

STEVENS POINT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

January 2005

Unless indicated otherwise all services and religious school begin at 10:00 am on Sundays in the Odd Fellows Hall, 2854 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI.

Calendar

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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| January 2 | No Services |
| January 9 | Don Greene “Three Aesthetic Philosophical Viewpoints” |
| January 16 | Intergenerational Service for Martin Luther King Day
Board Meeting, 8:30 |
| January 23 | Julie Stoneberg, Intern Minister, UU Church, Wausau
Topic to be announced |
| January 30 | MUSIC SUNDAY |
| February 6 | To Be Announced
Soup Sunday |
| February 13 | Child Dedication/ Valentines Day Intergenerational
Program |
| February 20 | Richard Feldman, “The Humanities and Human Affairs:
A Humanist on Radio” |
| February 27 | Corinne Dempsey, “Indian Expressions of Religious
Inclusivity” |
| March 6 | To Be Announced
Soup Sunday |
| March 13 | Reverend Don Wheat, “Easter Moments” |

HELP WANTED:

People to be on the membership committee to greet visitors and to follow up on them. If you can help, contact Michele Bjella or Carol Weston. Michele also suggests having a Stewardship group to help keeping in touch with our members.

Volunteers for opening, closing, clean up and snacks. Please sign up on the poster on the board.

Adults to work with the children in RE. Members of the RE committee will be the lead teachers, but we could use aides to help. Please contact Dorothy Ginnett to find out the topic and volunteer your help. It is really good for the children (and adults too) to get to know one another

There will be sign up sheets available at the services in January. Please be willing to assist the smooth running of the Fellowship.

If you have announcements for the Fellowship, please give them in writing to the member conducting the service. This should be the announcements sections of the service run more smoothly.

Deadline for February newsletter is January 23. Please submit articles and announcements to Julia Weiser at weiserj@charter.net or send to 616 Sunset Blvd. Stevens Point, WI 54481

The following is from Jane Shoup

Circle Suppers

Several of us have talked about organizing a series of Circle Potluck Suppers within the Fellowship. Many congregations have found that this kind of activity helps members and friends get to know one another better and form stronger bonds.

We will need:

- (1) Two or three volunteer hosts who are willing to open their homes for two very informal dinners for two or three couples (or singles) between January and May 2005. The host provides the place and the drinks.
- (2) SPUUF members and friends who would like to participate. Each participant (single or couple) contributes a dish to share.

In larger congregations it seems the group tends to stay together for several sessions, but because we are relatively small, it probably makes sense – at least in our first attempt – to shuffle the participants for the two dinners. These logistical details will probably depend upon how many people want to participate.

To get things rolling, I am suggesting that we schedule the suppers for Friday or Saturday, February 11 or 12; and Friday or Saturday, March 11 or 12. (If they are wildly successful, we could have another in April or early May.)

I am willing to organize the groups and Stefan and I would be happy to be hosts to one of the groups.

So – what we need to get rolling is another host or two and a list of those who would like to participate. Please contact me if you are interested!

The Central Midwest District Directory is now finished. Our Fellowship will receive 2 printed copies sometime soon. If you would like to look at or download parts of this directory you can go to www.cmwd-uua.org.

The Unitarian Universalist Service committee is collecting money for Tsunami Relief. You can get details on the uusc.org website. The UUSC had already planned and organized a program for Justice Sunday in March where the emphasis is on the right to water. It will be especially timely this year. Materials for this service will be coming later this month, so if you are interested in looking at them, contact Julia Weiser.

The UUSC is the organization for which we collected funds in our annual Guest at Your Table boxes. We collected \$67.76 as of Sunday, December 19. If you would like to contribute still to this fund drive, please send the funds to Julia Weiser. You can make out a check to the UUSC or to the Fellowship; we hope to send in these contributions by mid January.

Thanks to all of your generous contributions we were able to fund completely the gifts and food for the family assigned to us by the Holiday Basket Program. A special thanks goes to Nancy Lo Patin and Dorothy De Boer for the extra used children's clothing, in addition to the cute new outfits, that they gave to this young family. All of these donations were greatly appreciated.

Have you seen all the signs on cars and trucks indicating the occupants "Support our Troops?" Do you want to help them? One way to support the troops in providing prepaid phone cards for the injured service men and women. These prepaid cards allow these men and women to make long distance telephone calls for which the government does not pay. You can send cards for any amount to Medical Family Assistance Center, Walter Reed Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20307-5001. If you wish you can say the card is from the "Peace People" many of whom opposed the war before it began.

Thanks to:

Steve Bjella for audio taping the services so that those who are downstairs can hear them.

Mike and Michele Bjella for the music on December 12.

Arlene Heig and friends for the poetry session program.

All who donated to support the Holiday Basket effort.

Carol Weston and Michele Bjella for setting up the service area for intergenerational service for the winter holidays. The room looked very festive.

All the musicians, poets, crafty persons, comedians etc. who participated in the intergenerational service in December.

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