, at 9:00 a.m.**

AUGUST 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM Worship and Summer Church School (K-5); Social Hour at 11am 1:00 PM Coming of Age Program	27 <i>Associate Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:00 PM AA Group Meeting 7:00 PM Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	28 3:00 PM Staff Meeting	29 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	30 <i>Associate Minister's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:00 PM Youth Outlook (youth can begin arriving at 6:30pm)	31	1 12:00 PM Flute Studio Recital (open to the public) 1:00 PM Committee on Ministries Meeting
2 10:00 AM Worship and Summer Church School (K-5); Social Hour at 11am 1:00 PM UU Atheism/Humanism Study Group 2:00 PM Private Violin Recital	3 <i>Associate Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:00 PM AA Group Meeting 7:00 PM Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment" 7:30 PM Technology Committee Meeting	4 <i>Senior Minister at Annual Hypnotism Convention</i> 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Sacred Harp Singing 7:30 PM Program & Administrative Councils	5 <i>Senior Minister at Annual Hypnotism Convention</i> 12:00 PM "Healthy Habits" Group 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	6 <i>Associate Minister's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister at Annual Hypnotism Convention</i> 7:00 PM Youth Outlook (youth can begin arriving at 6:30pm)	7 <i>Senior Minister at Annual Hypnotism Convention</i>	8 <i>Senior Minister at Annual Hypnotism Convention</i> 10:00 AM All-Day Sacred Harp Singing 6:30 PM YRUU Habitat for Humanity Reunion
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Our Covenant (written in 1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world, and of aiding each other in our moral and religious improvement, we have associated ourselves together — not as agreeing in opinion, not as having attained universal truth in belief or perfection in

Our Mission Statement

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