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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

June 28th “BARN SERVICE AT THE TINKLER’S”

Our theme this year is “Journeys”. We will be reflecting on and talking about some of the journeys we have taken in our lives. These may be literal travels to other places; our life journeys, such as passage to adulthood, marriage, parenthood, grieving, a spiritual journey or journey of recovery. We hope you’ll join us at Peter and Kathy Tinkler’s barn (11314 McConnell Rd.) as we share where these journeys have taken us. Please bring a flower for the flower wheel (a Barn Service tradition) and a dish to pass for the potluck lunch immediately following the service.

Directions: From Rt. 47, go East on McConnell Road (Mambo Car Wash on the corner). Follow McConnell Road passed Brown Publishing to the first barn on your left. The Tinkler’s house will be on your left, just across from the driveway to Columbia Pipe Company. There is parking available on the lawn (and some of the UUtes will guide you to a spot) or you can park on the north side of McConnell Road. From the East, take Rt. 14 north to Lily Pond Rd and turn right. Take Lily Pond. to the end and turn left onto McConnell Rd. Follow McConnell Road until you see the industrial buildings on your left. The barn will be on your right and you will start to see a line of cars parked on the right side of McConnell Road.

July 5th-NO CHURCH “Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July Weekend”

July 12th – Summer Services Begin

During the months of July and August and up through Labor Day Sunday, we have summer services at the regular time of 10:45 a.m., either upstairs or downstairs depending on the particular service. Most of the services are led by church members except for the last two Sundays in August when Dan will share our annual Animal Blessing (August 22) and he and Pat will host their annual House Communion (August 29th).

Carol Alfus and the Worship Committee will be organizing the rest of the summer services. A complete schedule of summer services will be available in the next issue of the Voice. Plan on coming every Sunday at 10:45 beginning Sunday, July 12th.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Lora Cantele, Karen Stowe, and Gail Wells share in the secretarial duties at the church office. You will find the office schedule below.

Monday, June 29: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lora Cantele

Tuesday, June 30: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, July 1: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Gail Wells
Thursday, July 2 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele
Friday, July 3: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Monday, July 6: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele
Tuesday, July 7: all day – Janet Burns
Wednesday, July 8: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Gail Wells
Thursday, July 9: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele
Friday, July 10: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for coffee for the summer schedule. It's easy and very much appreciated by all. Please either sign up in the social room of the church or contact the church office.

TRANSITION

The rumors of my impending retirement are premature!!! I plan to be around for a while. Here's what's happening...

The Church Council has approved a different type of transition to a new minister. For a period of time, after we recruit a new minister, there will be two of us here, each part-time, and sharing the budget for a minister. At the end of that overlapping period, the new minister will become full-time, and hopefully I will be able to continue on as a "Community" minister, working with our outreach, social justice and interfaith programs.

This summer a "Transition Committee" has been appointed by the Church Council to come up with a specific plan to propose to a new minister. The Congregation will approve the plan and appoint a "Search Committee" at a Congregational Meeting probably this fall. The Search Committee will work with the UUA Recruitment Process to find a minister who is interested in our situation. When one is found we will work together for a period of time. Then, hopefully they will continue full-time and I will begin a "Community Ministry".

That is the plan so far. I think it's a good approach for the future. We'll keep you posted!

Dan

SECOND CHANCE BOOK, MUSIC & MOVIE SALE

Planning is underway for the Church's **Second Chance Book, Music & Movie Sale**, which will be held in conjunction with Woodstock's Sidewalk Days, July 24 & 25. We are hoping this will be a successful fundraiser for the church, and to make it so we will need donations of your used books, music and/or movies. Children's materials are also welcome!

Here's what we need:

1. As far as books go, "gently used" are the key words. **We respectfully request that you don't give us any magazines, journals, textbooks, encyclopedias or Reader's Digest books.**

2. We would like to limit our music sales to **CD's only**—no LP's.
 3. As far as movies go, **both DVD and VHS** formats are welcome.
 4. Your help! Sign up sheets are now posted in the Social Room for set-up and sale days. Please consider helping out for a few hours—if you are new to the church this is a fun and easy way to get involved. Sign up at church or contact Carol Alfus, 815-338-2449 or alfus@att.net
- We can start accepting donations at church on Sunday, July 19

"VIRTUAL UPDATE"

Thanks for your patience as we update our “virtual” systems to communicate better with each other and the public.

Our wireless system for laptop use in the Church and Parsonage is close to being ready.

Our website continues to draw more inquiries and visitors.

PayPal is set for one-time donations and the church on the website. (No pledges or continuous gifts on PayPal.)

We are close to putting up the first Podcast on the Web.

eBay is in place. We just need to work out the logistics. ****Read more about eBay below****

EBAY SALES

The church now has an eBay account and will soon begin selling items on eBay to raise funds. We need items to sell from you (or your neighbors') attics, basements, garages, junk drawers, etc. that you will donate to the church, or that you will let the church sell for you for a portion of the profit.

Since not everything readily sells on eBay, we also need people who have a knowledge of particular classes of items (collectibles of any kind, video/electronic games, musical instruments, old comic books, depression glass, cut glass, antiques, sporting goods, Hummel figurines, automobiles, tools, etc.) to help us evaluate the items donated and best list them for sale.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

We now have several small groups that meet for the purpose of spiritual, intellectual, and personal learning. You are invited to any of these groups. If you are interested, contact the church office and we will put you in touch with the coordinator.

The **Spiritual Practices** group will be meeting once a month during the summer. The next meeting will be in the parsonage on Monday, July 13 with Cathy Connelly.

The **Spiritual Reading** group will be taking a short break and begin meeting again in August.

Small Group #1 will be meeting on July 7 at the home of Cathy Connelly 4502 Riverside Dr. Crystal Lake at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass for the pot-luck. The topic led by Irene Raven is "Living in the Present".

Small Group #2 – If anyone is interested in joining this new group, please contact the church office.

Sun City will be on break for the summer.

Men's Group will be meeting on Thursday, July 23rd at the home of Bob Tirk.

A Course in Miracles group meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the parsonage. The curriculum is handed out before each session, so there's no textbook to buy. All are welcome!

The Sunday morning Adult RE Class has changed its name to the **Adult Discussion Group**, and is taking the summer off. It will resume once again in the fall. Please watch for those dates and times.

Our new **CUUPS** (Pagan) group will be meeting Friday July 10th at 7:00 p.m. (upstairs).

The **Law of Attraction** group will be meeting every Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All donations will go to the church. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending. Nicette 815-479-6187 or Cathy 815-679-6990

PFLAG 4TH OF JULY PARTICIPATION

The Woodstock/McHenry County chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will be marching in this year's parade in Crystal Lake on Sunday, July 5 at 1PM. The more people we have walking with us, the greater the visible impact. Our goal is to have a large block of people walking hand-in-hand, blurring the distinction between gay and non-gay. Please consider walking with us! We'll be having a picnic at noon in the staging area, and you're invited. Please contact Toni Weaver at 815-385-9068 or tweaver@earthlink.net for details.

MESSAGE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Lauretta Wolf has been a professional massage therapist for the last 17+ years, doing therapeutic massage with clients experiencing many of the conditions that massage therapy is helpful for. Some of these are: carpal tunnel, whiplash, sciatica, sports/exercise injuries, as well as relaxation and pain relief. Lauretta is currently building a practice here in Woodstock. If you have any question, or to make an appointment, please call Lauretta at: (815) 648-2381

CAR FOR SALE

2002 Ford ZX2, CD Changer, 130K Miles, 5-speed, Metallic red, Runs great, needs minor work (Brakes), New tires on it.

Here's a picture of it although it didn't turn out the best. For more information, call Tami Davidson at 815-578-0151 or email her at tamcarsell08@yahoo.com.

"MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL"