

## UUC VOICE

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### FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

#### September 20th - “Gimme That Ol’ Time Religion”

On Sunday, September 20th, Dan Larsen will talk about our Message, as UU’s. What is our gospel, our “old-time religion”. Tom and the Adult Choir will sing the gospel song by the same name. Gail Harris will speak about the plaque she has created for the front of the church. And at the end of the service we will go outside to dedicate the plaque and have our picture taken for the new church Directory. We may also have some other really good news!

#### September 27th - “Diversity Day”

On Sunday, September 27th, we will celebrate Diversity Day at our worship service with guest speakers, Joe Blanco, PADS Director and Susan Hoban, Director of the Family Health Partnership Clinic here in Woodstock. Diversity Day on the Square starts at 1 pm.

#### October 4th – “Fall Congregational Meeting”

We will hold our Fall Congregational Meeting after a brief worship service, to approve the first part of our transition plan.

The first part, as approved by the church council is this;

The Council will hire a part-time interim minister (50% time) who will stay until we recruit a new full-time minister. Dan will remain the full-time minister until the interim minister arrives; then, he will serve part-time (50%).

A second Congregational Meeting will be held in November to elect a Search Committee and approve the search for a full-time minister. Our hope along with that is that Dan will be able to stay as a “Community” Minister working with our Outreach Programs.

#### October 11th – “Standing On The Side Of Love”

Susan Gullotto and Dan will both be talking about “compassion” from the UU Principle that asks us to speak and act with “Justice, Equity, and Compassion”. Tom and the Adult Choir will sing.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DIVERSITY DAY

Patrick Murfin will need some helping getting some tables to and from the church and setting them up in the Woodstock Square for Diversity Day. If you can help, please contact Patrick at [divday@sbcglobal.net](mailto:divday@sbcglobal.net) or 815-455-7475.

## WALK FOR HUNGER

Once again it is the time for the WOODSTOCK WALK FOR HUNGER!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4th.

Check-in at 1:00pm and the Walk starts at 1:30pm for a 6-mile or 1-mile walk.

Please help us to make this year's walk more successful than the last.

This year the Woodstock Area Community Ministry (WACM) has recruited very generous sponsors: The Gold Sponsor, American Community Bank & Trust, The Silver Sponsors, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock, Woodstock Mozart Festival, The Bronze Sponsor and Redeemer Lutheran Church. WACM will sponsor the event as in the past. With the underwriting provided by the sponsors, we will present T-Shirts to participants who donate collected money. We hope this will encourage more participants and more income for the cause. WACM is comprised of 12 local religious organizations. WACM operates the Direct Assistance Program (DAP), which provides emergency assistance for food, medicine and other items and assists when asked to help the Wednesday night PADS and the Thursday Daytime Drop-In.

WACM has decided this year it will support local relief efforts through the Woodstock Food Pantry and The Direct Assistance Program. We hope the community understands this change made in light of the critical demands for food and assistance locally due to our fragmenting economy. Last year DAP supported the poor in emergency assistance to the tune of \$60,000+ while in 2008-2009 the disbursements were well over \$80,000. We expect increased need in 2009-2010.

Participating in the walk is easy. In the weeks before the walk you can sign up and get a collection envelope. Then ask family and friends to sponsor you for the walk. (Be sure to mention that the donations are tax-deductible). On October 4th come to Woodstock Square between 1:00 and 1:30 and be prepared to enjoy a nice walk through Woodstock and to show solidarity with those who must walk long distances to obtain food.

There are two walk distances – six miles and one mile. You can decide which distance you want to go the day of the event, though most people do the 6-mile walk if the weather is reasonable. There will be two water and bathroom stops along the way. The route begins and ends on the Square and is well marked and police escorted. Check-in begins at 1:00pm and the walk starts at 1:30pm.

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for coffee, treats, and flowers for September and October. Please take a moment to sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the Social Room the next time you are in church. It's easy and very much appreciated by all

## FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN POTLUCK

The Young Families group is forming and we plan to kick-off the new group with a Family Potluck and Game Day here at the church. On Sunday, October 11 after church services we will be having a potluck downstairs followed by a variety of games. Please join us! Bring a dish to pass and a game or two that your family enjoys! Please RSVP to the church office with the number of people you plan to have with you and the dish you'd like to bring. 815-338-0731

#### OFFICE SCHEDULE

Lora Cantele and Karen Stowe share in the secretarial duties at the church office. You will find the office schedule below. Steven is on a leave of absence but will still be attending to the website and e-bay.

Monday, Sept. 21: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele  
Tuesday, Sept. 22: all day – Janet Burns  
Wednesday, Sept. 23: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe  
Thursday, Sept. 24: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Monday, Sept. 28: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele  
Tuesday, Sept. 29: all day – Janet Burns  
Wednesday, Sept. 30: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe  
Thursday, Oct 1: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

#### BLUE LOTUS TEMPLE DAY RETREAT

Blue Lotus Temple invites you to join them for their “Awake in the Wild-Day Retreat” on Saturday, October 10th. The retreat will be held from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm at the home of Jack and Judy Speer in Harvard. The program includes various meditations, yoga, loving kindness practice, chanting, sharing and silent practice. The fee is \$70 and includes tea and a snack. All participants should bring a dish to pass for lunch. A full schedule is on the bulletin board in the Social Room at the church. To register, call Blue Lotus Temple at 815-444-8915 or email: [mail@bluelotustemple.org](mailto:mail@bluelotustemple.org)

#### ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Discussion Group will begin again this Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 am downstairs in the church. On Sunday, September 20th the topic will be on “The International Day of Peace and Call for Global Ceasefire” and will be led by Sue Rekenhaler. On Sunday, September 27th, Frank Wedig will lead a discussion about the “Speaking of Faith Radio Program from January 8, 2009 with poet & historian Jennifer Michael Hecht. Ms. Hecht spoke on the radio program about how non-belief, skepticism, and doubt have paralleled and at times shaped the world’s great religious and secular belief systems. To listen to the radio program visit...<http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/programs/2009/doubt/>

#### SUN CITY GROUP

The Sun City Discussion Group will be starting again on Wednesday, September 30th! The group will be meeting at 7 pm at the home of Jeff & Kathy Levin 11938 Bloomfield Dr., Huntley. Please RSVP to 224-569-2605.

#### CHURCH GROUNDS NOW WI-FI ENABLED

A wireless network (WI-FI) service to both the church building and both floors of the parsonage have been set up. The Church Council is in the process of reviewing provisions for security at this time and hopes to have everything ready within a month.

#### HOUSING OPPURTUNITIES AVAILABLE – 2 1/2BLOCKS FROM CHURCH

Bob Jackson has two housing opportunities, described below, available in his home. If interested call him at 815 308-7643 or e-mail him at robertsummerjackson@yahoo.com

Apartment for Rent: 339 S. Madison in Woodstock. Looking for responsible person, couple, or family to lease my 2nd floor Woodstock 2-bedroom apartment. I live in downstairs apartment. Couple with or without children would be great. Dean School area [primary grades]. Four blocks from Square, two more blocks to Metra/Pace. Off street parking. Washer/Dryer in apartment. New bathroom. Large yard. Section 8 authorized. No smoking. House-broken pet ok if additional damage deposit. \$690/mo plus separately-metered gas and electricity.

Room for Rent: 339 S. Madison in Woodstock. Seeking responsible single person or married couple to rent private bedroom (215 sq.ft) in my Woodstock home—furnished or unfurnished. You would share the adjoining kitchen and bathroom with another single renter and myself, a retired college professor and investment advisor. Cooperate with ordinary simple domestic chores, keep kitchen, bath and entryways clear, share snow removal, etc. On-site parking. No pets. No smoking. \$420/mo. Includes electricity, heat, water, garbage removal. \$ 30/mo to share cable entertainment and ISP. Walking distance to Metra and Pace. Partial work exchange possible.

#### HOME FOR FOUR CATS

Sue Resnick, our former Church Secretary, is moving back to Woodstock and is looking for a home for one, two, three or four of her indoor/outdoor cats. If anybody can help, you can call Sue directly at 512-508-5039.

#### 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 Reading group will be meeting Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the parsonage. We invite new members to join us as we will be starting a new book the “Tao Te Ching” by Lao Tzu (the Definitive version by Jonathon Star).

Small Group #1 – This group is filled.

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

Spiritual Practices – This group will be meeting on September 28th, 7:00p.m. in the parsonage.

“MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL”