

## UUC VOICE

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## MESSAGE FROM DAN

Pat Larsen had exploratory surgery Thursday, February 18th at Good Shepherd Hospital. The surgeon found what he believes is metastatic breast cancer that has spread from her breast to her lung. The results of the biopsy will be out in 3- 4 days. If this turns out to be correct, the prognosis for life expectancy is not the best. However we are both committed to extending the duration her life as well as maximizing its quality. We are feeling positive and hopeful and believe that in a real sense everything is going to be OK.

At this point what we need are your good thoughts and prayers. She is in ICU and cannot receive flowers. Cards are for the long haul. So please just think good things and keep her "in the Light".

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 21st – "A White American Looks at the Black American Experience"

Rev. Jim Hobart will be speaking. A sermon for Black History month.

February 28th - "Everything is going to be OK".

Rev. Dan Larsen will be speaking about the times that we face an end to life. In addition Roz Zarecky will speak about the Pagan Group.

March 7th – "Forgive or Give Up"

Rev. Dan Larsen will be speaking about the times when you are hurt by others. Do you forgive them or "give up" the hurt?

## PASTORAL CARE

Do you need pastoral care? If you or a member of your family or other church members you know of needs pastoral care, a visit, or conversation with either of our ministers, please contact the church office and talk with Lori or Karen at 815-338-0731 or leave a message at [office@uucofwoodstock.org](mailto:office@uucofwoodstock.org) and they will contact Rev. James Hobart and Rev. Dan Larsen and let them know what is needed. Rev. James Hobart and Rev. Dan Larsen will decide who will be able to respond to your request.

## LARSEN'S HOUSE SALE

Dan and Pat are having a house sale at their old house in Alden this Friday, Feb19 and Saturday Feb 20th with a lot of their furniture and personal things for sale. If you are interested, you can drive to Alden,

(North from Woodstock on RT 47 to Hebron, turn left on Rt. 173 until just before you get to Alden – a grey farmhouse on the north side of the road - 16114 Rt. 173) The sale will be between the hours 9:00 a.m. until 4:00p.m. Numbers are available at 8:30a.m.

#### 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT – THIS SUNDAY - Feb 21st

It has been 20 years since Tom Steffens joined the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock, first as a church member, then as organist and in recent years, choir director. To celebrate this anniversary, he will be giving a concert on Sunday, February 21st, at 7:00p.m., at the church.

Tom will be joined by 7 friends who will help him fill the evening with jazz and musical theatre favorites, some Irish/Celtic tunes and even an original composition or two.

This is a concert for all of you. Please come and help me celebrate this anniversary. A reception will follow the concert.

#### MUSIC FOR MARTIN

Sunday February 21st, at 3:30 p.m., in remembrance and honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, the Grace Lutheran Church will have “MUSIC FOR MARTIN” featuring musical and artistic expressions from Local Artists to celebrate the ‘Life and Teachings’ of Dr. Martin Luther King. The event will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Rd. (1/2 block east of Rt. 14).

#### AUCTION 2010

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH AT 6:00P.M. ~~ CHURCH AUCTION!!!

Volunteers are needed to ensure that the auction fundraiser event on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 is a smashing success! Shelly Nicholson and Sue Eberhardt are working on the catalog for the auction.

We really need people to donate food items such as hors d'oeuvres, cakes, cookies and other snacks. Be a part of the fun - - a guaranteed good time!

Contact Shelly Nicholson if you can join in and lend a hand on the day of the event (815) 322-2533 or [snichol33@hotmail.com](mailto:snichol33@hotmail.com) or Sue Eberhardt 815-337-8137 [sue.eberhardt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sue.eberhardt@sbcglobal.net)

#### GREEN SANCTUARY- FILM FEST

The Green Sanctuary will be having a ‘Film Festival’ on Sunday, February 28th The Festival will present several films that offer great insight and information into a variety of important environmental issues. The program will begin at 2:00p.m. and will run until 9:00p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Film presentations;

2:00p.m. – “Bioneers”

3:00p.m. - “Tom Berry – The Great Story” a documentary

4:00p.m. - “Dirt” - The ‘Earth’ beneath our feet - protecting the ultimate natural resource

5:00p.m. – “Bioneers”

7:00p.m. - “The World According to Monsanto” – The giant biotech corporation threatening to destroy the agricultural biodiversity from Hazardous Chemicals to Genetically Modified Seeds.

Between the feature films we will show shorter films from the “Bioneers” Conference

([www.bioneers.org](http://www.bioneers.org)) - social and scientific innovators that focus on breakthrough solutions that are inspired by nature and human ingenuity. For more information please contact the church office, 815-338-0731 or Margaret Fox-Hawthorne at 815-943-6828

## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be hosting a "Soup Day" on Sunday, March 14th which will be held in the church basement immediately after church. We will be offering an eclectic variety of soups, salad and bread for your enjoyment. Please be generous with your donations as it will be supporting an excellent cause.

We are looking for church members to donate a homemade soup to be offered that day. For soup donations please contact Janet Burns at (847) 542-7678 or at [janetrugi@yahoo.com](mailto:janetrugi@yahoo.com).

This event will serve as the first of a series of fundraisers, the proceeds of which will help fund the Youth Group's mission trip to Mexico this upcoming July. While in Mexico, our youth will participate in laying a water pipeline to a small local school and assisting with improving the living conditions of some houses in the area. This trip will be carried out in partnership with a small non-profit organization Build a Dream. If you have any questions about this project or would like to make a donation to this fund please contact the Youth Advisers, Mary Fleming at 815-814-2054 or Barb Oesterle at 815-814-2058.

## KNITTING GROUP

Steve is forming a new small group, focused on knitting and conversation. This group open to knitters at all levels and those who would like to learn to knit. Please contact Steve Lyons at ph. 815-981-0860 [slyons00@gmail.com](mailto:slyons00@gmail.com)

## GIFT-CARDS STILL AVAILIABLE

By participating in purchase of gift cards you can help to raise money for the church.

The process is simple; you choose the gift cards you want to order and fill out a form provided at church. Drop off the form and cash or check (payable to UUC of Woodstock with gift card on the memo line) to Heather Madaus or Whit Sears after church on Sundays, or mail it to the church by Monday. You will receive your orders on the following Sunday.

The church makes \$ by purchasing the cards at a discount and you get the face value of your card! Please consider helping us by planning your weekly expenses for fuel, groceries, entertainment, and gift-giving from this list!

Please contact Heather Madaus for online ordering instructions or with further questions at [heathermadaus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heathermadaus@sbcglobal.net) or at 815-509-7862.

#### CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Discussion Group will be looking at the Dreyfus affair to inform our discussion this week. Some questions that may be addressed: Does financial difficulty or loss of status lead us as individuals (and nations) to question or core values, to be confused as to what our core values are, and to bend those core values to 'fix' the currently faced difficulty? There are many people who claim to know what our core values are/should be. Whom can we believe? We could also ask if core values are unchanging and eternal...or if they evolve. If anyone is familiar with the Old Testament Prophets, their knowledge would greatly enhance our discussion. Join us for lively conversation at 9 AM this Sunday in the Parsonage.

#### MEN'S GROUP

On Tuesday, February 23rd, at 6:00p.m., The Men's Group will be meeting at "Pirro's Restaurant", 228 main St (815-337-9100) across the street from the Movie Theater in the Woodstock Square.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) UPDATES

February 19th and 20th

The Youth group O.W.L. program will meet at 6:00p.m. Friday at the parsonage for an overnight - until Saturday at 4:00p.m.

#### LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found box in the social room for any missing items; a black beaded bracelet was found at the last Worship Service and there are also many reading glasses and mittens, etc. Thank you.

#### OFFICE SCHEDULE

Lori Burns and Karen Stowe share in the secretarial duties at the church office. Office hours from February 22nd to March 5th

Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Lori Burns  
Tuesday, all day – Janet Burns, Bookkeeper  
Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe  
Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Lori Burns  
Friday, 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe