

UUC VOICE

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FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

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.

October 18th – “The Interdependent Web”

Lloyd Miller and Dan will both speak about the 7th UU Principle “The Interdependent Web. Tom and the Adult Choir will sing.

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.

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, Oct. 5: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, Oct.6: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Oct.7: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, Oct. 8: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Monday, Oct.12: Columbus Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, Oct. 13: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Oct. 14: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, Oct 15: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Friday, Oct. 16: 10:00 – a.m.-1:00 p.m. Karen Stowe

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

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Genencor, A Danisco Division, is seeking a talented individual to join our Beloit, Wisconsin team in the role of Laboratory Technician. Responsibilities will include performing tasks in our microbiology/analytical lab including, preparation for production fermentation, activity assays to support our process, QC of final products, maintenance of lab equipment and reporting of various test results. This position will require some night and weekend hours to support our 24 hour manufacturing facility.

Qualified candidates should possess an AAS or BS degree in a laboratory science (e.g. in microbiology, biochemistry, biology, food technology), or equivalent experience in an industrial lab. Additional requirements include: excellent communication skills, ability to lift up to 25 lbs and do moderate to heavy stair climbing. We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package including: medical, dental, vision, life, 401K, retirement plan, and a bonus plan.

Candidates will need to pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. For more information about Genencor, A Danisco Division, please visit our website at www.Genencor.com. If interested, please send your resume to: Jennifer.griffith@danisco.com or Genencor, A Danisco Division, Attn: Human Resources Dept., 2600 Kennedy Drive, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511 Genencor is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE 2 ½ BLOCKS 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 robertsumnerjackson@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.

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.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Discussion Group will no longer be meeting, however you are encouraged to come to the meeting for Small Group #2 on Tuesday, October 13th if you are interested in meeting with others to participate in fellowship and topical discussions. See below.

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, October 28th 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). If you missed the first meeting for this book, please call the office to learn about the reading assignment for this meeting.

The Men’s Group will be meeting Thursday, October 8th at 6 pm at the home of Don Metivier at 413 N. Cold Springs Road, Woodstock. There will be a meal and plenty to drink! Please RSVP to Don at 815-334-0015.

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We are having a “Small Group” Gathering on Tuesday evening, October 13th at 6 p.m. at the church (in the kitchen). Those who can come this early will gather for potluck – please bring a hot dish, salad, or something that can feed 10 people. Rev. Dan Larsen will bring the beverages. Those who can’t come early for the potluck can arrive at 7 p.m.

We plan to talk about what kind of Small Group you'd like to be involved in and see if there's enough interest to create some "Small Groups" that appeal those in attendance. Dan has several book ideas that the group can study and discuss, as an option for a group. If you have a book or topic you are interested in or an idea for a group, please bring it with you to share with everyone.

Each group that is created will decide how often and where they will meet and how the group will be run going forward.

Please let Lora Cantele at the church office know if you can attend; 815-338-0731 or office@cucw.org

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 12th at 7 p.m. in the parsonage. We will be starting with a new curriculum; we will be using a handbook based on a book by Peter Tufts Richardson, a UU minister, called "Growing your Spirituality". Richardson combines the four major personality types (Jung and also the Meyers-Briggs Test) with four spiritual types and helps us to grow spiritually and psychologically on our own particular path.

There will be a fair amount of reading and preparation so it will be quite different from what we have done in the past. Those who attend will pool their respective wisdom to study each unit. We will also attempt to find someone who can give and score the Meyers-Briggs test.

For the first session we will have the 1st lesson copied until we see how many handbooks we need to order. Let Dan Larsen know if you have any questions. Please let Lora Cantele at the church office know if you can attend; 815-338-0731 or office@cucw.org

"MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL"