



The Heartland Herald

Upcoming Services:

- Sept. 6: **Annual Water Ceremony:** Please bring some water from a place that is special to you. We'll pour the water into a communal bowl. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 13: **Guest Speakers Dr. Robert A. Keller and Dr. Varley E. Wiedeman:** "The Universe: The Oldest, Clearest, and Most Infinite Revelation of the Deity" The speakers wrote "An Unrepeatable Miracle: A Myth of Our Own"
- Sept. 20: **Guest Speakers Christina and Dale Wright-Lonheim:** "Following the Soul Roots of Our Faith" Our spiritual life is impacted by the places and faith of our ancestors. Come and experience blood and spiritual ancestral connection. The speakers are Earth Steward ministers .
- Sept. 27: "The Tao According to Pooh"

Fall marks new year for UU's

(Editor's Note: Since HUUC Board Chair Becky Elliott is on vacation, her column was written this month by Vice Chair Irene Wegner and Secretary Kris Barksdale.)

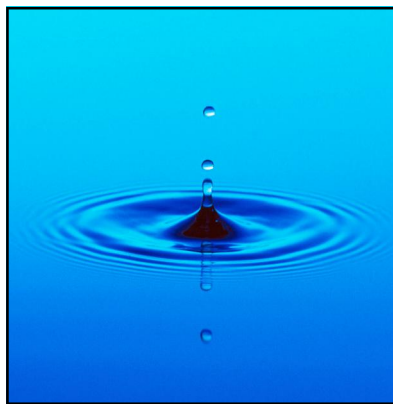
Happy New Year!

Yes, you are reading this correctly. January may mark the beginning of a new calendar year, but for many of us, September really signifies a new beginning. Schools start, children move to new grade levels, swimming pools close, and people return home from summer vacations.

We also celebrate the beginning of the busy, new church year. On Sept. 6, we will celebrate our Water Ceremony. For those members and friends new to Unitarian Universalism, this annual UU tradition marks the

beginning of the new church year. Everyone is invited to bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. We will combine our water together in a large bowl, each of us telling why the water is special to us. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources.

Also starting in September is an Our Whole Lives (OWL) course for our fourth- through sixth-graders. The OWL program equips par-



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ticipants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, OWL provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

As the new church year begins, we also have an opportunity to build on our past (yes, HUUC does have a history now), and help to determine our future. We have plans to gather together to set goals for one year and three years out. We encourage all members and friends to have their voice heard during one of our two goal-setting sessions. You can choose to attend either Saturday, Sept. 12 (9:30-11:30 a.m.) or Monday, Sept. 14 (7-9 p.m.). During these sessions, we will endeavor to map our future and our goals in all areas, including Worship, RE, Social Justice, and Membership. So start brainstorming the next steps for Heartland as we take this blessed journey together.

In peace,

Irene Wegner and Kris Barksdale

RE program for kids to expand

The pace is picking up with our Religious Education program as we transition from summer to autumn! We're expanding our program to now include three groups of children: nursery/toddlers, younger school-aged children and older school-aged kids.

Our 2009/2010 registration packets are available! You can find them on our RE bulletin board, as a file on the Yahoo Web site, or feel free to contact me by e-mail and I can send it to you.

Our program begins on Sept. 13 with an all-ages spirit circle, so please try to return registrations by Sept. 6. Please contact us if you have any

RE UPDATE

questions or need assistance in placing your children in the appropriate group.

There are two main ingredients in a successful RE program: enthusiastic children and adult volunteers. We are blessed to have the children and now we are looking for adults to help mentor and guide our children this year as our program grows to meet their needs. We have a variety of different mentoring positions available, so please contact anyone on the RE committee to discuss the perfect one for you!

We are also excited to be offering an Our Wholes Lives sexuality education program for our 9- to 12-year-olds this year! They will begin class on Sept. 20 and continue on Sunday evenings through mid-November. We're planning a pitch-in dinner before each class as well to have fun together and build community. We have invited youth from area UU churches to join us and we are very excited to welcome them to Heartland!

Faithfully, *Laura Bobeck and the RE committee: Rich Thies, Connie Cousins-Leatherman, Helen Mozzi, Jennifer Fiocca, Kelly Masoncup (board liaison)*

HUUC BRIEFS

Fall art show coming Sept. 13

The HUUC Autumn Art Show will go up Sept. 13 after the service. Bring pieces ready to hang.

If you haven't started yet and want some ideas, consider a collage of glued-on "autumn items," such as leaves, dried flowers, etc. Go for it!

Donna Ozburn



New members to be recognized

Heartland UU Church is growing! Nine new members have signed the membership book since March 22, our first publicized service. That's a 38-percent growth rate!

To celebrate this and to welcome these new members, the Membership Committee is planning a special Sunday service for either October or November.

The membership book will be available the third Sunday of every month for others who may be ready to sign.

Contact Connie Cousins-Leatherman (mikencon2002@yahoo.com) or Irene Wegner (iwegner@aarp.org) for more information.

Nursery workers needed

Do you know of any teenagers who may be interested in working in the HUUC nursery on Sunday mornings? We're hoping to pay them a fair hourly rate. Adult volunteers are needed as well. If you know of anyone who may be interested in working in the nursery, please contact Helen Mozzi at lmozzi@msn.com or Kathy Maeglin at kmaeglin@aol.com

Please sign up to help out!

Please remember to sign up to perform various duties on Sunday mornings, such as making coffee, being a greeter, etc. The sign-up sheet is located on the kitchen counter at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

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Highlights of July HUUC board meeting

At its July meeting, the Heartland UU Church board took the following action:

Elected Board Members to the following offices: Becky Elliott, Chair; Irene Wegner, Vice Chair; Kris Barksdale, Secretary; Kelly Masoncup, Treasurer; Len Mozzi, Board Member. Discussions were held regarding facility rental, policy on pledges, General Assembly, air-conditioning issues, signage, goal-setting meetings, and fundraising.

The next meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13. *Kris Barksdale, Secretary*

Here's your chance to chart HUUC's future

To all members and friends of HUUC: Please pick either one of two Goal Sessions to share your ideas for short-term and longer-term goals for HUUC!

Dick Guernsey will facilitate these two-hour meetings at HUUC and report results to the Board. The Board will then assemble this valuable input into a goals plan to guide specific actions in the near future.

The dates and times for the Goal Sessions are:

- Sat., Sept. 12, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- OR
- Mon., Sept. 14, 7 to 9 p.m.

Groups will answer these two main questions, targeting the end of our fiscal year:

1. What short-term goals do we want to achieve by June 30, 2010? This is

only about nine months away, so goals need to be very doable. However, this is an extremely important time period since our lease will be up and we'll be setting direction for a permanent home. And, of course, we'll probably be putting a process in place for ministry. Many other action items will likely surface; possibly including a social outreach focus.

2. What longer-term goals do we want to achieve by June 30, 2013? This three-year horizon keeps our dreams in a foreseeable future. And, maybe in three years, we'll have a permanent north-westside presence and be fully respected by the larger community. Naturally, these longer-term goals must play off the short-term goals. It's downright exciting to picture our HUUC adventure three years from now!

For reference, here are the 2010 goals put in place in July 2008:

- Permanent location
- Paid DRE at least 1/2 time
- Minister or in final stages of finding one
- Standing committees are well-functioning and trained
- Financially viable
- Communication tools in place
- 1 to 2 specific outreach programs/activities
- Right relations with other UU communities
- Covenants are in place

So ... please show up (along with your insightful mind and spirit) to one of the two HUUC Goal Sessions!

Dick Guernsey, Goal Sessions facilitator



Helping out at Second Helpings

Heartlanders (from left) Tamara Smith, French Eason, Helen Mozzi and Olivia Mozzi snap beans during the Aug. 15 work day at Second Helpings, an agency that accepts donated perishable and overstocked food to prepare meals that are distributed for free to thousands of hungry children and adults every day in Greater Indianapolis.



Photo by Rich Thies

HUUC men form 'spirits' group

Heartland UU Church has a new men's group. The HUUCsters held their inaugural meeting on Aug. 27 at The Broad Ripple Brewpub.

The men will meet on a regular basis for fellowship and fun; more or less the third Thursday of each month. The date for the next "men's spirits group" gathering hasn't been set yet, but it will be at Josh Wellington's house, where Josh will be brewing some beer. For more information about the HUUCsters, contact Len Mozzi (lmozzi@msn.com) or Dick Guernsey (richardg@indy.rr.com).

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>6</p> <p>Service: Water Ceremony 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Labor Day 7</p> 	8	<p>9</p> <p>Communications Committee Meeting 7 p.m. kmaeglin@aol.com</p>	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>Goal Setting 9:30 a.m. richardg@ indy.rr.com</p>
<p>Board Meets 13 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>Service: Guest Speakers Keller and Wiedeman 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Goal Setting 7 p.m. richardg@ indy.rr.com</p>	15	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>Rental: Healing the Greater Soul 7 p.m. rainbowriver@ indy.rr.com</p>	<p>Rosh Hashanah 19</p> <p>Rental: Healing the Greater Soul 10 a.m.-4 p.m. rainbowriver@ indy.rr.com</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Service: Guest Speakers Christina and Dale Wright- Lonheim 10:30 am OWL 5 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Women's Spirituality 7 p.m. kmaeglin@aol.com</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Autumnal Equinox</p> 	23	24	25	26
<p>27</p> <p>Service: The Tao Accord- ing to Pooh 10:30 a.m. OWL 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Yom Kippur 28</p> <p>Book Discussion Group 7 p.m. mereditheastwood@ aol.com</p>	29	30			

Deadline for the October Herald: Sat., Sept. 26, at noon. Questions? E-mail kmaeglin@aol.com