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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

We continue our summer worship schedule, at our regular time of 10:45 a.m., up through Labor Day Sunday September 6th, either upstairs or downstairs, depending on the service. Nursery care is available. Coffee and treats are usually not arranged for.

August 23rd – “Annual Animal Blessing”

Bring your animals (no snakes) to be blessed by Dan, be prepared to talk about your animal(s). Our purpose is to learn more about ourselves and the creatures we love. Dan hosts. The service will be downstairs.

August 30th - “The UU Gospel”

Have you ever tried to distill what you think our church is all about into a “gospel” (message) that you can offer to others as well as yourself? You will try if you come to church this day.

The Larsen’s have sold their home and can’t host you for their annual “House Communion” this Sunday. So we’ll be at church and Italian Beef Sandwiches, Potato Chips and Lemonade will be served downstairs.

September 6th – Labor Day Sunday Service

Patrick Murfin, our in house “Wobbly” & Labor Organizer will celebrate the recent return of the Working Class.

SAVE YOUR WATER FOR WATER COMMUNION

On Sunday September 13th, the first Sunday of our Fall Worship Schedule, we will again celebrate “Water Communion” and the summer experiences we bring to church. Please save a container of water from some place special this summer, a vacation or visit, or just from home. We will pour the water together into one bowl and share our summer stories.

Our children will be upstairs during “Water Communion” and are also invited to bring a container of water from one of their summer experiences.

Dan

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, August 24: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Lora Cantele

Tuesday, August 25: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, August 26: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, August 27: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Monday August 31: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, September 1: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, September 2: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Gail Wells

Thursday, September 3: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE MEETING - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

This meeting will take place right after church in Dan's office to plan for the care of our members this year (member integration, social events, and care of members with special needs etc). If you can help, please come.

COUNCIL RESTORES PARTIAL "FAIR SHARE"

The Church Council has restored the first six months of our "Fair Share" between July and December 2009, based on pledges for this Fiscal Year, which are higher than expected. We will be working on other ways to restore the full 12 months.

"Fair Share" is approximately \$88.00 per member, which we pay to local, area-wide, and national UUA organization who assists all local congregations including ours. We are committed to restoring the entire amount!

OUR NAME CHANGE IS NOW IN EFFECT

The legal paperwork is completed and filed! Vendors are being notified gradually of our new name. Our office continues to use our new name on all documentation, communication, press releases, bulletins and newsletters. The website will be getting new headers and footers with our new name shortly. We have secured a new domain name for the website, but don't worry! those who forget it and go to the old one will be automatically redirected to the new one. We will keep you up-to-date on when the new domain will be in use and any new information you may need to know. Please start using the new name on your communications with the church, as well as your pledge checks and when talking about our church in the community.

PLAQUE TO BE DEDICATED

The plaque which is a replica of our new UU Window (Chalice & Tree) will be dedicated at our September 20th worship service. The plaque, designed and created by Gale Harris, one of our members, will replace the temporary plaque in front of the church, on the corner facing Dean & South Streets. Gale will speak at the service.

R.E. CHILDREN'S PRACTICE FOR FIRST SERVICE

Just a reminder that there will be practice at church again next Wednesday, August 26th at 7:15p.m. and Sunday August 30th at 10:45a.m., during service. All children are encouraged to attend, K-7th It would be nice to have as many of the children as we can, as this will be a music/acting presentation to the congregation for our first service back to church, sadly, if they don't come to practice, they won't be able to be a part of it. We will try to have at least one more practice in September before the first service.

R.E. TEACHER WORKSHOP

Anyone interested in taking the teacher workshop on 9/2 at 6:30 pm should RSVP to Sam at samjones@ameritech.net. We apologize to anyone who had any difficulties responding to the link on the emails that went out earlier this week.

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.

If you would like to volunteer your expertise and/or donate an item for sale, call the church office (815-338-0731) or Don Metivier (815-334-0015).

HELP WITH DIVERSITY DAY

Diversity Day on the Square is coming up Sunday, September 27th after church. We are looking for volunteers to set up, clean up and promote the event now. If you can help, please contact Patrick Murfin at: pmurfin@sbcglobal.net

ZEN MEDITATION WITH HAROLD RAIL

This meditation group is less formal than the Ten Directions Zen Mediation, e.g. no robes and takes place at 861 Clay Street, Woodstock on Sundays 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursdays 6:00 a.m. – 7:00a.m., and Saturdays 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. All donations go to the church!

MIND OVER MOOD

Both groups, Wednesday and Thursday have been combined into a Wednesday group.

THE “2030 PLAN”

The “2030 Plan” is a proposal for how the future of McHenry County will be carved up in terms of Land Use. On Monday August 24th at 7:00 p.m., the Green Sanctuary Committee will sponsor a discussion of the plan and how the church can be involved. Dennis Dreher, Chair of the County’s Regional Planning Commission will help us with the discussion.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP TO START IN FALL

We are going to begin a new group for families with younger children in the fall. Carlos Valdes and Shelly Nicholson who are new to the church this spring have offered to organize this group to provide fellowship and community to our families with younger children. If you have some interest, please contact the church office or e-mail Shelly at: snichol33@hotmail.com

IN NEED OF SOFA/LOVE SEATS FOR NURSERY AND YOUTH GROUP

If anyone has a decent sofa or love seat they want to get rid of, we are looking for donations to the Nursery and the Youth Group. Please contact Sam Jones at: samjones@ameritec.net to arrange.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

We have several small groups that are open to new members. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Spiritual Practices – Monday, August 31st, 1st floor parsonage, 7:00 p.m., Pat & Lori Donlea will lead the group.

Spiritual Reading – Tuesday, August 25th, 1st floor parsonage, 7:00 p.m. Read “The Impossible Will Take a Little While” (pg. 320 to end)

Small Group #2 – Actively recruiting – let the church office know if you would like a small group experience.

Small Group #1 – This group is filled and not accepting any new members at this time.

Sun City – We are currently looking for a September host!!! Are you interested? Please contact church office.

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 text book to buy. All are welcome!

Adult Discussion Group – will begin meeting in September, Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parsonage for discussion and fellowship.

CUUPS (Pagan) - group will be meeting in the Social Room Friday September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the social room.

“MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL”