



# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames

November 2011

Service times are 9:15 and 11:00 am.

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## **6 *Our Living Tradition: Earth Based Spirituality***

Rev. Charlotte Cowtan with Linda Barnes

All Congregation Service

This is the second in a series of services based on the sources of our Unitarian Universalist Faith: "Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature". We will have a Child Dedication Ceremony; our annual Apple Communion will be led by Linda Barnes, and Fellowship Voices will sing!

## **13 *Our Biblical Heritage***

Rev. Charlotte Cowtan

Today's service is the third in the series of services based on the sources of our Unitarian Universalist Faith: "Jewish and Christian Teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves".

## **11:00 Forum: *Physicians for Social Responsibility Talk About The Health and Environmental Effects of Using Coal as Fuel***

Lecture and discussion led by Maureen McCue, MD, PhD, from the University of Iowa. In addition to her work for Physicians for Social Responsibility, Dr. McCue is also a representative of Global Health Studies, and the Center for Human Rights.

## **20 *A Faith to Change the World***

Holly Sarkissian, UUNO Envoy Outreach Coordinator

Holly Sarkissian will speak about the role of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UUUNO), one of the most influential non-profit organizations in the United Nations. The UUUNO works to promote human rights, climate change, peace and social justice in our world through activism, constructive participation, and leadership. Their special focus this year is "Empowering Women for a Better World". Holly will offer an opportunity for questions and discussion following both services in Fellowship Hall.

## **27 *Connection and Gratitude***

Helen Gunderson and Sam Wormley

Thanksgiving commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. Please join in sharing of stories of connection and gratitude from Fellowship members. Instead of traditional milestones, you are invited to share a few words of thanks at one community candle.

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## **Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Dinner**

You are invited to the Fellowship's Thanksgiving Day potluck dinner. It is open to UUFA members, friends, and visitors and has traditionally been a cozy affair with about 32 people attending each year since 2007 when the meal was initiated. There is a noontime social hour with the dinner starting at 1 pm or when the turkey is ready. Cooks and other set up volunteers can arrive as early as 10:30 am. The meal is offered by the UUFA Meals Group and coordinated by Helen Gunderson. They are also planning a Christmas Day potluck dinner. For further information, contact Helen. helen@gunderfriend.com 232-9416

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next newsletter is  
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For a current  
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## The Web

It was one of those heartwarming emails - congratulating me on a marvelous Sunday service. I responded by saying that I was glad the service had been moving for him; but I really couldn't take the credit because at least 30 people had been involved in its creation. He was surprised to learn this, and said he doubted that most people were generally aware of the number of people involved in the creation of Sunday services.

It's true that the service on October 16 involved more people than usual (Fellowship Voices sang), but every Sunday service involves at least 20 volunteers: musicians, sound technicians, lay leaders, floral arranger, greeters, coffee servers, treat providers, chair set up volunteers and many others – depending on the activities and theme on any given Sunday. Some of us are more visible than others on Sunday, but all of us work together to create the Sunday experience.

The next time you participate in a church activity, please take a moment to consider how many people were involved in providing this opportunity, and try to find a way to express your gratitude for their efforts. Pay special attention to the less obvious participants: the people behind the scenes who booked the space, prepared the agenda, contacted participants, advertised the event, provided refreshments, set up and cleaned up the space or contributed in other ways. It is easy to forget just how large a team is involved in every aspect of church life.

Virtually nothing that happens in our congregation (or, for that matter, in any walk of life) is the sole result of one person's efforts. Memorable moments in congregational life are always synergistic creations of many people, paid and volunteer, working with the power of religious community. Together we are so much more than the sum of our individual parts.

Thank you for all you are and for all you do to create this powerful religious community.

Faithfully,  
Interim Minister Rev. Charlotte Cowtan

## What Brings You Here Today?

You probably forgot what people said. You probably forgot what people did. But from the first time you walked in the door of the Fellowship, you did not forget how people made you feel.

In this congregation we want everyone, whether brand-new or a long-timer to remember a pleasant welcoming feeling when they enter our doors. Introduce yourself to the person sitting next to you. Some visitors don't identify themselves with a name tag, so let's all remember to extend a welcome to anyone we don't know. As did you, they will remember how they felt the first time they came.

Let's make new people feel our joy at their presence in this community. Our greeters do this very capably at the door, but let's keep this feeling alive during and after the service.

## UUFA's Fall Auction

**Saturday November 12 starting at 6:30 pm**

**Please mark your calendars to attend this year's auction. Fun, exciting, adventurous auction!**

**Suggested auction items: Dinner Parties, Cool Classes, Life Tune Ups, Adventures, "Must Have" accessories, Gourmet Treats, Handmade Arts & Crafts. Please fill out a donation page on Sunday at the Fellowship!**



*"I have sat on dozens of boards and commissions with many fine, compassionate, and generous people who are so tired, overwhelmed, and overworked that they have neither the time nor the capacity to listen to the deeper voices that speak to the essence of the problems before them. Presented with the intricate and delicate issues of poverty, public health, community well-being, and crime, our impulse, born of weariness, is to rush headlong toward doing anything that will make the problem go away. Maybe then we can finally go home and get some rest. But without the essential nutrients of rest, wisdom, and delight embedded in the problem-solving process itself, the solution we patch together is likely to be an obstacle to genuine relief. Born of desperation, it often contains enough fundamental inaccuracy to guarantee an equally perplexing problem will emerge as soon as it is put into place. In the soil of the quick fix is the seed of a new problem, because our quiet wisdom is unavailable."* - From Sabbath by Wayne Muller

I did not intend for my newsletter articles to be a series of commentary on the religious education programming structure, but like last month, I feel compelled to share my reflections on some happenings and observations around the children's and youth programming at the UUFA. One observation that is a constant is that this work is very important to people of all ages in faith communities.

In this past month, our Religious Education Committee physically gathered and met. We have a second meeting time scheduled as well. The Wayne Muller quote from Sabbath, above, defines my experiences. Lately, I am aware of my taking delight in the work of problem solving around our changing needs, our common cultural and social stratum that this faith community is a layer of, and emerging solutions that are the collaborative work of many people at the UUFA.

These are anxious times – the ministerial search, changes in RE spaces, changes in how we facilitate our classes, and changes in when and how we gather – that we are going through right now. I hear murmurings (but no direct conversations or invitations to converse with me) about a need to “go back to the way things used to be” and I hear clear voices that ask where and how they are needed now to make our RE program relevant to the lives of the families who are here and the families who may be searching for a faith community like ours. Soon, I hope for a merging of the murmurs and the clear voices into a path that will take us to RE programming that honors the history and heritage of not just Unitarians and Universalists, but the history of the UUFA as well. As ours is a living and growing religion, I hope that path will also lead us to new visions to incorporate and new ways of learning and growing together, as Unitarians and Universalists, in a way that makes sense to the time and place we occupy.

Inviting you always to conversation

~ Lori Allen

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

## Religious Education Committee

After one year of being a less than optimal virtual committee, the Religious Education Committee met face-to-face on Sunday, October 9. Betsy McLeod, Chair, convened the committee. Others present were: Anne Kimber, Lyric Bartholomay, Jenny Davidson, Sarah Evans, Melissa Niesen, Lori Allen, Charlotte Cowtan.

Topics discussed: Orff, attendance numbers, teacher recruitment/scheduling, OWL, programming options, and youth in relation to the RE Committee.

Actions: 1.) In light of the attendance numbers, the committee decided to only offer RE programming during the 9:15 service beginning November 13, 2011. Families currently attending the 11:00 programs have been notified in person by the DYCM; 2.) The RE Committee will write/create a policy recommending that the RE Committee include oversight for children and youth. That policy will be discussed and finalized at the October 30 RE Committee meeting. A policy recommendation will be sent to the UUFA Board of Directors for consideration at the November 2011 board meeting.

## CHANGES in UUFA Children's RE Programming Coming in November

The RE Committee, after reviewing attendance records from this year and past years, and discerning other factors that have an effect on RE, has decided to suspend RE Classes at 11:00 am, beginning on Sunday, November 13. Nursery care will still be available at each service. Beginning November 13, children who are in Kindergarten and older will be invited to stay with their families in the 11:00 service, as there will be no childcare or classes offered during that time for those children. A packet of quiet UU Activities will be available for children to bring into the 11:00 service. If you have a concern or suggestion or would like to be part of the committee, please contact Lori Allen, DYCM ([dycm@uufames.org](mailto:dycm@uufames.org)) or Betsy McLeod, RE Committee Chair ([mcleodsonthego@gmail.com](mailto:mcleodsonthego@gmail.com)).

In the future the RE Committee will be discussing and determining actions around: grade divisions in classes, integrating children's music experiences and opportunities into Sunday mornings, middle school class format, and the UUFA Religious Education umbrella. The RE Committee will be meeting again at 8 am on Sunday, October 30.

Weekly Religious Education email updates are sent to UUFA families and people who are interested in keeping track of what's happening with our children's and youth programming. Information about class sessions, how to register your children, and how to volunteer to help in these programs is available each week in these updates. Highlights will be posted in the newsletter each month, but if you'd like to keep your finger on the pulse of these programs, contact the office and ask to be added to the RE email list. All RE programming information is available at the UUFA website as well. Questions? Contact Lori Allen ([dycm@uufames.org](mailto:dycm@uufames.org)) or Diana Crosswait in the UUFA office ([projects@uufames.org](mailto:projects@uufames.org)).

### Sunday Childcare and RE Session Schedule

9:15 am Nursery Care (Children Birth – Age 3) in the UUFA Nursery  
 We Care – Preschool (Ages 3-PreK) in Classroom 1  
 Creating Home – Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2 in Classroom 2  
 Love Connects Us – Grades 3, 4, 5 in Classroom 3

10:20 am Between Services  
 What Do You Stand For? – Grades 6, 7, 8 in Classroom 3  
 High School Classes – Potter Room, Upper Level

Watch the RE Weekly Email for notices about Orff practice, children's music experiences, and other "specials" for children that will take place between services.

11:00 am Nursery Care (Children Birth – PreK) in the UUFA Nursery

Activity packets for engaging children in quiet ways will be available for elementary aged children who are in attendance at the 11:00 am Sunday Services. Newcomers and visitors with children will be invited have their children remain in the service on the Sunday they visit, and then to consider attending the 9:15 am services in the future so the children can make connections with peer groups.

### Wednesday Night RE Sessions

1st Wednesday of Each Month

5:30 – 6:15 Multigenerational Supper – Everyone is Welcome! Volunteer to help prepare, serve or clean up after the meal. Donations of food, time or money gladly accepted for this meal. Contact Lori Allen.

6:30 – 7:30 Gather the Spirit multigenerational religious education experience.

7:00 – 9:00 High School Youth Group meets. Check the weekly email for updates on this group. Also – make sure we have your high school students cell phone number – we'll be sending out texts as well as emails to this group.

## OWL (Our Whole Lives)

High school OWL is offered the fourth Wednesday night of each month during the regular youth group time. High school is a great time to review matters of boundaries, self-care in relationships, peer pressure, and all the other things that come with, well, being human. Ruth Appleton and Art Konar will facilitate these sessions.

Middle school OWL will be Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm throughout the school year. A schedule of session dates, times, and the very important assignment of “snack bringer” is on the UUFA Website under the OWL tab. Upcoming Middle School OWL dates, topics and, most importantly, snack bringers are:

Nov 14 – Sexual Orientation – Isabel M, snacks

Nov 21 – Gender Identity – Kate M, snacks

Nov 28 – Gender Roles, Disabilities, Diversity – Macy V, snacks

Dec 5 – GLBT Guest Panel from ISU – Lori, snacks

## Get Ready to Ride the Bus!

In November, look for the GA Bus Ride sign up in the Fireside Room each week. We're asking that people who are planning to ride the bus reserve your space with a \$50 deposit. You'll see that when you make your deposit, you can choose which seat you'll be sitting in when we travel to Phoenix. We'll depart Ames on June 19 and return on June 25th. General Assembly will be geared for intergenerational participants, including children as young as age 8. For more information, check the UUA websites: <http://www.uua.org/ga/2012/index.shtml>; <http://www.uua.org/immigration/moral/152647.shtml> or contact Lori Allen ([dycm@uufames.org](mailto:dycm@uufames.org)) or Charlotte Cowtan ([minister@uufames.org](mailto:minister@uufames.org))

## Gather the Spirit – November 2

Erv Klaas shares his personal experience and perspective on conservation at our monthly multigenerational gathering. Along with Erv's sharing, we will hear the story “The Rain God”, and we will work on our fabric river collage, and discuss the realities of fresh water uses. Here's the schedule:

5:30 Dinner – Chefs needed!

6:30 Gather the Spirit – Chalice Lighting, Story, Meditation

6:45 Erv Klaas Presentation, Q&A

7:15 Discussion or Work on our river collage

7:25 Closing and Adjourn

## Multigenerational Cooks Wanted!

Does your family have a favorite dish or meal they'd like to prepare and serve on the first Wednesday of the month? Is there a friend or family you'd like to work with to prepare this meal? Keep it simple and it will be fun! We'll recruit people to set up tables and chairs for you and to do the clean-up if you cook – that's only fair. Funds are available for you to purchase groceries. Please contact Lori Allen ([dycm@uufames.org](mailto:dycm@uufames.org)) if you'd like to help. Beverages are always provided.

## Small Group Ministry (SGM)

Small Group Ministry provides an opportunity to get better acquainted with Ames Unitarian Universalists; an opportunity to discuss (both talk and listen) spiritual growth topics such as sacred places, learning from failure, yearning, radical hospitality, our gifts, community building, and others; an opportunity to join other UUs to do a service project. SGM is different than other experiences at the UUFA. These small groups of 6-10 people are content-driven discussions led by a lay facilitator that stretch us to grow as individuals and as a faith community.

Our Fall 2011 Small Group Ministry has space for people to join our Tuesday night group and Thursday afternoon groups. To learn more about SGM, or to register for a group, you can contact the UUFA office or Lori Allen (dycm@uufames.org)

## Ames Area Alternative Gift Market will be available at the Fellowship and at Wheatsfield Coop this year.

The Ames Area Alternative Gift Market (AGM) will hold its 21st market at Wheatsfield Cooperative Grocery on December 10, from 10 am - 5 pm. Currently, the Ames Area Alternative Gift Market is sponsored by 8 local congregations and is organized by a committee of representatives from those congregations, including the UUFA. The Ames Area Alternative Gift Market is one of the most successful of more than 300 gift markets nationwide.

In addition to the special market at Wheatsfield on December 10, alternative gifts and gift cards will be available at the Fellowship between and after services December 4, 11 and 18. Catalogs and order forms can be picked up November 27 also, but orders will not be taken that date.

If you would like more information or to help, contact Bonnie Bowen at 515-292-6923.

If you are new to the fellowship, you might wonder: What is the Alternative Gift Market? The Alternative Gift Market offers gifts with a conscience. Instead of buying yet another sweatshirt or electronic gadget for someone on your Christmas list, you can purchase a meaningful, life-giving gift in that person's honor. Purchase the necessary supplies to supply safe drinking water for communities in the Philippines, or provide a bicycle ambulance for a village in Africa. These holiday gifts meet basic needs of education, food, shelter and health; they make a difference in the world. Shoppers can provide for those in need in the Ames community with support for the Bethesda Community Food Pantry, Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS), Beyond Welfare, Emergency Residence Project, Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Habitat for Humanity for Central Iowa, Food at First, Story County Community Dental Clinic, and Life to Life Global Building Group (Global Builders, Ames High Uganda Project). You get an attractive card and a synopsis sheet of the project you select, which you can give to your friends and family during the holiday season. You can be sure that this year's gift won't be collecting dust.

## Second Friday Fellowship Game Night

Second Friday Fellowship Game Night will take place on November 11 at 6:00 pm. This event is for all ages! We'll share a simple potluck dinner; bring whatever you would like. However, if you would like Nancy to pick up pizza for you, please contact her by 3:00 the day of the potluck (sooner if you know) at 231-5752. We will charge \$1.00 per piece; please estimate how many pieces you'll want, and whether you need veggie or have other preferences – I'll do my best to accommodate. I will also have some soft drinks on hand – donations optional.

We can always use help setting up (around 5:30) and cleaning up. Please RSVP if you can to let us know how many to plan for; otherwise, just come. Also, if you'd like to get direct reminders in the future, or just before the event, please let Nancy (nancytepper@yahoo.com) know (and include your email and phone number). If you would be willing to help coordinate the event with Nancy for a while beginning in December, please let me know!

Hope to see you there!  
~ Sarah and Nancy

## the little bUUkshop

The little bUUkshop will be open each Sunday in November. Come stop by and peruse some of our new titles. We carry books on UUism, mediations, poetry, and children's books among others. Here are a few examples of our books.

*Going Out Dancing: Poems* by Ric Masten.

The author, Ric Masten, has challenged and inspired audiences nationwide for decades with his unique mix of musical ministry and poetry. Best known as the author of the beloved hymn "Let It Be a Dance," Masten was diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer in 1999. A pioneer of community ministry, Masten has been a Unitarian Universalist minister since 1971. His accolades include being named "Troubadour and People's Poet of Carmel" and the "Poet Laureate of Prostate Cancer" by the National Prostate Cancer Coalition.

*Here if You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup.

The story of the author's remarkable journey from grief to faith to happiness. It is dramatic, funny, deeply moving, and simply unforgettable, an uplifting account about finding God through helping others, and the tale of the small miracles that occur every day when life and love are restored. Braestrup is the chaplain for the Maine Warden Service, the organization of men and women who enforce the state's game and outdoor recreation laws.

*Coming of Age: A Treasury of Poems, Quotations and Readings on Growing Up.*

Poetry and prose from across the ages and around the world describes the journey from adolescence to adulthood. Includes UU contributors. An indispensable tool for bridging ceremonies, bar and bat mitzvahs and coming of age celebrations of all kinds. Suitable for parents, teachers and clergy, and a wonderful keepsake for young adults.

The little bUUkshop is looking for salespeople to staff the table. Please stop by and say you'd like to help or e-mail Donna Lutz (dslutz@iastate.edu).

## Conscientious Crafters

Our group meets the 2nd Sunday of the month after second service, 12:15 - 2:00 p.m. in Classroom 3. You are invited to bring a craft project to work on and join us on November 13 for encouragement and fellowship. We have experts and novices, so whatever your level of expertise and whatever craft you enjoy, you are welcome. Bring a sack lunch if you want. We look forward to a relaxing afternoon together. Contact Sue Ann Peck or Mary Richards if you have questions.

## UU Women's Book Group

Please join us at the UUFA Monday, November 7 at 7:00 PM for a discussion of *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

Major Pettigrew, reeling from the recent loss of his brother and still mourning the death of his wife, begins a friendship with Mrs. Ali, the village grocer.

This funny, engaging, and fast-moving novel about family ties, community, honor, and expectations is going to be a great discussion book.

For your calendar, this year's reading list:

December 5 *Naked in Baghdad* by Anne Garrels; January 2 *Selected Poems --Strike Sparks* by Sharon Olds; February 6 *Emperor of all Maladies* by Siddhartha Mukerjee; March 5 *The Sweet By & By* by Todd Johnson; April 2 *Freedom a Novel* by Jonathan Franzen; May 7 *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot; June 4 *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

Join us for any or all of the discussions! We look forward to another year of fun and conversation. Give me a call if you have any questions, 292-5317. My email is blumoon\_1660@yahoo.com ~ Barbi Greenlaw

## Gallery in the Round

### Material Matrixes: Bar-code Inspired Quilts

Deborah Melton Anderson (from Columbus, Ohio)

From October 29 to December 22

Deborah says:

“My quilts might be described as fabric collages....The construction process is satisfying physically and mentally... The molding of the basic image involves an emotional response to a place, an object, an event, etc.; an excitement that the fabrics elicit from me when combined with other fabrics; an on-going challenge to create an engaging composition that draws the viewer into the work rather than capturing a mere momentary interest; and lastly, a personal challenge to put aside a formulaic vision in favor of a search for a new visual language...”

Her website (not all that recent): <http://www.debanderson.net/>

Greta says:

In short, my mother is an artist. She has been prolifically creating in fabric for four decades and has a resume of artistic achievement and involvement that is umpteen pages long. I think of her as “cutting edge” (no pun intended) but completely without pretension: she simply sees the world from a unique perspective. She was among the pioneers of the use of photo transfers in art quilts (no “mug shots” need apply! she photographs surfaces, textures, colors, etc. to make her own fabrics). Her recent work, shown in this exhibit, reflects her “inspiration” by postal bar-codes and QR codes (OK, who but a NON-categorical thinker would be inspired by bar codes?). Ever fascinated by the abstract, by patterns and color, my mom has taught me to see beauty everywhere--and what else can I say?! I love her for it (and for many other gifts).



## Social Justice Committee

### Social Justice Events

ISU Lectures: Genes, Evolution and the Environment: get out your calendar! <http://www.lectures.iastate.edu/schedule.php>

Social Justice potluck meeting Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30.

Everyone is welcome! RSVP if you can!

Reel Connections at Ames Public Library Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7 PM

Come to Ames Public Library for a free showing of Gasland.

Part mystery, part travelogue, and part banjo showdown, Gasland documents Josh Fox's cross-country odyssey to find out if the controversial process of hydraulic fracturing--or fracking--is actually safe.

To see trailer, click on "play trailer" [http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B005C0DHIK/ref=atv\\_feed\\_catalog?tag=imdb-amazonvideo-20](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B005C0DHIK/ref=atv_feed_catalog?tag=imdb-amazonvideo-20)

### Social Justice News

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has matching funds for donations for Worker Justice.

[https://secure2.convio.net/uusc/site/Donation2?idb=268263756&df\\_id=2280&2280.donation=form1&JServSessionIdr004=0f0mb9tl61app202a](https://secure2.convio.net/uusc/site/Donation2?idb=268263756&df_id=2280&2280.donation=form1&JServSessionIdr004=0f0mb9tl61app202a)

Want resources to help people in Story County?

Community Launch of Story County Resource Guide

Story County now has an up-to-date, online (soon-to-be-more-comprehensive) resource guide for those who provide or are in need of services. [www.storycountyresourceguide.org](http://www.storycountyresourceguide.org)

November's Collection Split goes to the Emergency Residence Project (ERP)

## Emergency Residence Project news

You may know that our congregation is supporting Emergency Residence Project (ERP) through November's collection split. But did you know that our congregation is represented on ERP's board of directors? This long-serving local nonprofit has 3 functions:

- Emergency shelter services for individuals and families (1-30 days), both on-site and at the Lincoln Lodge.
- Transitional housing for homeless families (1-18 months)
- A homelessness prevention fund, which allows families facing eviction to stay in their homes.

Last year, ERP helped more than 1700 Story County residents stay in their homes. ERP has been able to help at this level because of a generous one-time gift of \$150,000 for immediate use in homelessness prevention. After 3 years, that money is now gone, and we must face the prospect of severe cutbacks to this vital service that ERP provides.

As your representative on the ERP board, I ask you to consider this during the upcoming season of giving. The experienced, caring, and ethical discernment processes of ERP, its structural capacity for true emergency aid, its frugality and commitment to local advocacy make it, in my mind, one of the best charitable "deals" in town. I'd love to share details of why I think so with you!

- Greta Anderson

## In-home Pot Lucks

In-home pot lucks have been a long tradition at the Fellowship. Fellowship members and friends can sign up to host or attend a pot luck at any time. It is a great way to get to know people! To sign up, go to <http://www.uufames.org/potluck> and follow the simple instructions there. The system now provides information about the location of potlucks and the name of the hosts. For those of you who would prefer not to use the web sign up system, I will be happy to sign you up just catching me on Sunday mornings.

- Mark Harmison, [potluck@uufames.org](mailto:potluck@uufames.org), 515-292-7650

## Skadberg Science Circle

The Skadberg Science Circle was started 6-7 years ago, and we have enjoyed meeting at the home of Fritz and Susan Franzen from October through May. We will continue, as last year, meeting from 7-9pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Fritz and Susan's home at 1216 Scott Ave. in Ames.

Bring somebody new that would enjoy science discussions.

-Sam (and Fritz)

## Save the Date!

The Transition Team invites UUFA Members and Friends to an Epiphany Event, at 6 pm. Friday, January 6, 2012. Let's celebrate the manifestation of our Community. More details to follow in the December newsletter and on the transition pole in the Fireside Room.

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## Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames

### Our Mission

*We are a diverse community of caring individuals who come together to provide an environment that nurtures and educates our children, stimulates the study and practice of ethical and liberal religious ideals, supports the creative spirit in us all, and demonstrates concern for the environment and the broader community.*

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Raj Raman	through 2013
Iris Brenner	youth representative

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**  
**7:00 pm, Wednesday, November 9**

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The UUFA office is open Sundays 8:45-12:30, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 9:00-5:00, Wednesdays 1:00-7:00.