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FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

**We will begin collecting non-perishable food for the Woodstock Food Pantry this Sunday, May 2nd. Please bring food and a bag to carry it and place it on the table in the Social Room. Janet Freund and Kathe Lacey-Anderson will be delivering the collected food to the Food Pantry.

PRELUDE

I am in Woodstock two Sunday's a month. Most weeks I am here Tuesday, stay overnight, and Wednesday.

With some exceptions, most people do not seek me out while I'm here. Please understand, I'm not complaining I'm neglected. I always have more than enough to do. I'm saying the congregation is not getting the full benefit of my ministry. I'm speaking here about the matters that have to do with the work of the members to keep the church lively and vital. This is a major part of the church's ministry. Yes, much of this ministry concerns committees and teams and working groups. I cannot do this ministry by myself. I am available to work alongside those members who have said "yes" to their responsibilities and opportunities. This is my invitation. Please take me up on my offer.

James A. Hobart

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 2nd – “The Art of Choosing”

Dan will speak. The book by Sheena Iyengar that is being used by the Sunday Morning “Current Events” class suggests that Unitarians are more depressed than any other religious group because we don't have to choose. Let's talk about that!

Two Community Ministry programs will also be featured Debbie Viger will tell about Tikkun Olam and Joe Blanco talking about our new summer church supper and PADS.

RE Committee and Sam Jones, RE Director, will be honoring our church school teachers and aides.

**Parents of Pre-School and Kindergarten are requested to keep their children upstairs in church until the Recognition of Teachers, and follow downstairs afterwards.

May 9th – Mother’s Day Service – Rev. James A. Hobart

May 16th – NO CHURCH DUE TO FAIR DIDDLEY (Fair Diddlely on the Square, means no parking around the church. We will not meet this Sunday).

May 23rd – Congregational Meeting

May 30th – Memorial Day – Rev. James A. Hobart

BENEFIT CLOTHING SALE

Today, April 30th, 8:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. and tomorrow, Saturday, 8:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. There will be a clothing sale to benefit school children in El Vaquero, Mexico. Our Youth Group is helping support this project. Please contact Mary Fleming 815-814-2054 or email tobeus@gmail.com or Linda Baumert at ph.815-245-1478 - buildabledreams@aol.com if you can help during the sale or clean-up on Saturday. Thank you!

BLUE LOTUS WORKSHOP

Tomorrow, May 1, 2010 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at UUC; join us for this lively discussion on how to create happiness through understanding. Sister Pannavati’s workshop on Saturday, May 1, from 5-7 pm, will be a talk, discussion, and group meditation. Her humor, insight and expansive thinking will take you on an adventure you don’t want to miss!

Cost: The suggested offering is \$20.00 per person. This *dana* will be a contribution towards Ven. Pannavati’s traveling expenses and will also be a gift towards the building fund of Blue Lotus Temple in Woodstock.call Blue Lotus Temple at 815-444-8915 or visit the website: www.bluelotustemple.org

R.E. - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday is Teacher Recognition; please join us in thanking all of our volunteers. Also, if you have not had an opportunity to share your thoughts on the ‘Board’ you still have a chance to do so.

We would like everyone to express in ‘key words’ what they liked about the R E Program this past year. Adults and children are welcome to participate. There is a foam board up in the Social Room and we would like everyone to share their kind thoughts and feelings about the RE Program. Parents please write thoughts on the board for your child.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEWS

The Social Justice Committee, which oversees the Community Ministry Program, is meeting on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00p.m. in the Minister's Office. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the committee, please come.

We will be hosting a Family Supper on Wednesday between May 19th and the end of summer for PADS, DAP, and Latino Outreach clients here at the church. If you can volunteer to help, please call Joe Blanco at 847-814-1385.

Janet Freund and Kathe Lacey-Anderson have volunteered to deliver food once a month from church to the Woodstock Food Pantry. We will begin collecting non-perishable foods here next Sunday, May 2nd.

Dan Larsen
Community Minister

PADS BENEFIT CONCERT

On Sunday, May 2, at 3:00pm, at the Woodstock Opera House, our Adult Choir will take part in "You'll Never Walk Alone" a concert for the benefit of PADS of McHenry County. Our choir will join other music groups from around the county, including St. Mary's of McHenry Choir, Marian Central Catholic School Choir and the MCC Jazz Ensemble in an afternoon of inspirational music benefiting PADS.

Tickets are \$22 and are available by calling the box office at 815-338-5300 or at www.woodstockoperahouse.com Tickets will also be available at the door.

CHURCH BBQ ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH!!

2nd Annual UUCW Fund Raising BBQ - Tickets are now on sale now - from Jeff and Fiona Stilson after Church on Sundays! Come join us!

Sunday, June 6th, 2010. Starting at 12:30pm
At the Main Pavilion, Emricson Park, Woodstock
after the church service
Rain or Shine!

Ticket Price includes 'Famous Dave's BBQ'
Adult \$18 / Child under 10yrs \$6 - Tickets must be presented to claim your meal.
A five dollar profit (two dollars for kids) goes directly to the church fundraiser

*Adult meals include; Georgia Chopped Pork on a bun, 2 pieces of Country Roast Chicken with optional BBQ sauce, Corn Muffin, Wilbur Baked Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Cinnamon Apple

*Vegetarian meals include; Baked potato, Salad, 3 sides, Corn Muffin

*Kid meal includes; Hot Dog and bun, Wilbur Baked Beans, Creamy Coleslaw

GRADUATIONS

Randy and Sue McGowan-Rapp are proud to announce that on Sunday, May 2nd, their son Garrett is graduating with honors from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington IL. His degree is in English Writing and Religion. In addition their son Craig is finishing his High School career by graduating with an Associate's Degree from McHenry County College this May. Craig plans to attend Illinois Wesleyan this fall, 2010. Congratulations and Best of Luck to both Craig and Garrett!

BILLY ELLIOT

On Saturday, June 12th. many of us from church are attending the matinee (2:00) show of "Billy Elliot" in Chicago. We plan on taking the train in and out (only \$5 round trip on weekends), packing a picnic lunch for the train ride and after the show return to our place in Woodstock for an 'after show' Pizza Party. We would love to have you join us. If you want more information please contact Bob Tirk at bobtirk@aol.com or 815-334-8050.

ITEMS/SERVICES FROM THE AUCTION

There is an Auction Item Listing that is posted in Social Room (behind coffee treat table), so if you are still in the dark as to who to contact about a service or dinner you purchased at the Auction 2010 or are curious to see how much your event or service raised for the church, you may see all the details on the folding panel - all items are listed by category and also by whether it was a live or silent auction item. You should contact the person listed to make all arrangements and you may contact Shelly Nicholson for further assistance. snichol33@hotmail.com (614) 456-9744.

Thank you,
Shelly Nicholson

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Discussion Group will meet his Sunday, 9 AM in the Parsonage, to continue its discussion of choice. Informing the discussion will be Sheena Iyengar's book "The Art of Choosing", a review of which may be found on line in the New York Times Book Review of April 18. If you haven't read the book, come anyway! We all make choices.

Iyengar asks "Why is choice powerful and where does its power come from? Do we all choose in the same way? What is the relationship between how we choose and who we are? Why are we so often disappointed by our choices, and how do we make the most effective use of the tool of choice? How much control do we really have over our everyday choices? How do we choose when our options are practically unlimited? Should we ever let others choose for us, and if yes, who and why?" We hope these questions stimulate some of your own.

Join us for a lively discussion this Sunday May 2 at 9 AM in the Parsonage. Questions...call Don Metivier at 815-334-0015.

WALK

Judy Beyer will be participating in the Walk Now for Autism Speaks fundraiser In Chicago on May 15th, 2010. People throughout the U.S. and Canada will be participating in this walk in 80 different locations. If anyone wishes to help us get one step closer to the day we dream of: when no parent hears the words "Your child has autism", please see Judy Beyer in the social room after the service to make your donation. Thank you. - Judy Beyer - donbpi@gmail.com

ORCA

The ORCA group is working on an audio-book study of Wayne Dyer's *Wisdom of the Ages* read by the author. No homework! Just come and listen to the readings. Listen or participate in discussion as you wish. The author offers essays inspired by 60 quotations from poetry and literature that express "life's greatest lessons." Each essay focuses on a topic such as patience, leadership, divinity, prayer, grief, humanity, nonconformity, enthusiasm and forgiveness. Quotes are from individuals such as Buddha, Jesus, Michelangelo, Emily Dickinson, and Shakespeare. Each essay contains some biographical information about the source and is followed by Dyer's discussion including his suggestions for practicing the principle expressed in the quote such as "reverence for nature" and "unity consciousness."

REIKI

Stressed? Anxious? Restless? Depleted? Reiki can help. Join local Reiki practitioners for "A Taste of Reiki" Thursday, May 20th, 2010 here at UUC from 6:30 to 9:00p.m. Your 'Taste of Reiki' will be 20 minutes long. Donation \$10 Please reserve your 20 minute spot in advance by contacting Pam Sourelis at 815-943-0653 or Pam@WingedHorsehealing.com

THE ARTS OF SELF EXPRESSION

The Arts of Self Expression invites you to join us in our new project! Our first ever; “Variety Show & Art Exhibit”. If you sing like an angel or rock star, dance with all your might, read poetry like Shakespeare, crack your friends up with your comedy routine, or mystify crowds with your magic, then this is your time to shine. The event is scheduled for May 29th from 1:00p.m. -4:00p.m. We need fresh talent and seasoned support to pull this event off. Everyone is a star to us. Come join the fun. Please contact Cheryl Niemo for more information 815-669-2552 or 815-347-3171cell

GIFT CARDS HAVE RAISED OVER \$1000 DOLLARS SO FAR

Heather set up a new poster board to help describe the gift-cards that she has available, come and see her or Whit in the Social Room after church when you come for coffee and be inspired....by participating in purchase of gift cards you can help to raise money for the church.

Please contact Heather Madaus for online ordering instructions or with further questions at heathermadaus@sbcglobal.net or at 815-509-7862.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2010 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association will be held June 23-27 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This is the closest GA to Chicago in some time so let's take advantage of the low travel costs.

We are entitled to 2 Ministerial delegates (Rev. James Hobart and Rev. Dan Larsen) and up to 5 member delegates.

If you are interested please contact the church office or go directly to the General Assembly website, www.uua.org/ga

Let's send a full delegation in June!

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Lori Burns and Karen Stowe share in the secretarial duties at the church office. Office hours from

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

CALENDAR OF REGULAR EVENTS

Please help us make sure our calendar is up-to-date! If you have corrections, please contact the Church Office.

- Sunday, May 2nd
 - 10:45 a.m. – “The Art of Choosing” Rev. Dan Larsen will speak
 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – ORCA was Law of Attraction (parsonage)
 - 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Blue Lotus (downstairs)
 - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Zen Meditation w/ Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock

- Monday, May 3rd
 - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – DAP
 - 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Spanish Speaking Support Group
 - 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Latino Outreach
 - 7:00 p.m. – Blue Lotus Temple Meditation (downstairs)

- Tuesday, May 4th
 - 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Zen Meditation w/Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock
 - 9:30 a.m. – Recovery International
 - 7:00 p.m. – Ten Directions Zen Meditation (in parsonage)

- Wednesday, May 5th
 - 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 Tango (upstairs)

- Thursday, May 6th
 - 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. – Zen Meditation w/Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock
 - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – DAP
 - 7:00 p.m. – Mind Over Mood (downstairs parsonage)

- Friday, May 7th
 - 5:15p.m. – 7:30p.m. Jail Breakers - downstairs
 - 7:00p.m. - Men’s AA Meeting – parsonage- downstairs

- Saturday, May 8th
 - 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Zen Meditation w/Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock
 - 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Yoga with Jayson (parsonage)
 - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Blue Lotus Temple Meditation
 - 1:00p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cheryl Niemo Rehearsal
 - 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Off square Music

- Sunday, May 9th
 - 9:00 a.m. – Current Affairs (parsonage)
 - 10:45 a.m. – Worship – “Mother’s Day Service”
 - 2:00p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – ORCA (was Law of Attraction)
 - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Zen Meditation w/ Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock

- Monday, May 10th
 - 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Spanish Speaking Support Group
 - 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Latino Outreach
 - 7:00 p.m. – Blue Lotus Temple Meditation

- Tuesday, May 11th
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. – Zen Meditation w/Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock
9:30 a.m. – Recovery International
7:00 p.m. – Ten Directions Zen Meditation (parsonage)
- Wednesday, May 12th
4:00 p.m. – 9:00.p.m. PADS Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
7:00 p.m. – 8:30p.m. Tango (upstairs)
- Thursday, May 13th
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. – Zen Meditation w/ Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – DAP
7:00 p.m. – Mind Over Mood (downstairs parsonage)
- Friday, May 14th
5:15p.m. – 7:30p.m. Jailbrakers (downstairs)
7:00 p.m. – Men’s AA Meeting (parsonage)
7:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CUUPS (Upstairs)
- Saturday, May 15th
6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Zen Meditation w/ Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock
8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Yoga with Jayson (upstairs in church)
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Cheryl Niemo Rehearsal
- Sunday , May 16th
10:45 a.m. – NO CHURCH SERVICE – DUE TO FAIR DIDDLEY
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – ORCA (was Law of Attraction)
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Zen Meditation w/ Harold Rail at 861 Clay St. Woodstock

“MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL”