

July 2011

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



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Upcoming Services

All Sunday services begin at 10:15 AM.

There is religious education for children and child care for babies.

July 3: No Service

July 10: "Climate Change" - Dr. Jim Bonacum

Climate change update with Dr. Jim Bonacum from the University of Illinois, Springfield. Dr. Bonacum spoke to us two years ago. Today, he will give us updates from the most recent scientific research and observations. He will also comment on the "unusual" weather events we have seen in the United States and the rest of the world.

July 17: 11 am to 1 pm: Picnic at Friends Creek Park, Large Pavilion

Please bring a dish to share and your choice of beverage. UUFD will provide table service and ham. (See page 3 for directions to the park)

July 24: The Sangamon Corridor Corps of Discovery

An innovative series of classes took place in early 2010 with the goal of helping participants learn to meld the skills of photography, prose and poetry-writing, and art. These classes had an overall theme of communicating appreciation of nature to others. This group of students, called the Sangamon Corridor Corps of Discovery took field trips to areas along and near the Sangamon to discover, and record in drawings, photos and writings, the hidden beauty they found.

The Decatur Audubon Society co-sponsored this series of classes. Four Decatur Audubon members took part in these classes: Verlyn Rosenberger, Jeannie Barnes, Melody Arnold and Delores Logue. Learn more about this group and the fascinating methods they use to help others discover the Sangamon River corridor. View their journals, their drawings and photographs, read their prose and their poetry. Experience the excitement of learning about this nearby natural area in this multi-faceted way.

July 31: "The Titanic" - Larry Klugman

Mr. Klugman will relate the story of the Titanic to its historical significance, updating fact from myth; Titanic as a modern Greek tragedy along with tragic flaws and all the rest including the hubris of an "unsinkable ship".

Attendees are encouraged to come with questions.

Next newsletter deadline: July 15 to newsletter@uufd.org

All activities take place at the Fellowship, unless otherwise noted. Visitors are always welcome!

Calendar of Events

Friday, July 1
1:00 p.m.—Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Friday, July 8
1:00 p.m.—Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Tuesday, July 12
7:00 p.m.— decREAD Group

Wednesday, July 13
7:00 p.m. — Spiritual Journey Covenant Group

Wednesday, July 13
6:30 p.m. — Women's Book Group

Friday, July 15
1:00—Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Wednesday, July 20
6:30 p.m. — Decatur Vegetarian Society

Friday, July 22
1:00 p.m. — Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Tuesday, July 26
7:00 p.m.—decRead Group

Wednesday, July 27
7:00 p.m.— Spiritual Journey Covenant Group

Friday, July 29
1:00 p.m. — Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Group discussion topics:

The decREAD Group—The decREAD Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at UUFD. All are welcome. Discussion of "The Case for God" by Karen Armstrong.

Humanist Group—Humanist Discussion Group will resume meeting in the fall. Contact Dave at 865-2409

Women's Book Group—This month the group will meet at the home of Anne Reeser for potluck and discussion of "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid" by Bill Bryson.

Spiritual Journey Covenant Group—The Spiritual Journey Covenant Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at UUFD from 7:00-8:30. For further information contact Ron Shafer at ronaldshafer52@yahoo.com or 865-2527.

Decatur Vegetarian Society (DVS) - The DVS group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. for a vegetarian potluck dinner, followed by a live or video presentation at 8:00 pm. The meetings are open to the public. If you interested in participating in a potluck, please either (1) bring a vegetarian or vegan dish with a list of ingredients or (2) donate \$5. Also, you should bring your own eating utensils. Contact Mel Weinstein (763-0509) for additional information.

UUFD Men's Group - This group meets every Friday at Tuscany at 1:00 for lunch and conversation.

Community Food Bank: Please bring a donation of nonperishable food items for our local food banks to Sunday services.

President's Message

Greetings UUFD Members and Friends,

Our committees are hard at work. The ministerial search committee is continuing its search. The process is slow and takes lots of patience.

Barb Hannon became a member of UUFD. We already had her working on several projects before she signed the book. Welcome Barb! We are so glad you joined us officially.

Later in July the locks and keys to the Fellowship's doors will be changed. I will let you know in advance. When new keys are given out, they will be numbered. If you take a key, you will be taking on "ownership". That means when you leave the building and use your key to lock the door, you have already checked to see that all lights are off and that the AC or heat controls have been returned to the settings used for an empty building for that season. If you don't know about these settings, someone will explain when you get the key. Also when you use your key to turn the lock, before leaving, twist and turn the handle. The bolt doesn't always slide into the receiving part and the door is not locked. We need our building secure at all times.

I'd like to see the attendance increase as we work to get some very good speakers. As Linda Berez suggested, call someone. Call a member or friend that has not been to a service for a while. Offer to pick them up or just remind them about a particular program coming up.

Thanks for all your help.

Judy Thistlethwaite



Directions to Friend's Creek Park

Drive northeast on Route 48 and after Argenta turn left on Friends Creek Park Blvd. (If you come to Cisco, you've gone too far). If you come on I-72, use exit #156 and turn right on RT 48, south. Then turn right on Friends Creek Park Blvd. We will be in the large Pavilion which is the first one you come to. The pavilion has parking close by and is handicapped accessible. You may want to bring a lawn chair, but there are plenty of tables and benches for the meal. Come rain or shine, as we're in a covered pavilion.

News from Religious Education

RE is doing a series on character education for the next few weeks. Various character-related topics will be discussed, for example: courage, perseverance, and self-control.

July 3 – No service.

July 10 – Character Topic #2, Responsibility, Lorelei Zaker will teach.

July 17 – UUFD Potluck – no service or RE.

July 24 – Character Topic # 3: Respect, Jennifer Sekosky will teach.

July 31 – Character Topic # 4, Honesty, Linda Shroyer will teach.



Calico Salad

1 16 oz. bag frozen mixed vegetables

1 cup chopped celery

1 small onion, chopped

1 14 oz. can red or black beans

Sauce:

1 cup sugar

2 tablespoons flour

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar

1 tablespoon prepared mustard

Mix the sugar and flour together, add vinegar and cook while stirring until thickened. Stir in the mustard. Pour over the vegetables, mix and refrigerate at least 2 hours. You may want to double the recipe for potlucks.

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Fellowship mission

In a nurturing environment of openness, mutual respect, and friendship, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Decatur is a welcoming, diverse congregation. We share values and seek to celebrate life and support one another in our inward and outward searches for spiritual meaning, provide a liberal religious presence, and strive for compassion and justice in our community and our world.



Happy Birthday!

Linda Shroyer	July 6
John Hays	July 21
Jo Caulkins	July 25
Ron Shafer	July 25



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