

THE REPORTER

Newsletter of St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church

January 22, 2012

Sunday Community Worship Services

January 22, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

"The Shadow Knows" Rev. Helen Carroll

In the late 1930's a radio drama debuted and the invisible avenger known as the Shadow was born. In the introduction to the program the narrator intoned: "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!" And who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of Unitarian Universalists????



January 29, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

"Making Room:

Lots of Change in our Lives and Little Change in Our Pockets"

Diane Wright, officiating

There is a Buddhist saying: "To know, and not to do, is not really yet to know...." Four weeks into our new year's resolutions, we'll examine the ways in which we handle change in our lives, and consider how spirituality and emotion play roles in the adjustments we make.

February 5, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

"LovingKindness" Rev. Helen Carroll

Even as confident, competent, self-reliant human beings, we often crave love and find ourselves lonely. There is pain where we yearn for joy. Our response to the isolation of the modern world is to connect with a level of love that is a real connection to all beings. In Buddhism it's called Lovingkindness.

February 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

"For Better or Worse" Rev. Helen Carroll

On this Sunday before Valentine's day, join us for a look at the institution of marriage in readings, reflections and music.

February 19, 2012

"From the Beatles to the Bible, Is Love Really All We Need?"

Amy Shaw, Ministerial Intern

We hear the word over and over again, everywhere from fleeting pop culture references to revered religious teachings. But if Love is the answer, what are the questions? Come join me in an exploration of what it means to love one another throughout our daily lives.

Our Mission: St. John's is committed to creating a safe and caring community, working for peace and social justice, and celebrating beliefs that respect freedom of thought.

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the Rev. Helen Carroll

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Wed Feb 1 at 5 pm

**March Forth for Justice
March for the Dream Act**
Conference and Action
March 3-4
Registration Deadline February 15
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mUUings *from Rev. Helen Carroll*

This interim year is reaching a mid-way point and, like many mid-way points, it's time to take stock as well as plan next steps. Together the leadership and I are looking at the progress St. John's is making toward the interim goals – recognizing that good work has been done since the beginning of the program year *and* that much is left to be addressed in the months ahead.



One interim goal is to explore the church's infrastructure, to take a serious look at how you do what you do. Elizabeth, Josie, Cathy and Rachel are putting together "think tank" teams that will begin meeting in early February. Each team will answer questions around:

- What do we say (want to say) we offer in Religious Education, in Administration/Office Management and in the Music program?
- What are the resources needed to make those programs happen? What can be done by volunteers? What needs the guidance of professional staff? What about funding?
- What do the job descriptions need to say for each program? What are the reporting connections, responsibilities and authority needed to get the work done?

The Board will be supporting a series of conversations about St. John's UU Identity – conversations to help clarify what St. John's means and what it offers its members and friends, as well as what role the church plays in the wider Cincinnati community. These conversations often identify emerging strengths along with long-held ideas that answer the question, "Who are we?"

Work like this invites everyone to participate. If you are new to the church or have been around for decades, your thoughts and experiences are valued in these discussions. If you're asked to participate – to be on a think tank or to be part of the conversations – please say yes. After all, without you there is no St. John's.

Faithfully,
Rev. Helen

Note: My regular office hours are 10–1, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Other times are available by appointment. My day off is Monday.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT UU?

Save the date of **Friday, Jan 27** at 7PM for dessert and an informal discussion with Rev. Carroll. "UU for U" is especially for new members or people considering joining St. John's. Please **RSVP by Monday, January 23rd** to Sarah Loar Seibert, or to our church office at (513) 961-1938.



Music Vivace



Performance at Music Hall
Photo by Ursula Roma

Martin Luther King Celebration:

Many St Johners and other Cincinnati UUs contributed with song and heart to the 2012 city-wide celebration of Martin Luther King Day at Music Hall on January 16. Not least among these were our esteemed Music Director, Dr. Cathy Roma, and Assistant Music Director, Rachel Kramer.



Cathy Roma, Rachel Kramer, and Rev Todd O'Neal.
Photo by Ellen Bierhorst

Dr. Roma and Rev. Todd O'Neal co-conducted the chorale for the 21st year. To the great sorrow of many, this will be Cathy and Todd's last year directing - but not before they enter the King Chorale in the World Choir Games in Cincinnati this summer, July 4-14. Watch for it!

Coming in May

A City that Sings: Cincinnati's Choral Tradition 1800-2012

Another thing to watch for this spring will be the release on May 1 of a book edited by our Music Director, Dr. Cathy Roma.



Rehearsal at St John's UU Church – *Photo by Ellen Bierhorst*

One chapter of particular interest was authored by Dr. Roma herself: "Cincinnati's African American Choral Tradition 1824-2012." Roma traces the development of choral singing within the early African American churches in the nineteenth century to autonomous institutions created by blacks in Cincinnati who were not welcomed into the college of music, the conservatory of music, or the May Festival. Cincinnati's Cosmopolitan School was the first black owned and operated school of music in the USA, founded on 9th St. by Artie Matthews in 1921. There is so much more, but just to give you a taste....

The other chapters include a thorough examination of the k-12 schools, colleges, universities, and their vibrant music programs throughout the last two centuries. The central chapter on the saengerfests, and development of the May Festival and all of the independent choral and vocal ensembles that have been a part of this musical city since its founding, includes Otto Singer, the music director of St. John's UU in the 1870s.

MARCH FORTH FOR JUSTICE! March 3-4, 2012

Interfaith Immigration Justice Conference and Social Witness Weekend



The **Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati** (UUCGC) will present a major conference on Immigration Issues for **Saturday, March 3, 2012, 8:30am to 5:00pm**, at the **Sharonville Convention Center** in Cincinnati. Over a dozen faith and community organizations are listed as co-sponsors. Twenty-seven different speakers will provide information on a wide range of related topics including the **Dream Act, Human Trafficking, Economic Realities, and Politics and Law**.

Keynote speaker is Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray, Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, Arizona. She also serves as the Lead of the Arizona Immigration Ministry (AZIM), a project of UUA President Rev. Peter Morales. Rev. Frederick-Gray gained prominence in Arizona and nationally for her public actions of non-violent civil disobedience against Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio and Arizona's anti-immigrant legislation SB 1070. She is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Other confirmed speakers include:

- **Sister Alice Gerdeman**, coordinator of Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center (IJPC) since 1992. In this role she coordinates education and action in the areas of economic justice, peace, human rights, racism and the environment, and immigration.
- **Mayra Alza**, native of Peru, leader of Immigration Programs at Cincinnati's Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center (IJPC), VP of Latinos en Accion at the University of Cincinnati.
- **Rev. Nelson Jerome Pierce, Jr.**, pastor of Beloved Community Church in Cincinnati, OH and organizer for the AMOS Project.
- **Dr. Liliana Rojas-Guylar**, Asst Professor of Health Promotion and Education at the U of Cincinnati, Academic Research Partner with Harmony Garden, member of the National Latina Health Network.
- **Dan Hurley**, Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.
- **Natalie Fair Albright**, Executive Director, International Center of Greater Cincinnati, co-founder of the Alliance for Immigrant Women.
- **Don Sherman**, former CIWC director, Hispanic Chamber of Cincinnati.
- **Francisco Echevarria**, Su Casa.
- **Alfonso Cornejo**, Hispanic Chamber of Cincinnati.
- **Jeff Nzozdigeza**, Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program.
- **Rev. Paula Jackson**, Episcopal Church of Our Savior.
- **Jorge Herman Martinez**, Former LULAC Board member, immigration attorney.
- **Bernard Pastor**, native of Guatemala whose deportation proceedings have been for the time suspended as a result of popular outcry.
- **Helaine Tasch**, US Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- **Mike Corradini** of Physicians for Human Rights.
- **Tim Riordan**, Dayton (OH) City Manager, presenting the Dayton "Immigrant Friendly Plan" which he hopes will be a model for charter municipalities across Ohio and elsewhere.



Bernard Pastor

Register Now! ~ Sign up at ImmigrationJustice.org

~ or pick up a mail-in flyer in the lobby at St John's or any UU church.

Registration limited to 500 persons. **Registration deadline February 15, 2012.**

Conference is **FREE** except for a \$20 buffet lunch. (But **please donate** what you can afford, to cover our costs!)

MARCH FOR THE DREAM ACT

Sunday, March 4, 2012 3:00 PM

Friendship Park on the Cincinnati Riverfront, between Sawyer Point and the Montgomery Inn Boathouse.



The “Dream Act” is a proposed federal law that would make it possible for individuals brought to the United States in infancy or childhood to follow a shorter, well-defined path to citizenship. Many “dreamers” have no memory of any home other than the USA and speak English as a native language.



Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray of the Arizona Immigration Ministry (AZIM) and others will offer brief remarks. Dream Act petitions will be available for signature.

Visit ImmigrationJustice.org for more information.

Help Wanted:

Communications Committee Chair

The Communication Committee assists the operation and success of the Church in a variety of ways. These include ensuring efficient and accurate dissemination of information about the church’s activities. This includes editing The Reporter, various aspects of the website and our Facebook page, and publicity about the music series and other events, among other communication needs. In addition, based on skills and interests, the chair assists with keeping the technology of the church up to date and smoothly running.

Current Chair Claire Wagner is stepping down to give more time as Board Vice-President. There are a number of talented volunteers already working with Communications. The Chair coordinates and supports their work, leads meetings, and facilitates new work to meet St. John’s communication needs.

The Communications Committee reports to the Administrative Council, currently directed by Kathleen Smythe. If you have an interest in this position or wish to suggest someone, please contact Kathleen.

Don’t forget ...

As you shop, remember to add non-perishable items for those who are served by the Freestore Foodbank. Bring those items with you each Sunday and beginning with the first Sunday in February, we’ll collect your food offerings during the service.

Here’s the list of the Freestore Foodbank’s most needed items:

- Canned chicken and tuna
- Canned corned beef
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Dried or canned beans
- Fruit juice
- Jelly
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Whole grain cereal



Work Area: Minister-In- Formation!

from Amy Shaw,
Ministerial Intern

Hello and bright blessings. I am smiling and shivering as I write this from my room in Chicago on a freezing and snow filled morning. For me, as a UU seminarian at Meadville Lombard, January is a time of intense study, work, and formation activity.

Each January, from across the country and the world, Meadville students come “home” to Chicago. We leave our congregations and families for a month of 9-5 classroom education, preaching practice, and theological discussion. Many of us live in shared housing, and continue the work of our ministerial development over group dinners, and late night debates. We argue, learn, and grow, challenged and supported by peers, faculty, and other ministers at every step.

For many of us, the pressure is insane, the joy intense, and the value priceless. We read our endless reading lists, learn to navigate the bus or Metra to reach our new campus at the Spertus building on South Michigan Ave., and try not to freeze.

We become your ministers.



I would love to answer your questions about how this all works when I return to Cincinnati in February. Come and explore the process of formation with me, and let your voice be heard.

Amy

A little hUUmor

When the family returned from Sunday morning service, the father criticized the sermon, the soloist, the pianist, and just about everything else. But the subject was quickly dropped when junior piped up, “But it was pretty good for a quarter, don’t you think, Dad?”

From the fffice

By Josie Arens
St. John’s Office Administrator

The new **People Book Directory** will be ready to pick up on **Sunday Jan 29th**. If you cannot come to church to pick it up from the office, either on a Sunday or during daily office hours, please call Josie 961-1938 or email her at office@stjohnsuu.org and she will mail you a copy.

To make an update or correction, please email Josie at office@stjohnsuu.org.

If you want to receive electronic lists of interim changes in the People Book as they occur, please email Brian Cason and ask to be added to the update list.

And finally, please take notes of **deadlines**:

- Written announcements for order of service: Wednesday at 11am.
- eNews announcements: Wednesday at 5pm
- Reporter submissions: alternate Wednesday at 5pm

~ Josie

Joys & Concerns

Please don’t hesitate to share your joys and concerns – they are important to your fellow St Johners and they deserve our attention!



Our method of sharing has changed – Joys & Concerns are now read by Rev Helen or whoever is officiating at the service. To get the message to Rev Helen, you can call or email Carolyn von Allmen in advance of Sunday. Or, on the day of the service, you are most welcome to jot a note on one of the cards found near the rear door of the sanctuary, and place the card on the table with stones at the front of the sanctuary.

Big News in the District

As you may already know the UUA is working with Districts to transform our current 19 districts into 5 regions. This article is to provide you with the intentions of your Heartland District Board of Trustees, give you some of the why, the proposed timetable, and a venue to voice your opinions, support, concerns and suggestions of the proposed move to a MidAmerica Regional Governance.

The MidAmerica Region is comprised of 3 Districts (Heartland, Prairie Star and Central MidWest) and the Heartland Board believes regional governance will serve Unitarian Universalism as we move into the future for the reasons listed below.

- The staff of the 3 districts have begun to function as a unified staff with an appointed lead person and have set 2013 as their goal for completing this organizational move for providing service delivery. You have already seen some of the benefits from this such as the increased webinars offered and maintained in a library accessible at any time. The staff has said they will work with whatever governance structure we have but it has become clear that our current governance structure is not going to be the most efficient structure with the changing staff structure.
- Congregations of the future will be different and technology will play an increased role in accessibility, communication, connection and delivery. It is important that we have the resources to make technological connection possible, not only between the region and the congregations, but also among congregations, one to the other.
- Financial resources are tighter (due to a changed economy that has impacted many) and it is necessary to create governance structures that free up capital resources by doing away with redundancy.
- No one has told the districts to make any changes; it just makes sense to create a governance structure that will foster a healthy, thriving, future-oriented religious organization, providing better service to congregations, better linkages, and better connections among congregations.

What has happened so far?

- In spring of 2011 all 3 MidAmerica districts adopted the UUA ENDS as their own.
- Spring 2011 all 3 MidAmerica district presidents attended the other's Annual Conference and met with their boards.

- At General Assembly 2011, bylaw changes were adopted so that future UUA Trustees will no longer be elected by Districts and will no longer represent a specific District.
- By fall 2011, all 3 districts voted to end the illusion of staff co-employment, acknowledging the UUA Director of Congregational Life (DCL) (currently Terasa Cooley) as staff employer.
- October 2011 all District UUA staff and all 3 MidAmerica District Board executive trustees met in Chicago with a facilitator to envision a thriving, future-oriented, religious organization to serve UUs in our districts. The result was a proposal that all 3 boards took to their November meetings that we work together to create a regional governance structure to replace our current district structures, with a goal of July 2013 for this to happen.
- November 2011, all 3 districts accepted similarly worded covenants with staff and the UUA DCL.
- November 2011, all 3 district boards proposed working together creating a regional governance to replace district boards.
- December 2011 MUUC/MUUF and Mountain Desert District were invited into conversation.
- UUA Board of Trustees was asked to consider how change to a regional structure may impact their Bylaws.



How will we get there?

There are several groups working on this transition/transformation, and several steps:

- Steering Committee – 3 district Presidents: Amy Taylor (HL), Brian Covell (CMWD), Kathy Burek (PSD)
- Transition Team – 3 district Presidents & Vice Presidents (Kathy Silver, Nancy Armstrong, Dave Martin)
- Financial Subcommittee – 3 district treasurers (Rae Jane Araujo, Warren Thom, Bill Elwood)

Frequent Communication in all directions throughout the process

- Annual Conference 2012 – request vote to change Bylaws impacted by proposed move to regional governance in 2013.
- Fall 2012 – have a draft regional governance proposal for comment (Bylaws, election, budget, accountability, communication systems, staff and volunteer relations)
- Annual Conference 2013 – request membership vote to replace district governance with regional governance as of July 1, 2013.

Adult RE 2012

Registration and the bookstore will be open after the service on Sunday, **January 22**.

Teacher, Guide, Companion:

rediscovering Jesus in a secular world.

There are still openings in this one-session class to be held **Sunday afternoon Feb. 5**.

You can pick up a book for \$11 at the bookstore Sun. Jan. 22 or order from Amazon. Call Carol Fencil or email adultre@stjohnsuu.org for more information.

~ *Adult Religious Education Committee*

St. Johns Hosts

UU Council

Saturday, Feb 4, 2012

The Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati will hold their February 4th meeting at St. Johns. The UU Council has worked hard planning the upcoming March Forth For Justice conference in Sharonville March 3, and the March for the Dream Act on Sunday, March 4th. If you want to learn more about the projects of the UU Council and specifically about the March Forth conference, you do not have to be a delegate to attend this meeting. Coffee is available at 9 am; the meeting starts at 9:30. Bring breakfast foods to share if you wish. Donations of food items always appreciated. ~ *Ethel Ingalls*

Soup & Bread Luncheon Successful

The January 8th soup and bread luncheon in support of our partner church program raised \$495. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bring food or who helped with the set up, dishes and clean up.

~ *The Friends of Szentlaszlo*

UPCOMING FORUMS

Sundays at 10:00 am

Jan. 22

Doctrine of Discovery

Almost 550 years ago the Pope declared a doctrine which



ultimately became part of colonial and US law, regulating the way we treated the Native Americans. Come to learn more about how churches then and now played into this story, which also speaks to the value of separation of church and state. Leader: **Carol Fencil**

Jan. 29

Energy Options - Will They Save You Money?

Have you received notices with your utility bill about opting for a different energy supplier? Have you wondered if it was a good move? Have you wondered what really happens when you sign up to purchase "green" power? We will discuss energy options, including Duke Industries' GoGreen program, their carbon offset program and Cincinnati Bell Energy as a "green" energy supplier. To find out how much money you might save, bring your average monthly kwh usage to the forum, to plug into a calculator. Presenters John Fanselow and Ethel Ingalls

Feb. 5

March Forth For Justice – A Preview

The **Conference on Immigration** scheduled for March 3-4 is a Big Event. The deadline for registration is February 14. Don't miss this opportunity to learn what it's all about and how a conference of this caliber came to be. Mary Jean "MJ" Pierson is the current President of the UU Council of Greater Cincinnati

and member of Northern Hills Fellowship. MJ was also the UU Council's representative to the Executive Board of MARCC for the past four years. Immigration was one of MARCC's two concentrations in 2011 and 2012. MJ will talk with us about the conference and what the conference planners hope to achieve.



~ *Nancy Henry*

January Women's Potluck

The **Goddess group** will meet for a potluck this month instead of a restaurant outing. All women of St. John's are welcome to attend. We'll meet on **Wednesday, January 25** at 6:30 p.m. We'll gather in the party room at Hammond North, 5300 Hamilton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45224.

Please bring a dish to share for our potluck. We're planning a simple program as well as our usual conversation-time.

U.U. women at Hammond North include Jean Ashcraft, Sally Becker, Mary Darner, Marion DiFalco, Carol Fencl, Melanie Marsh, Mary Merryman and Nikki Orleman. Please call or e-mail Carol Fencl.

The Wise Older

Women will meet to discuss "Letting Go" on **January 31** at 1pm in the Library. Bring a brown bag lunch and come prepared to share your worries, fears, joys, anticipation and memories concerning this topic. For questions or more information call Gail Boggs.



St. John's
Music Series:

**Bach-analia
Wine
Tasting**

**and Organ
Sampling
Saturday, Feb 11
5:30 p.m.**

St. Johns, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for. Hear, enjoy and learn about the pipe organ that has been sitting behind us every Sunday. It's a **McManus Tracker Organ**, and one of the best organists in town is going to play it for us 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

Rodney Barbour, acclaimed organist, will take us on a musical journey through the history and sounds of the McManus Tracker Organ in this St. John's Music Series concert. Guests will enjoy a little Bach and some wine sampling and light hors d'oeuvres. **You're invited to bring a bottle of wine to share.**

Rodney Barbour has performed in dance bands, with the Holiday on Ice Orchestra and the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus Band, and was the featured entertainer for 10 years on the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ (4 manual, 33 rank) at the Springdale Music Palace in Cincinnati. From 1987 until live organ music was replaced by a computer program, he played live organ for Cincinnati Reds games at Riverfront Stadium.

Please come for this casual, entertaining and enlightening evening.

The organ will be tuned before the concert and afterwards, we, the congregation will know a lot more about this fine musical instrument. **We may want to decide in the near future if we keep and use the organ or possibly sell it and make room for more seating.**

Be part of the fun and become "keyed in" to this instrument and the options for its future.

Tickets for the St. John's Music Series:

\$15 includes 1 adult/1 child,

\$10 seniors and students,

\$5 additional children 12 and under.

Tickets and information are available online at www.stjohnsuu.org, (click on "Music Series" on the left), or by calling the St. John's office at (513) 961-1938. Tickets are also available at the door.

RE-flections

By Elizabeth Wilson

St. John's Director of Religious Exploration



Service is Our Prayer. . .

An important part of our RE program experience is providing ways for our children and youth to have an impact on their world—both locally and globally. We've made it a standard practice to incorporate at least one service project at each grade level on a yearly basis. More importantly, the service project is chosen by class participants. The role of RE teachers and the DRE is to offer guidance and assistance where necessary, but as much as possible, we try to let the kids make the decisions and drive the process. Several classes are working on (or have done) exciting projects:

- *Mitten Tree Update (1st-3rd grade class):* Ten bags of warm mittens/gloves, hats, scarves and socks were dropped off to Churches Active in Northside (CAIN). CAIN serves 400 families each month and was thrilled to receive the donation!
- *Heifer Project (4th-5th grade class):* This class is working on an exciting UU Principles craft fair, with proceeds to benefit Heifer Project. Look for more info at an upcoming worship service!
- *YRUU (9th-12th grades):* Though nothing is firmed up, the youth are interested in doing something to help the struggling National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.
- *COMING SOON. . . food collection during worship (All Ages!):* With so many struggling during these tough economic times, the need for food donations to Freestore Foodbank, CAIN, and other agencies is never ending. In an effort to involve our children and youth (as well as adults), our ongoing food collection will be more prominently featured as part of our worship service each Sunday. Beginning February 5, anyone bringing food donations will be invited to bring them forward at the beginning of *Time for the Young at Heart*. Flyers with more detailed info will be available in RE classrooms for the next several weeks.



WSRED?

You've undoubtedly heard the phrase, "WWJD" and maybe even our version, "WWUUD." Well, now it's time for "WSRED" ("What Should RE Do")! A task force has been formed to assess our children and youth RE program. We'll take a look at what we do, how we're staffed, what do we want to offer, and how can our church accomplish our goals. The task force will have three focused meetings during the first quarter of 2012. Members are: Rev. Helen Carroll (minister), Beth Molinario (RE committee), Douglas Striker (youth advocate), Mark Freshley (newer church member/no RE affiliation), and myself (DRE). If there are specific ideas you'd like to see incorporated into our children and youth RE program, I encourage you to speak with a task force member!

Note these IMPORTANT DATES!

Sun., January 22: Annual Dragon Parade for children & youth in grades PreK-8th grades, 10:50am in Krollfifer for line-up (with parade happening during Time for the Young at Heart).

Sun., January 22: Senior High OWL, 1:00-4:30pm in Wells.

Sun., February 12: Senior High OWL, 1:00-4:30pm in Wells.



Dragon Parade ~ January 22

Got suggestions? Send me an email (youthre@stjohnsuu.org) or give me a call at 513-961-1940 (church office). DRE church office hours are Tue/Wed/Thurs 9:00am-1:30pm and by appt.

St. John's Church Calendar

Saturday, January 21

10:00am Chalice Groups Facilitators
11:00am Garden Club Committee - Gandhi
5:00pm St. John's Sophomore Reunion Wine and Cheese

Sunday, January 22

9:30am RE Committee Meeting - Lincoln
10:00am Forum: Doctrine of Discovery
11:00am Service – Dragon Parade
12:15pm Adult RE Registration
and Bookstore
1:00pm Senior High OWL - Wells



Tuesday, January 24

10:00am Yoga
1:00pm Wise Women of St. John's - Krolfifer

Wednesday, January 25

1:30pm COCC - Library
5:00pm eNews Deadline
6:30pm Goddess Gathering Potluck @ Hammond North 7:00pm
Caring Circle

Thursday, January 26

~ No Meditation ~

Meditation is suspended until March, 2012
when Nina Tolley will return.

5:45pm Tai Chi - Krolfifer

7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 27

7:00pm Game Night
7:00pm UU & You: Learn about St. John's – Gandhi

Saturday, January 28

10:00am Worship Arts Committee - Library

Sunday, January 29

10:00am Coming of Age Mentors Meeting - Library
10:00am Forum: Energy Options
11:00am Service

Monday, January 30

4:30pm Peace Vigil - Central Parkway

Tuesday, January 31

10:00am Yoga
1:00pm Wise Older Women; Topic: Letting Go - Library

Wednesday, February 1

5:00pm eNews Deadline
5:00pm Reporter Deadline

Thursday, February 2

~ No Meditation ~
7:00am Ground Hog Day
Celebration and Breakfast
(Mt. Storm and Krolfifer)
5:45pm Tai Chi - Krolfifer
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal



Saturday, February 4

8:30am UU Council Meeting - Krolfifer

Sunday, February 5

10:00am Forum: March Forth For Justice Preview
11:00am Service
11:00am RE First Sunday - Krolfifer
1:00pm Adult RE: Teacher, Guide, Companion –
Rediscovering Jesus - Chapel

6:00pm Men's Group

Monday, February 6

6:30pm Chalice Group (Strong) - Library
6:30pm Friends of Szentlaszlo - Library

Tuesday, February 7

10:00am Yoga
7:00pm YADA (Young Adult Discussion & Action) - Wells
7:00pm Book Group (N Tolley)

Wednesday, February 8

10:00am Chalice Group (Hadden) - Library
5:00pm eNews Deadline
7:00pm Chalice Group (Darner) - Library
7:15pm Connections (Membership) - Lincoln

Thursday, February 9

~ No Meditation ~
5:45pm Tai Chi - Krolfifer
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 11

1:00pm Fine Arts Weekend performances –
Sanctuary/Krolfifer
5:30pm St John's Music Series: Bach-analia
Wine Tasting and Organ Concert

Sunday, February 12

10:00am Forum - Krolfifer
11:00am Service
12:15pm Friends Soup and Bread Lunch
1:00pm Senior High OWL - Wells
1:00pm Adult RE: Great Decisions -
Chapel
6:00pm Men's Martian Literary Group - R Hadden



Tuesday, February 14

10:00am Yoga

Wednesday, February 15

Registration Deadline – March Forth for Justice
5:00pm eNews Deadline
5:00pm Reporter Deadline
7:00pm Board Meeting

Thursday, February 16

~ No Meditation ~
5:45pm Tai Chi - Krolfifer
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 17

7:00pm Interweave Movie Night - Krolfifer

Saturday, February 18

9:00am Worship Arts Retreat - Krolfifer
10:00am Chalice Group Facilitators - Library

Sunday, February 19

10:00am Forum - Krolfifer
11:00am Service
1:00pm Adult RE: Great Decisions - Chapel

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Thought of the Week

The surer we are that the world is irredeemably violent, the more likely we are to support hawkish leaders and policies, making our belief self-fulfilling. Our first step toward ending war is to believe that we can end it.

~ John Horgan, "Does Peace Have a Chance?" *Slate Magazine* 8-4-2009