

UUC VOICE

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FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 10:45 A.M.

For the Sunday of November 29th and December 6th we make these changes;

** On November 29th Carol Alfus will be speaking on “Active Waiting” and on December 6th, Rev Dan Larsen will be speaking about the “The Spirit of Christmas”

** We are also changing the date for young people to be received into church from November 29 to a Sunday in January.

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.

NOVEMBER 29th “What Are We Waiting For?”

This is the first Sunday of the Advent season, a time of preparation, reflection and anticipation. Please join Carol Alfus as we explore the meaning Advent has for Unitarian Universalists and consider the special significance of “active waiting” for us as a congregation during this time of transition in our church. Instead of regular church school this Sunday, the children will practice for their Christmas Pageant.

DECEMBER 6th “The Spirit of Christmas”

Rev. Dan Larsen will speak on “The Spirit of Christmas”. Instead of regular church school this Sunday, the children will practice for their Christmas Pageant.

ANNUAL FAIR TRADE GIFT FAIR

The Fifth Annual Fair Trade Gift Fair will be held for one day only at our Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock, 221 Dean Street, on Saturday November 21 from noon to 6:30 PM. Also sale will be available on Sunday morning after the service.

The fair features socially responsible gifts that benefit the buyer, seller and the planet. The sale include hand crafted items and textiles from imported from the third world directly from artisan co-ops as well as fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate.

The fair is sponsored by the Green Sanctuary, the environmental ministry of the U.U. congregation. For more information call 815 338-0731 or visit <http://www.cucw.org> .

GREEN SANCTUARY

COFFEE - Green Sanctuary will be selling coffee on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The cost of the coffee will be \$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 offering decaf and regular coffee. Also on the 2nd Sundays, we will be serving this coffee after the service so people can try it out.

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

FOR THE NEXT 7 GENERATIONS

We will be showing the documentary entitled "For the Next 7 Generations" at the church on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6:30p.m. After the Fair Trade Gift Fair.

"For the Next 7 Generations", narrated by Ashley Judd, documents the momentous journey of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, as they travel around the globe to promote world peace and share their indigenous ways of healing. Originating from all four corners, these 13 wise women elders, shamans and medicine women, first came together in 2004 at a historic gathering in Upstate New York. Motivated by their concern for our planet, they decided to form an alliance: The International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. The film begins at their first gathering follows them to the Amazon rainforest, the mountains of Mexico, throughout North America, and to Dharamsala, India, for a private meeting with the Dalai Lama. Facing a world in crisis, the Grandmothers share with us their visions of healing and a call for change now, before it's too late. Through their teachings, they are lighting a way to a peaceful, sustainable planet. This film documents their unparalleled journey and timely perspectives on a timeless wisdom.

~~Donations are Adults \$5.00 ~ Students (13-21yrs) \$3.00 ~ children (12 and under) Free with Adult Supervision~~

NEW MEMBERS

With the changes in the worship services, we will now be receiving youth members into the church during the worship service in January.

NEW FUNDRAISER

Introducing a New Fundraiser that won't cost you a dime! We will take orders for gift cards. Here's how it works:

You choose the gift cards you want to order and fill out a form provided at church. Drop off the form and cash or check (payable to UUC of Woodstock with gift card on the memo line) to Heather Madaus or Whit Sears after church on Sundays, or mail it to the church by Monday. You will receive your orders on the following Sunday.

The church makes \$ by purchasing the cards at a discount and you get the face value of your card! Please consider helping us by planning your weekly expenses for fuel, groceries, entertainment, and gift-giving from this list!

Please contact Heather Madaus for online ordering instructions or with further questions at heathermadaus@sbcglobal.net or at 815-509-7862.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO RENT?

Nicette Crawford has an available space to rent. She wants to rent a lower level studio in her home for \$485/a month, including utilities. Nicette is looking for a non-smoking female. Please call 815-206-5144
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".

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.

CIRCLE DINNERS

Circle Dinners provide a wonderful way to become better acquainted with church members in an informal setting. Diners will meet for dinner in member's homes on the second Saturday of each month from January through April. Please mark your calendars for January 9, February 13, March 13 and April 10. The host/hostess provides the entrée and the guests round out the menu. Each month diners are rotated to meet with a different group of diners.

If you cannot commit to four Saturdays, or are not comfortable hosting a dinner and you think that you just want to try it out, you may sign up on the "substitute list". Substitutes will be called in when a regular diner is unable to attend. Please note: This is an adult dining group. If you have children, but would like to participate, you are welcome to sign up on the substitute list.

The sign-up sheet is in the Social Room. For more information, please contact Lora in the church office.

CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Current Affairs Discussion Group will be meeting in the parsonage at 9 am this Sunday, November 22. Don Metivier will host a discussion of what's going on in the world with special emphasis on whether or not "I Am My Brother's Keeper".

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES GROUP

The Spiritual Practices group will be meeting on Monday, November 23rd 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.

SUN CITY GROUP

The Sun City Discussion Group will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec.2 at 7 pm at the home of Lilly & Norm Bailey, 12742 Kishwaukee Lane, Huntley. This month's discussion is about "Justice" based on the book by "What would you do?" by Michael Sandell. Hang on to your socks will be stimulating! Guaranteed to be fun, interactive and lively! Please RSVP 847-515-3280.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

The Reading Group Meets again on Wednesday, December 9th at 7 pm upstairs in the parsonage. We have ordered copies of a book on "Atheism" and inform members when they are available.

SOCIAL CLUB

"The Social Club" will be the new name of small group #2. They will be meeting monthly at the homes of members.

On Tuesday, December 8th the meeting will be at the home of Ray & Amy Beth, they live at 303 Hoy St. in Woodstock. The phone number is 815-338-4245. Please call Amy and let her know if you can attend and if you will be able to bring a snack or beverage.

The agenda this evening is about "getting acquainted". If you are interested in joining our group please contact the church office at 815-338-0731 or office@cucw.org

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will be meeting on Thursday, December 10th at the home of Bob Tirk, 1513 Rhett Pl. in Woodstock. I will make a big pot of Lithuanian Chili (very mild stuff not spicy at all). Dinner will be served at 6 and happy hour will start at 5. I will have plenty of adult beverages as well as soft drinks. If you wish you could bring an appetizer but not necessary. Call if you need directions 815-334-8050. Please RSVP! PS...Hot sauce will be available for those who like me need to jazz it up a bit.

COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS PAGANS

CUUPS (our Pagan Group) will be meeting Friday, December 11th (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, Nov. 23rd: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, Nov. 24th: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Nov. 25th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving

Monday, Nov.30th: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. p.m. – Lora Cantele

Tuesday, Dec, 1st: all day – Janet Burns

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

Thursday, Dec. 3rd: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. p.m. – Lora Cantele

Friday, Dec.4th: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Karen Stowe

“MAY YOU BE WELL, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL”