

October 2011

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



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Upcoming Services

All Sunday services begin at 10:15 AM.

We offer religious education for children and child care for babies.

October 2 "Forgiveness Huddled Under Old Blankets" (Sherman Alexie) Rev. Larry Hutchison

In these days between new beginnings and forgiveness, do unforgivable deeds exist or are there only people who cannot forgive? How would one decide? If forgiving is not forgetting, what does it mean to remember? "Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it."- Mark Twain

October 9 "Transcendence" Ron Shafer

After the Unitarian-Universalist Seven Principles, we find this, "The living tradition we share draws from many sources, Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and openness to the forces which create and uphold life." "Direct experience....transcending mystery"? What does all that mean? Come and be even more confused with Ron.

October 16 "Emerson's "Circles" The Creative Building of a Program" Rev. Larry Hutchison

Within "Circles" Emerson supplies us with a bewildering array of geometric motion. Wheels forming outside wheels, spheres orbiting spheres, circles and arcs intersecting one another, circles opening their center to new depths of circles - one grows dizzy with the virtuosity of this opt-art spectacle. But can we build a concrete program on all this motion or are we lost in space? Some thoughts from Detroit here in Decatur.

Board Meeting at noon.

October 23 "To Have Done With Judgment" Rev. Larry Hutchison

I will argue the "Practice of Judgment," (wherein we form judgments every day of our lives} is only made possible through the suspending to infinity that final day of judgment, a kind of future blackmail.

October 30 - "Progressive Christianity" Tom Griffith.

"Progressive Christianity" is a term used to describe a movement that is attempting to reform the Christian faith and rescue it from fundamentalism. The movement crosses all sect borders from Baptist to Methodists to Presbyterians to Catholics. Tom will discuss some of the major tenants and goals of the movement and why it is so important to Christianity in the 21st century.

Newsletter deadline: October 15 to newsletter@uufd.org

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

Wednesday, October 5

7:00 p.m. — Humanist Discussion Group

Friday October 7

1:00 p.m.— Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Tuesday, October 11

7:00 p.m. — decREAD Group

Wednesday, October 12

7:00 p.m. — Spiritual Journey Covenant Group

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6:30 p.m.—Women's Book Group

Thursday, October 13

7:00 p.m.— CUUPS Group

Friday, October 14

1:00 p.m.— Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 p.m. — Decatur Vegetarian Society

Friday, October 21

1:00 p.m. — Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Tuesday, October 25

7:00 p.m. — decREAD Group

Wednesday, October 26

7:00 p.m. — Spiritual Journey Covenant Group

Friday, October 28

1:00 p.m. — Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Calendar of Events

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 meets 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact Dave Snoeyenbos at 865-2409. Rita Schwake will lead this month's discussion on "The Case for A Moral Authority". Our meetings are open to all. We hope you will come and check us out.

Women's Book Group—This month the group will meet at the home of Nancy Shoop for potluck and discussion of "The China Study" by T. Colin Campbell.

CUUPS Group— Sacred Pathways CUUPS meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 for study of earth-centered spirituality, and seasonal celebration planning. October's resource: "The Sacred Depths of Nature" by Ursula Goodenough.

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 ron.shafer52@gmail.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.



Rev. Larry Hutchison

Rev. Hutchison's Office Hours:

Monday	10 -12
Tuesday	day off
Wednesday	10 - 12 & 6 - 8
Thursday	10 - 12
Friday	Study at Home

E-mail - lghutch@comcast.net

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President's Message



Welcome Reception Sept. 18

Greetings to Members and Friends,

A big UUFD welcome to Rev. Larry Hutchison and his wife Nancy. They had a safe trip from Florida and are getting settled in. We are looking forward to working with them for several years.

A big THANK YOU to Ron Shafer and Delores Logue. We now have brochures that are updated and look beautiful. Delores did a great job with the pictures and the detailing.

The next board meeting will not be until October 16. If you would like to have a concern addressed, contact one of the board members. We can put it on our agenda.

Check the UUFD calendar often. There are a couple new groups meeting. Several groups are starting again after a summer break. Feel free to join up.

Thanks for all you do.

Judy Thistlethwaite



News From Religious Education

October 2 – Science focus – we'll do a fun experiment

October 9 – Native American religions

October 16 – Yoga

October 23 – Hindu religion

October 30 – Halloween party with costumes, games, (maybe some candy J) and lots of fun

BREATHE: A Lake Side Experience

NEW LOCATION

UU Women's Connection - Central Midwest District

Twenty-ninth Annual Fall Gathering

Kenosha, Wisconsin

October 21-22, 2011



Join us at the edge of Lake Michigan in Kenosha, Wisconsin as we gather to relax and enjoy the blessings of community, new inspiring workshops and eclectic waterfront delights.

Keynote speaker, Rev. Georgette Wonders of the Bradford UU Church in Kenosha will offer a Saturday keynote talk titled "She Who is Not Busy."

Brochure and registration form are on the UUFD bulletin board, or at <http://www.uuwomensconnection.org/>

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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.

October Birthdays

Chelso Frescura Oct. 16

Marge Evans Oct. 28

*Want to see your name on the birthday list?
Send e-mail to newsletter@uufd.org*



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