

August 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.

August 7: "The CHIC Clinic and Its Role in Decatur" - Barbara Dunn, Executive Director

For almost 40 years the Community Health Improvement Center has been providing quality medical care to the underserved population of Decatur and the surrounding communities. Barbara will provide a CHIC update and explain some of the challenges it is facing given the uncertainty of health care funding.

August 14: "The Humanist In Me" — Kathy Sorensen

It is common for Unitarians to summarize their values into three words: freedom, reason and tolerance. These are all words inherited from the humanist tradition. This talk has been adapted from a sermon by the Rev. Bruce Clear.

Board meeting at noon.

August 21: "Decatur School Reform and Renovation" - Dan Winter, Decatur School Board President

Dan, a MacArthur High teacher for many years, was elected to the school board six years ago and is beginning his second two-year term as president.

August 28: "Independence, Dependence and Interdependence" - Rev Dr Ruth Gnagey and Dr William Gnagey

Unitarian Universalists have been known to pride themselves on their independent spirit. Ruth will take a closer look at what it means to be spiritually independent ... or not. Bill has written a parable to accompany the sermon.

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

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

Calendar of Events

Friday, August 5

1:00 p.m.—Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Tuesday, August 9

7:00 p.m.— decREAD Group

Wednesday, August 10

6:00 p.m.— Women's Book Group

Friday, August 12

1:00—Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Wednesday, August 17

6:30 p.m. — Decatur Vegetarian Society

Friday, August 19

1:00 p.m. — Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Saturday, August 20

Fellowship Work Day

Tuesday, August 23

7:00 p.m.—decRead Group

Friday, August 26

1:00 p.m. — Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Wednesday, August 31

4:00— 7:00 p.m.

Student Involvement Fair
Millikin University, Pilling Chapel

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 Sharon Zimmerman for potluck and discussion of "Bossy Pants" by Tina Fey.

Spiritual Journey Covenant Group—The Spiritual Journey Covenant Group is not meeting in August. The group plans to resume in September. 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.

News From Religious Education

Here is the August calendar for RE. We will continue our focus on character building.

August 7 – Character Topic #5, Cooperation, Lorelei

August 14 – Character Topic # 6, Patience and Perseverance, Linda

August 21 – Character Topic #7, Courage, Lorelei

August 28 – Character Topic # 8 Self-control, Jennifer



We are Unitarian Universalists:

With minds that think,

Hearts that love,

And hands that are ready to serve!

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“Promoting freedom, reason, and tolerance in religion”



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

Rosemary Idleman August 5

Vern Thistlethwaite August 21



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