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**MEMBER CARE- Please contact; Elizabeth Diamond 1-815-337-4456 with members' joys and concerns or at elizabethdiamond@gmail.com

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer services will led by various members and friends of the congregation.

Service leaders for July are;

July 11th - Larry Dille will lead. Sunday, July 11th at 10:45a.m. "Change--Deal With It" Larry Dille will present for your consideration the various reactions that people have to change. Often, people going through a period of transition feel they are alone, when in reality, the feelings they are experiencing are shared by many others during times of uncertainty.

July 18th - Kemberly Dailey-Johnson will lead. This is the second annual SONG CIRCLE! Bring your banjo, guitar, fiddle, mouth harp, spoons, bass, hands, and harmonica, whatever you make music with and/or your voice and share a song. Tell us why you picked that song and any special meaning it has to you. This is the day of the Woodstock Folk Festival, what a great way to start the day.

If you'd like to share the words and chords, please forward those to either the church office or Kemberly Dailey Johnson at daileyjohnson1@comcast.net by Tuesday, July 13. Last year Patrick sang a sea shanty for us--come hear what he's going to do this year! See you July 18!

July 25th - Lorna Gladstone will lead.

A LETTER FROM DAN

Between now and the time I resign in September I would like to wind up my twenty years here at our church with some personal thoughts for all of our members based on what I think I've learned here.

First, both Pat and I have encountered cancer in the last few weeks and are facing this piece of life together. Pat's most recent progress report for stage 4 breast cancer is encouraging. The fluid in her lung (a sign of cancer) is reduced and the lymph nodes on her chest wall are smaller as a result of her hormone treatments.

The cancer on my tonsil has spread to the lymph gland in my neck but as far as we know, no further. This makes it Stage 3. We will be at Northwestern this Friday to decide between surgery and a regimen of chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

One of the things I've learned with all of this is that cancer is one of the great levelers of life. In the waiting rooms of medical offices you see a cross-section of all of us, rich and poor, all shades of color, all there because of cancer. The things that we are brought up to believe as being important like wealth or the shade of our skin are not important.

Sun City
A.A.
Congregation Tikkun Olam
Green Sanctuary
Nippersink Nickel and Dimers
Options and Advocacy
Recovery
Yoga with Jayson

Pagan Groups
Children's Theatre
Food Pantry
Peace Coalition
Off SquareMusic
Pride Support
Drumming Circle
2 Zen groups

These are the groups that I would like to continue to work with where I feel I can be helpful:

Mind over Mood
Blue Lotus
Direct Assistance and WACM
Jail Brakers
PADS
Pridecall

Spiritual Reading
Build a Dream
Jail Visitation
Latino Outreach
PFLAG
Principled Minds

My hope after I retire is to be able to continue to work with these groups as a member of our church. There will be no cost to the church and a great deal of benefit, I believe.

Dan Larsen

HATS OFF! YOUTH GROUP OFF TO NEW ORLEANS TODAY

The members of our Youth Group; Mary Fleming, Barb Oesterle, Terrill Freese, Tristan Freese, Rebecca Stowe, Joe Heinen, Janet Burns, John Burns, Owen Burns, Emma Burns, Nora Burns and Danielle Brey all left for volunteer work in New Orleans today, Friday the 9th at 9:30a.m.

Mary, Barb and Janet are taking everyone and driving straight through to New Orleans to arrive in the wee hours at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans to volunteer with **The Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal (CELSJR)**. The New Orleans Rebirth Volunteer Program is the anchor program of the CELSJR, and provides more than work and housing to volunteers from across the country. The week-long curriculum from Saturday the 10th, to Saturday the 17th, will examine the history of the city, the flood and levee system breaches, and rebuilding.

The New Orleans Rebirth Volunteer Program is located at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans, not far from the Louisiana Superdome. On **August 30, 2005**, following **Hurricane Katrina**, federal levees that were to have protected New Orleans broke, flooding neighborhoods all over the city, including that of the church. The church building sat in some 4-5 feet of flood water for weeks, and is in

now in the process of rebuilding. The church is engaged with several different programs to help the city recover not only from Katrina but also the BP Oil Spill.

The group will be assigned to work with one of twenty different services to the community such as Habitat for Humanity, National Wildlife Federation, Neighborhood Housing Services, Animal Rescue of New Orleans, Rebuilding Together or Bayou Rebirth - just to name a few.

Our Youth Group is using money from existing funds to finance the trip. The youth will be fundraising upon their return in order to replenish their funds. Everyone will be returning on Sunday, July 18th. For more information about the organization, check online www.celsjr.org or www.firstuuno.org

DOCUMENTARY JULY 11TH

Bruce David Janu's documentary entitled "Crayons and Paper" will have its premiere on the Documentary Channel on July 11, 2010. The film chronicles the work of Dr. Jerry Ehrlich, a pediatrician working with Doctors Without Borders. On missions to Sri Lanka and Darfur, he brought with him hundreds of crayons and had the children document their lives through art. The images are heartbreaking in their depiction of war and genocide. The film premieres at 7 pm Sunday night. For more information about the film, visit <http://www.crayonsandpaper.com>

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE AT WORK

Each Sunday Church service in our opening words we say that we “journey as a family” and have “devotion to each other”. In order to better facilitate our care for each others’ well-being, our committee has gathered and created a plan of action.

HELPERS

1) Please get a form and indicate areas for which you can provide occasional help to other congregation members, such as;

- A Visit
- A Phone Call
- Send a Card
- Prepare/Deliver a Meal
- Transportation (i.e. church, medical appointment, shopping)
- Other

Return this completed form to the church, give to a committee member, or call Elizabeth Dimond with your information (815-337-4456). – OR - you can also submit an email to the office@uucfwoodstock.org indicating which areas from the list above that you can help out in.

2) Responses to this form will be tabulated so that when a NEED becomes known, a committee member will match a HELPER with that NEED. Some 34 members have responded already!

NEED

1. What is a NEED? - An illness, acute or chronic, at home or in the hospital. Incapacitation for various reasons. Emergency situations causing overwhelming responsibilities. Transportation (i.e. church, medical appointment). Encouragement at times of personal situations. Milestones (i.e. congratulations, promotions, graduations, birth, death, etc). Social contact, Assistance with simple chores (i.e. moving). Any circumstance that shows up in our lives where a helping hand and heart can bolster our lagging strengths.

2. When you know of a members' NEED, or have one of your own, please call Elizabeth Dimond, 815-337-4456 and give complete information. She will in turn contact the committee member who is coordinating that area of NEED(s) and they will contact an appropriate HELPER on the master list, keeping in touch to see that the NEED is met.

If you have questions, more ideas about member care or want to be on the committee, please call Elizabeth Dimond (& Emma) at 815-337-4456; or at elizabethdimond@gmail.com

Committee Members: Elizabeth Dimond, Susan Gullotto, Sandy Eckert, Bob and Ann Tirk & Whit Sears.

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be at the Larsen's house at 643 Schumann in Woodstock on Tuesday, July 27. You can come at 5:00 to swim or 6:00 for hotdogs. We will also hold the first annual bathing beauty contest. If you want to enter be prepared to pose in your bathing suit and we will choose the man with the least objectionable body.

Please RSVP to Pat at (815) 338-2234

COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEWS

Social Justice Committee –The next meeting has not been scheduled. We would like to invite a representative from School District 200 to meet with the committee and others who are interested to tell us about the ins and outs of school funding.

We discussed my relationship with the committee and the church with regard to Community Ministry Programs, it was the consensus of the committee that it would be useful for me to continue working with these groups.

We are in contact with the St. Mary's Episcopal Church in McHenry who stores large amounts of free diapers for low income persons. They are looking for an outlet in Woodstock. We would like to know if there is someone here in the church who would be the contact person for this project. It would involve storing and dispensing diapers here at the church, perhaps in connection with the Latino Outreach Program.

The UUA has adopted immigration as the major study-action issue for the time being. The decision was made to wait for the new Interim Minister before we tackle that issue.

Each member of the committee will be appointed to keep in touch with one of our Community Ministry groups. They will work with Dan to support those groups.

Family Suppers – We are continuing our Family Suppers. If you know any family that needs a free meal, please invite them. The Family Suppers will now run on through the end of September for PADS, DAP, Latino Outreach, and other persons who could use a free meal. Dinners are from 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m Wednesday evenings. Donations will be accepted. Our church members are invited to come and join us for food and to help out. Call Joe Blanco 847-814-1385

Dan Larsen, Community Minister

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

Since this Sunday, July 11, Larry Dille will be talking about change at the worship service; the Sunday Morning Discussion Group will also talk about change.

We'll consider the Biblical story of the Exodus...big changes for the Israelites who followed this guy named Moses out of Egypt and a life of known hardship into the unknown wilderness. We'll see the Israelites complaining about the rigors and the unknown. We'll see them revert to familiar and comfortable idol worship. We'll see Moses working with them...and we'll see how Moses dealt with those who refused to go along with his (God's) program.

Is there any universality in the human response to change? Some people readily adjust to change. Some people are confused by change and want to turn back the clock to the 'good old days'. Are there some things in the past that should be unchanged?

When we talk about the 'good old days', does 'good old days' mean the same thing to you as it does to your parents?

And finally, did Thomas Wolfe's character George Webber in "You Can't Go Home Again" get it right when he said "You can't go back home to your family, back home to your childhood...back home to a young man's dreams of glory and of fame...back home to places in the country, back home to the old forms and systems of things that once seemed everlasting but are changing all the time...back home to the escapes of Time and Memory."

Join us this Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in the kitchen for another lively discussion. If you can't make it at 9 but you'll be arriving early for worship, stop in and join the conversation. There'll be coffee and rolls.

WOOSTOCK CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATRE

Music has been gracing the halls of UUC each morning during the week; the Woodstock Children's Summer Theatre will present "Willy Wonka" and has been rehearsing here at UUC these past few weeks.

The performances will take place at the Woodstock Opera House beginning Friday July, 23rd (2p.m. and 7p.m.); Saturday, 24th (2p.m. and 7p.m.) and Sunday, July 25th. at 3p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for 2p.m. Friday show. At 5:30p.m. before the Friday 7p.m. show, performance show-goers have the opportunity to attend a "Chocolate Factory Gala" \$20 for Adults and \$15 for students.- \$8 for all other tickets. Sue Kazlusky, a member of our church, is the Artistic Director for the program. Hannah Johnson, one of our youth, is an Oompa-Loompa.

CURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

We are looking forward to our 2010-2011 church school year. We have broken up the school year into 5-6 week sessions, with the possibility of visiting a different church each session. The Religious Education Committee is looking for more teacher volunteers at this time. You may choose one or more sessions or simply help out as an aide.

We need you to make this school year a success. This year we will have the Coming-of –Age program for our Middle-School age children and a modified program for the High School age. Sam Jones at sam.jones@ameritech.net

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Sue Resnik - is looking for others to walk with 2-3 days/week, starting 7-9am through Emricson or elsewhere. Thank you. Please contact Sue Resnik, 512-508-5039.

TUTORS NEEDED-ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Anyone want to make a HUGE difference in the lives of Hispanic families in our community? Become trained as an 'English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor'. You could tutor adults one on one or teach a small group of 2-4 people all desperate improve themselves. No need to speak Spanish - since your main assets will be your native English speaking ability and willingness to help others.

McHenry County Community College (MCC) will conduct a special 12-hour training plus 10 hours of classroom observation for those interested in becoming certified ESL volunteers this summer. We hope to arrange for our church to become a site for MCC ESL tutoring sessions with childcare to fill the gap in current ESL offerings. If this sounds like your cup of tea, please contact Shelly Nicholson for more information. (815) 308-5650 or snichol33@hotmail.com
Thanks!

"MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL"