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FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

OCTOBER 25th – “Celebration of Sukkot”

This intergenerational service will celebrate a Jewish Harvest Celebration known as Sukkot. There will be no formal church school classes. All children will stay with their parents, with the exception of the children who usually go to the nursery.

During the later part of the service we will view the decorated “sukkah” in the back yard, and perform the traditional blessing followed by a potluck featuring a “Stone Soup”.

**Please sign up in the social room for what you can bring for the potluck.

A potluck lunch will follow downstairs and will feature “Stone Soup,” bread, salad, desserts, apple cider and coffee, as donated.

We invite you to: *Bring a garden vegetable to add to our Stone Soup (please wash, peel and cut up)

*Bring a dish to pass – bread, salad, dessert, or apple cider (please call the office to let us know what you can bring)

*Bring non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Pantry

****We will be taking in New Members in the first part of our service. The Adult Choir will NOT sing.

NOVEMBER 1st – “Halloween/Day of the Dead

Our church school children will hold their annual Halloween parade in costume. One of our guest speakers is Anita Flores who helps us with the Latino Counseling program. Our other guest speaker is Carol Gardner who comes each year to tell us about the ‘Day of the Dead’. She will create an ‘Offrenda’ a traditional Mexican display for ‘Day of the Dead’.

Our members are invited to bring a favorite food for a loved one who has died. The Adult Choir will NOT sing. Rev. Dan Larsen will speak about our continuing connection with the dead.

NOVEMBER 8th “What Are Our Core Beliefs”

Judy Sowinski and Rev. Dan Larsen will talk about their Core Beliefs, based on a UU Principle; “A Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning”. The Adult Choir will sing.

NOVEMBER 19TH “Freedom”

The theme is Freedom based a UU Principals “freedom of conscience and the democratic process”. Tom Steffens and Rev. Dan Larsen talk about personal freedom. The title will be “Why Am I Not in Control”.

NOVEMBER 22ND "Thanksgiving Sunday"

We will have a Traditional Thanksgiving Service. The Adult Choir will sing. Rev. Dan Larsen will speak. Instead of regular church school this Sunday, the children will practice for their Christmas Pageant.

NEW MEMBERS

This Sunday, October 25th, we will be receiving new members into the church during the worship service, before the Sukkot Celebration. All new members, who attended class or met with Rev. Dan Larsen, please arrive at 10:30 a.m. in his office before the service. The new members will be asked to sign the Member Book. Don Metivier will introduce them and they will be asked to say a few words about why they are joining the church.

GREEN SANCTUARY

COFFEE - Green Sanctuary will be selling coffee on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The cost of \$11/lb. The coffee, for those who don't know, is Fair Trade coffee from Monteverde, Costa Rica. It is only available as whole bean. We have been decaf and regular. Also on those Sundays we will be using this coffee for the coffee service so people can try it out.

A PRESENTATION - On Sunday, November 1st from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., the Green Sanctuary will be sponsoring a presentation on Utah's Red Rock Canyonlands.

Clayton Daughenbaugh will be bringing us a 15 minutes multi-media slide show program that is narrated by Robert Redford. Clayton, who is the Chair of the Sierra Club's National Wildlands Committee, will lead a question and answer session after the slide show. Legislation to protect this area is currently pending in the US Congress. Those who watched the Ken Burns series on the National Parks will find this very timely. After the service on that Sunday we'll have a pot-luck with as many organic/local ingredients as possible and the presentation will follow.

FAIR TRADE GIFT FAIR - Green Sanctuary will hold the annual Fair Trade Gift Fair on Saturday afternoon, November 21st and Sunday after the service. As in the past we will provide a variety of gift and food items.

RECYCLING BINS - Kerrie Kurth has donated some bins for recycling cell phone, batteries and CFL bulbs. They are located to the left of the table along the wall shared by the office. We encourage everyone to bring these items in for recycling.

For more info on Green Sanctuary, contact Margaret Fox-Hawthorne Margfh2000@yahoo.com

DISCRETIONARY FUND

We would appreciate contributions to the Discretionary Fund. This fund is used for the Latino Outreach Program that meets on Monday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please make checks out to the

church: UUCW or Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock with a note in the memo "For Discretionary Fund"

OUR WHOLE LIVES (O.W.L.)

Religious Education Director, Sam Jones is having Orientation meetings with the parents of children enrolling in the O.W.L. - Our Whole Lives Sexuality program. There will be two separate O.W.L. classes. One meeting for parents of 6th and 7th grader, and one meeting for the 8th and 9th grade parents. The first orientation meeting will be tonight, Thursday, October 22nd from 7:00-9:00 p.m. downstairs at the church for the parents of 8th and 9th graders, and any higher grades who want a refresher, or who missed the program in past years. This program will be facilitated once again by Mary Fleming and Barb Oesterle, our Youth Group Advisors.

The second orientation meeting will be on Wednesday, October 28th for the parents of the 6th and 7th grade children. Scott and Kim Brix will facilitate this program. This group will meet downstairs in the parsonage at 7:00p.m.

No student will be allowed in the program without the necessary authorization, and this will be given to the parents at the orientation. You will receive all the information you need, as well as detailed information regarding the schedule and curriculum. Please contact Sam Jones for more information. samjones@ameritech.net

YOUTH GROUP

For those parents who have students who are currently registered, or still need to register, and haven't been to church lately, I urge you to consider coming back to be a part of the latest Youth Group curriculum which will be starting on November 1st. It is taken from a book that is called "5". It's about living your life on purpose and celebrating the "want to's", "choose to's", and "I can't wait to's" in your life. It addresses the question, "where will you be in 5 years from now" and offers opportunities to explore taking charge of your own destiny and making conscious choices. It's a wonderful program, and the lessons build weekly, so it's important that your student begin this curriculum from the beginning in order to get the full impact and benefit. Please contact Sam Jones for more information. samjones@ameritech.net

PODCASTS

We are now making Podcasts of many of our worship services. You may go to our website to access the podcasts and please share this information with your friends.

BREAKFAST IN SRI LANKA REVISTED, OCT. 24TH

Join us again in a fall getaway to the tropical island of Sri Lanka. Savor some of the authentic and exotic tastes of this Asian Culture featuring original breakfast items along with a few new additions. Come and sample the delicate and sometimes spicy cuisine.

Saturday, October 24th, 2009 at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock on 221 Dean St. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Adults \$7 - Children\$4 - Children under five are free.

Tickets are available at Blue Lotus Temple 520 Devonshire Lane #8, Crystal Lake, Il. 60014
Ph. 815-444-8915/mail@bluelotustemple.org All proceeds will benefit the Blue Lotus Temple Project.

BENEFIT CLOTHING SALE

Hello friends of El Vaquero School in Mexico. It's that time of year again, and we will soon be having our bi-annual clothing sale, in which 100% of the proceeds will assist impoverished students in El Vaquero, Mexico.

A benefit clothing sale will be held Nov.13th and 14th at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock. We would greatly appreciate your support and invite you to please share/forward this information with anyone whom you think would be interested in donating gently used warm clothing, blankets, linens, boots, etc... or volunteering at the sale.

I truly appreciate your past support and hope you'll continue to support this effort to help others in need.

Thank you very much. Every lit bit of clothes truly makes a difference!

Linda Baumert
815-245-1478
email: buildabledreams@aol.com

SMALL GROUP #2-"THE SOCIAL CLUB"

"The Social Club" will be the new name of small group #2. They will be meeting monthly at the homes of members beginning on Tuesday, November 10th at the home of Anna Evans, who lives outside Harvard, at 135 Ridgewood Dr. Woodstock. The agenda is open to getting acquainted, having fun and doing whatever comes to mind. If you are interested in joining our group please contact the church office at 815-338-0731 or office@cucw.org

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

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. Contact Rev. Dan Larsen with any questions or the church office office@uucowoodstock.org

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES GROUP

The Spiritual Practices group will be meeting on Monday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the parsonage. We will be continuing our study with 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 the Four Spiritual Types and helps us to grow spiritually and psychologically on our own particular path.

MIND OVER MOOD

This is an 8 week group to address depression/anxiety through cognitive restructuring. In this group, you will learn to identify negative thoughts and beliefs that lead to emotional problems and, eventually, to problem behaviors.

The group will meet from 7 to 9 pm starting Wednesday, November 4th in the parsonage. Cost is \$10 per person per group, and is limited to 12 participants. The group will be led by Gale Harris, a licensed clinical social worker with 25 years of experience. The group builds on skills learned each week, so it is important to attend all sessions. If you have previously participated in this group, you are welcome to join again. There will be make up options, as needed.....and there WILL be homework! To sign up, contact the church office at 815-338-0731.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN POTLUCK

The Young Families group that is just forming will meet on Saturday, November 7th at 4:00p.m. The group will meet at the home of Carlos Valdes and Shelly Nicholson with their two children at 119 Norman Drive in McHenry.

Directions: From Woodstock take Rt. 120 to McHenry. Turn right on Crystal Lake Rd to Dartmoor Dr., left on Dartmoor Dr., then a right on Norman Drive. There will be a tapas potluck, so please bring your favorite appetizer and something to drink. Please join us! Bring a game or two that your family enjoys! To RSVP or for more information call Sherry Nicholson 815-322-2533 or snichol33@hotmail.com . The group is for Adults with their children.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Discussion Group will not be meeting until further notice.

MEN'S GROUP

We do not have a meeting scheduled at this time.

COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS PAGANS

CUUPS (our Pagan Group) will be meeting Friday, November 13th (second Friday of the month) at 7 pm upstairs in the church. The Topic will be "Wheels of the Year". Roz Zarecki is the contact person at 815-245-1692.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Oct. 26th: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, Oct.27th: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Oct.28th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, Oct. 29th: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Friday, Oct.30th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Monday, Nov 2nd: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, Nov 3rd: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Nov 4th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, Nov. 5th: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Friday, Nov. 6th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

“MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL”