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Rev. Charlotte Cowtan

The theme of the 2012-2013 Fund Drive is 'Fellowship Forward' - but what does that mean? Clearly it has different meanings for different people. Today Rev. Cowtan will be exploring many of the possible meanings of this theme.

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Rev. Charlotte Cowtan

It has been said that honesty is the best policy--but is it always? Are there times when it is best NOT to speak the truth--or even to tell a little 'white lie'?

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Fellowship Youth

Today the UUFA high school youth share their thoughts, music, and reflections on a topic that occupies the minds of people of all ages.

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Paul Turner, Director of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy), **with Rev. Charlotte Cowtan**

All religious traditions have a view of how human beings in the 'perfect' world operate. It's also true that although the Ideal World differs from one tradition to another, all religious traditions are aware that humankind, in their view, falls short of their ideal. This implies that all religions are (or should be) subversive organizations attempting to change the world from what it is to what it, in their view, should be.

AMOS House Meetings After Chili Cook-Off on Feb 26

On February 26, Paul Turner of AMOS will join our minister Charlotte Cowtan in talking about "Religion as a Subversive Activity" as a kickoff to the AMOS house meeting campaign.

The 11:00 service will be followed by the famous UUFA chili cook-off. Then, after the cook-off, we will begin the UUFA house meeting campaign with focused table discussions or "house meetings." Each table discussion will be led by a trained facilitator and records will be kept that will inform AMOS community activism for the next two or three years. The purpose of house meetings is to provide a congenial, small-group opportunity for people to share their concerns, personal experiences and ideas for the improvement of the community and their own lives.

Stay after the chili cook-off and help form the basis of AMOS's upcoming research and activism!

End of Year Statements will be available for pick up February 5 and 12. Those not picked up will be mailed.

The Web

While browsing the Association of Religious Data Archives (ARDA) website, I came across a book review by David Briggs. I was intrigued by the opening sentences:

What do Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn, Hispanic Catholics in central Nebraska, megachurch evangelicals in Houston and South Asian Muslims in suburban Detroit have in common? More than many people could ever imagine.

Briggs' review is of a new book by Pennsylvania State University sociologists Christopher Scheitle and Roger Finke: *Places of Faith: A Road Trip Across America's Landscape*. The book is an illustrated report of their 7000 mile journey across the USA, visiting rural, storefront and mega-churches, Islamic centers, Hindu and Buddhist temples, synagogues, and other places of faith across this country.

Briggs said that the book "is a portrait of people of faith sharing many of the same aspirations across theological and denominational divides."

I decided to order *Places of Faith*, and was pleased to find that it was available in eBook format. I was, however, surprised that the reviews I read on Amazon.com stressed the great diversity of faiths portrayed in the book. Thomas Tweed writes: "At a time when strip-mall sameness threatens to erase local difference, this book reminds us of the stubborn particularity of the religious landscape."

So, which is true? Is *Places of Faith* an account of the similarities or the differences between religious traditions? I suspect that I'll find that both are true. The differences will likely lie in perspectives of the reviewers.

We always have the choice to look beyond our similarities in order to focus on our differences (Unity in our Diversity) or to look beyond our differences in order to focus on our commonalities (Diversity in our Unity). I know that it is not helpful to ignore, deny or minimize our differences, but I also believe that the just, peaceful and compassionate society we long for will be built from a deep awareness that we are all more alike than different.

Faithfully,
Interim Minister Rev. Charlotte Cowtan

The Gifters

Why do you give to the charities you support? Here are some reasons Iowa Psychological Association professionals gave for their charitable choices.

- To help those who have no voice –children, animals, nature
- Believe in the cause
- Close relationship with the requester
- An active participant in the group
- Kids came to the door
- I know that my donation makes a difference in someone's life
- If I don't give who will
- The organization has reasonable specific goals
- Donor gets recognition
- Overhead ratio is acceptable
- To express gratitude
- I benefit from/use/belong to this organization
- It's tax deductible
- An opportunity to get rid of stuff
- Offered as a memorial to someone
- Social justice or disaster related emergency
- Birthday, anniversary, holiday or wedding donation instead of other gifts

What are your reasons for supporting the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames?

For information on the UUFA Endowment please contact Ginny Huntington, Rosa Unal, Duffie Lorr, Suzanne Zilber and James Pritchard.



Fellowship Street Fun(d) Night is our Canvass Campaign Kickoff Party!

It happens Saturday, February 4! This intergenerational party starts at 6:30 pm. Deb Kline, artistic director, will present dozens of singers, young and old, and master of ceremonies Mark Witherspoon to ensure a fun time. We have a real band with electric guitar, piano and full drum set. Toby Ewing will be Cookie Monster, and Jonas Ewing will be Oscar the Grouch. Numerous songs about Fellowship life will inspire and entertain. If you have them, bring your Sesame Street stuffed animals and wear theme clothing to the event. Come see our kids coloring exhibit! Come fish for prizes, get your photo taken as a character, and get tattoos at our Carnival! Refreshments, including wine, will be served. Volunteer to bring treats at our table in the Fireside room or call Mary Raman at 233-1421.

- Suzanne Zilber on behalf of the Stewardship Team

Annual Chili Cook-Off Is Coming!

The Meals Group is excited to announce that the annual chili cook-off will be held on February 26th. This year's competition features a new spin on our old favorite. Rather than food divisions, the categories for judging are by AGE. It doesn't matter if you're 10 or 50, bring your A-game and your best recipe!

YOUTH (through high school) Submit your chili OR hearty soup and compete for one of 3 prizes.

YOUNG ADULT (ages 19-40) and **AGELESS** (ages 41+): Submit your finest, secret, meatless, hot, crazy, or traditional chili recipe for judging. Two prizes will be awarded in each age group.

It's OK if you're not a chili cook because we also need salads and desserts to round out our meal. No chili lunch would be complete without cornbread, so if you plan to stay and enjoy chili, fun and friendship, please consider bringing a salad, dessert or cornbread to share.

Middle School and High School youth are encouraged to be judges along with anyone else who is interested, so please let us know if you'd like to wield the awesome power of judging while being the first to sample the goods.

RSVP with your name and age group for the competition, to be a judge or to bring a food contribution. Email to Faith Winchester winchester@iowatelecom.net or Mary Darrow, ponderosa@netins.net.



New Membership Classes

If you are ready to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and about becoming a member of the UUFA, we will have a series of classes in February. Please contact the office (uufa@uufames.org) or stop at the Visitor Table on Sunday morning if you are interested in participating.

Part 1: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism, Saturday, February 11 (9:30 am-12:00 pm), or Tuesday, February 14 (6:30-9:00 pm). Part 2: Becoming a Member of UUFA, Saturday, February 25 (9:30 am-12:00 pm)



Ministerial Search Committee Update

Your Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) has been hard at work over the last two months evaluating applicants to be our next settled minister. Throughout this entire process we are pleased to report that your MSC has been able to make decisions by consensus, and that our selection at each stage was clear and unanimous.

First there were 13

We had 13 ministers express interest in our congregation. Each of those ministers submitted a Ministerial Record for our review. The Ministerial Record is a UUA standardized document that asks the minister to describe in detail their background, activities, approach to all areas of ministry, theology, personal situation, skills and interests (each is about 10 pages long). For many of the ministers we were also able to find audio or video of their sermons on the web.

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From those who submitted records, we selected nine to consider more deeply. These nine sent us their Ministerial Packets. Ministerial Packets are extensive documents that provide detail on all areas of the minister's background and experience. They include sample sermons, orders of service for a variety of service types (regular Sunday, memorial service, child dedication, marriage), other writings, pictures, letters of reference, denominational activities and more. These documents range from 50-200 pages in length. We also sent these ministers our Congregational Packet which was described in the November newsletter.

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After carefully reviewing the packets, we selected six ministers to interview over the phone. Each interview was one hour long and followed a standard format that ensured fairness to each candidate while allowing flexibility to explore things that came up.

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After the phone interviews we narrowed the field to four ministers. We interviewed references for each of the four to gain wider perspective. Based on everything we learned to this point, we have invited these four candidates to pre-candidate with us. Pre-candidating involves bringing the minister (and partner) to Ames for a weekend. During the pre-candidating weekend we will conduct in-person interviews with the candidate, tour the building and the town, and travel with the candidate to a nearby church where the candidate will conduct Sunday services.

Then one will be chosen

Once the pre-candidating weekends are complete, we will deliberate and select the one candidate we think is the best fit for our congregation. Based on what we know now, any of the four pre-candidates would serve us well, but we must choose just one. The selected candidate will then come to Ames April 21-29 for Candidating Week. During Candidating Week the minister will deliver Sunday services on the 22nd and the 29th, and spend much of the week meeting with members, staff, and getting to know the community. On April 29th, following Sunday services, there will be a congregational meeting during which we will vote on calling our candidate as our next settled minister.

Thank you!

Your MSC expresses its sincere appreciation to Erin Pederson and Anne Kimber who have provided us with meals this month. It really makes us feel supported and cared for!

- Submitted by Mark Harmison on behalf of the Ministerial Search Committee



con•ver•gence/kən'vərjəns/ Noun

*The process or state of converging.

* The tendency of unrelated animals and plants to evolve superficially similar characteristics under similar environmental conditions.

Sunday, January 22, was one of those days for me where I was keenly aware of the convergence of the religious and spiritual practices of many traditions. This awareness started a few minutes after I shared a “Body Prayer” during the Time for All Ages in the 9:15 Sunday Program. As I walked with children to their classes, two children told me parts of the prayer I shared were parts of their warm-ups in their martial arts classes. After that same service some adults told me that the motions of the prayer were similar to tai chi movements they’d learned. I received very similar comments after the 11:00 Sunday Program as well. A visitor who came for our Iowa Grown Meal shared that she’d done almost an identical prayer in the Catholic church where she grew up, but it ended with actions that reflected a thanks to the “father, mother, and body of all brothers and sisters.” Oh my goodness! – I decided not to include that part of the prayer. The world seemed very intimate and closer to me.

Later in the day, another convergence presented itself. I was with the high school youth group as they were celebrating the Chinese New Year. Bo Wang, a young adult who is originally from China, but now in our congregation, led the preparations and provided explanations and history about the Chinese New Year. Bo felt it was extremely important to hold the youth gathering in someone’s home so we could include the parts of the celebration where parents are honored. Thanks to Iris Brenner and her family for providing that space.

After we spent a couple hours making hand-rolled Chinese dumplings, boiling them, and then eating them, the time to honor the parents came. Bo showed Iris how to honor her mother in the way he honored his parents each New Year Day that he was with them. The honoring was the physical act of bowing down, then kneeling on the floor and bending over to touch your forehead on the floor, and then standing up. This is done three times in a row, ending with hands together in front of the chest in a slight bow. There it was, another convergence. This honoring action was almost identical to the postures of prayer used by Muslims around the world during their daily prayers.

As I witnessed this ritual, I could not help but remember the morning’s Body Prayer and all the comments about the prayer’s similarities to other traditions practices. And now, in this Chinese honoring, another example of superficially similar characteristics developing in similar environmental conditions. We are more alike than different.



- Happy Year of the Dragon!

- Lori (dycm@uufames.org)

Small Group Ministry (SGM)

Currently there are two SGM sessions. The groups are open to receiving new members at any time. One group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month, and the other group meets on 2nd and 4th Thursday evening of each month. Both sessions meet from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Childcare is available during the Tuesday session. Contact the UUFA office if you would like to join one of these groups. For more information about SGM, you can contact Lori Allen. (dycm@uufames.org)

Parents as Spiritual Guides

This class did not get enough interest to make it happen. Suggestions for offering this in a different season will be considered.

General Assembly Travel Coordination

The GA travel planning meeting only garnered interest from one adult at the UUFA. We do have about 5-6 youth who are interested in attending GA this year, but that small number would not warrant coordinated bus transportation. Adults who are interested in coordinating bus transportation with youth have until January 31, 2012 to contact Lori Allen to let her know of their interest. There is also a group of about 10 adults and youth from Iowa City who are interested in traveling with us by bus. To make the bus a reasonable option, we would need at least 30 bus riders. The bus would still be more expensive than air fare, but there would be benefits other than monetary to take in consideration for the bus. If we don't have firm commitment from adults to ride the bus, we'll be searching for great airfare on February 1! Thanks for considering this.

Youth Sunday – February 19, 2012 9:15 and 11:00

One of our favorite Sunday Morning Programs is coming up this month when our high school youth come together to prepare and facilitate the Sunday Morning Program. This year, there are plans for youth generated music, theatrical offerings, videos, and comments from two of our graduating seniors. Don't miss this energetic and meaningful morning.

Secret Friends

We have 12 adult/child Secret Friend pairs this year. The exchange of emails has begun, and curiosities of the children are running high. The first day of the exchange children could be overheard inquiring whether anyone knew of a person with: a particular hobby, a cat named Steve, all their children grown and living away from Ames, a person who loves the outdoors. It is delightful to observe and be drawn into these curious conversations. The Secret Friend "reveal" party will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 11AM – 1PM. In the mean time, don't be fooled into unwittingly revealing a Secret Friend!

Nursery/Preschool Family Connections

Anne Tepper, our long-time Nursery Care Provider, is hosting two Saturday morning playgroup sessions in February. This is a time when we'll be bringing large muscle toys to Fellowship Hall where children will have the opportunity to run, ride, throw, catch, jump, and generally have fun with their UU friends. Parents – we'll have some healthy snacks and water for the children and coffee or tea for you! This is not a babysitting experience, but an opportunity for parents to come and engage in or watch their children at play while getting to know other UU families with children in nursery and pre-kindergarten ages. Bring your own favorite ride on toys to share! Dates and times are:

Saturday February 4 9:15-11:15AM

Saturday February 11 9:15 – 11:15AM

February Fellowship Game Night

Our Fellowship Game Night will take place on Friday, February 10, at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. All ages are welcome! Bring a game and a potluck dish; drinks will be provided. If you'd rather order pizza, call Nancy (231-5752) by 3:00 p.m. Friday; the cost will be \$1.00 per slice. RSVPs are helpful for setup but not required; 231-5752.

Hope to see you there!
~ Nancy Tepper

Service Through Hospitality: News from Membership Services

The regrouped Membership Committee, which is transitioning to a new moniker of Membership Services Committee, sees itself as an umbrella group over three areas of congregational service:

- Take in new members and welcome visitors
- Integrate new members and deepen connections among current members within the Fellowship community
- Care for members in times of need (done through the Caring Network, which will not change)

Our immediate priority is restructuring Sunday morning welcoming and assignment of volunteer tasks, and we are actively working on these reformatations. Sunday morning “nuts and bolts” include greeters, welcome table, coffee making/beverages, treats, setting up chairs, and we are going to introduce ushers as well. Changes also mean increasing the number of people needed to make it all happen on any given Sunday. NEW responsibilities will include:

- Handing out hymnals and bulletins and helping people find seats before and during services
- Keeping the Welcome Table open and making beverages and treats available after the 11:00 service

That describes the “what is happening” part. HOW we will do this is the most important change in revising our staffing of these tasks. Currently, Diana works very hard to recruit volunteers weekly. Sometimes jobs go empty right up until the morning of service. We plan to improve that with the introduction of Hospitality Teams. In this model, we are asking individuals and families to sign up for a 1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday, 3rd Sunday or 4th Sunday team. These teams will repeat each assigned Sunday for a tri-semester at a time, so for four months Sunday morning tasks are covered. We intend to begin as soon as possible! A 5th Sunday/Holiday Team will also be needed.

Committee members will be calling on you soon to ask for your participation on a Hospitality Teams, and we hope that if you're already active and enjoy doing certain Sunday morning tasks you'll let us know where you'd like to sign on! You can contact me directly by phone (382-1579) or email (Winchester@iowatelecom.net). We hope you'll join us in making our Sunday mornings even more enjoyable and welcoming for everyone who comes to the Fellowship!

Faith Winchester, Chair

Membership Services Committee

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Report

I am your new representative to the Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Board. I will be attending Board meetings and reporting important information to you. There are some fundraising opportunities for you to be involved with coming up soon. There is a fundraiser on February 25 at Dublin Bay for Good Neighbor. There will be the band “Holy Ground” playing at 2 pm in the afternoon. There is also a silent auction. A free will offering will be taken. There are posters at the Fellowship about this so refer to them for further information.

Collegiate United Methodist Church is having a silent auction for Good Neighbor on three days in February and March. The dates are February 26, 29, and March 4. It will be open to other faith congregations to bring items or purchase items. More information will be forthcoming.

April 1 is the date for the Lucallan's dinner fundraiser. We will have tickets to sell and more information about that. April is Good Neighbor Awareness month so you will see lots of information about it then.

~ Lynne Van Valin

Fellowship Meals Group Offers Thanks

The Fellowship Meals Group offers a heartfelt thanks to those who made the annual UU Iowa Grown Meal on January 22 such a success. As always, the menu offered as many Iowa grown ingredients as was feasible. The results of our efforts were great tasting food and wonderful camaraderie. Many of the 85 diners (UUFA members and guests) are involved in sustainable agriculture.

Winter squash—used in soup, casseroles, and dessert bars—was the hero of our feast. I have some butternut squash left in my basement and suspect they will keep through April. Last fall, I grew and bought onions and peppers and froze them—a new strategy. That worked great, but I have already run out of peppers!

January is a great month to plan next year's gardens or to vow to better utilize farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs. For sure, I plan to grow and freeze more onions and peppers. You may have noted that we had a seed swap table at the Iowa Grown Meal. For those of you who plan to grow food, we will continue the seed exchange each Sunday in the Fireside Room.

I am torn between enthusiasm for the Iowa Grown Meal and some reservations about being too bold in promoting local foods. The meal relates to our Fellowship mission: "We embrace the interconnected web of existence and are committed to environmental ethics." It also relates to our Green Sanctuary project of promoting and celebrating the use of Iowa grown food and the 2011 UUA General Assembly statement of conscience, "Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice."

UU member and lifelong environmentalist Erv Klaas reminds us, "Eating local foods benefits all of us in six ways: improved public health, environmental protection, farmland protection, a more secure homeland, economic sustainability, and social health." He adds, "I like to know the farmers who raise my food."

Founder and CEO of Bon Appetit Management Company Fedele Bauccio said recently in Ames, "We all want to have soil, water, and air clean for our children when their time comes to inherit the earth. Food is a huge part of that legacy. You can start today by paying attention to the food you eat."

Although I whole heartedly agree with Erv and Fedele, I find myself wondering. How important is the local food movement when put in the context of Fellowship challenges that may take higher priority in this interim time? What about the pressures on individuals and families who feel they are too short on time and finances to invest in local foods even if they believe in the cause?

No one in the Fellowship Green Sanctuary program wants to force local foods onto anyone. We do want to make sure people think about the importance of the movement. If each person would pledge to make two local food changes a year, that would be twenty changes over a ten year period. That could produce a snowball effect in the community at large.

For example, a pledge to use Iowa grown popcorn for two movie nights a year instead of microwaving corporately produced popcorn. Or a pledge to use locally grown eggs for Saturday breakfast twice a year. Popcorn and eggs can be bought in Ames stores or directly from farmers. And you might just already know an urban farming neighbor or Fellowship member who would love to give you fresh eggs.

Jan Vine, Jill Mortensen, and I are coordinating the Green Sanctuary local food project and will be making information such as sources of local food and recipes available.

We know there are no sure bet solutions. Dialoging is essential just as it is in any other area within our UU community.

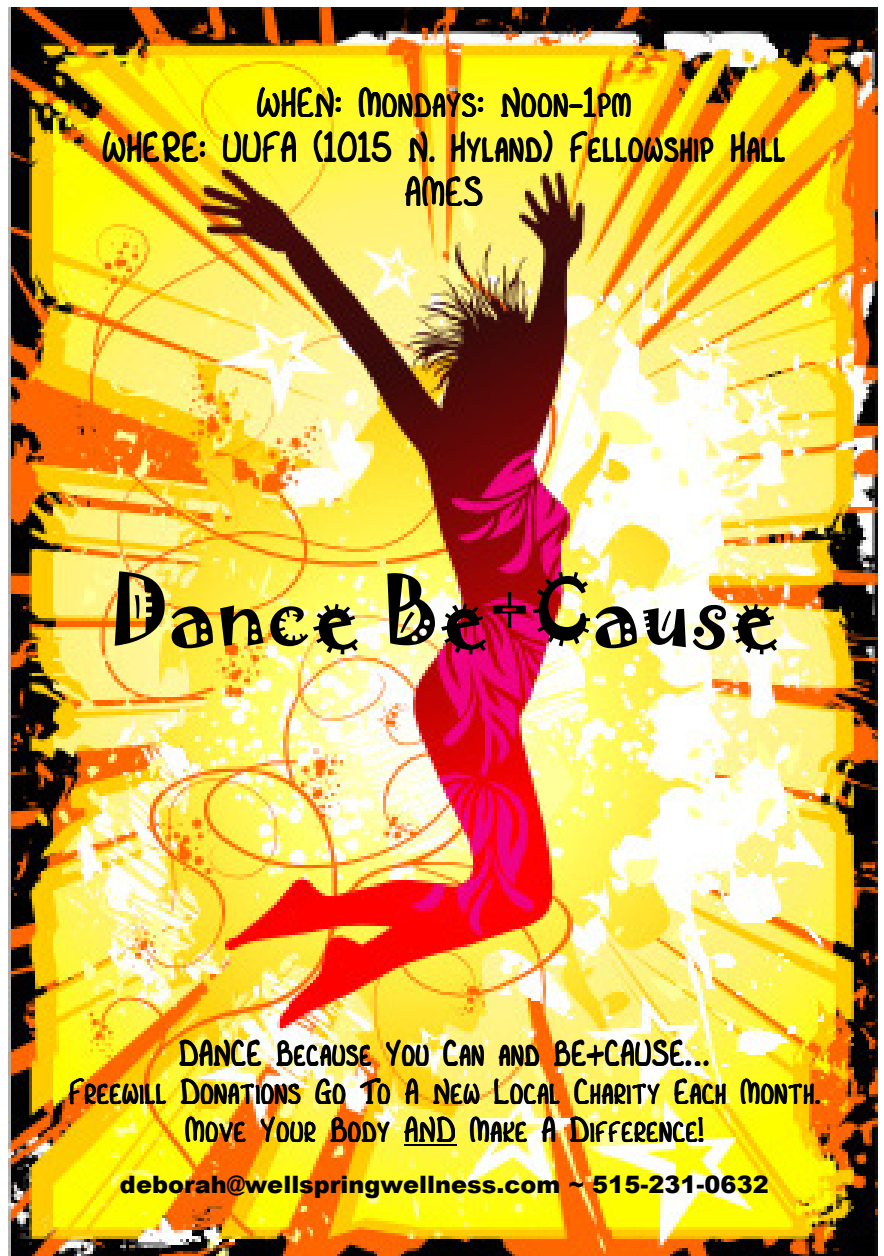
Finding congregational avenues for conversations where there is enough trust to talk about what it is like to walk in our moccasins and envision possibilities for engaging more with local foods may need to wait until the Fellowship is further along in its transition. In the meantime, have fun and do small experiments during the upcoming growing season. Devote a small portion of lawn to grow squash or buy onions and peppers at the farmers market and freeze them. The first year I grew squash at my Burnett Avenue home, three hills produced a hundred squash. Perhaps you will enjoy similar beginner's luck. Fellowship youth may want to make Iowa grown

cornbread for the annual Chili Cook Off on February 26. I can provide the Iowa corn kernels, eggs, buttermilk, and honey to make the bread. Or if you simply want fresh ground, organic corn from farmers I know and eggs from my urban hens, get in touch with me. Let's have fun with this!

- Helen Gunderson, UUFA Meals Group Coordinator and Member of the Green Sanctuary Committee

Conscientious Crafters

On February 12, you are invited to bring your project and join us after second service, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m., in Classroom 3 for fellowship and encouragement. Whatever your level of expertise and whatever craft you enjoy, you are welcome. If you are looking for charitable projects in which to use your talents, we can offer ideas. If you are having problems with some aspect of your work, we often have folks who can help. We have donated supplies that you are welcome to use. We look forward to a fun and relaxing afternoon together. Bring a sack lunch if you want. Contact Sue Ann Peck or Mary Richards if you have questions



↑↑↑↑↑ New Opportunity for Fun!

Deb Kline will be leading this dance class that starts February 6.

Be a real insider!

Have you every wondered where the Fellowship scrapbooks are? Who knows where our banner for GA is kept? Could you find the blueprints for the 1992 addition? Have you ever seen the site plan and model for the 2003 addition with the unbuilt upper floor? Would you like to be a real insider?

Last month we told about the possibilities for making scrapbooks, working with Lisa Hovis on digitizing documents and pictures, and bringing order to our archives with the help of the Ames Historical Society. In February we will have a workshop with Tanya Zanish-Belcher from ISU archives. We'll adjust our time to fit the needs of those interested. So far we have three members; we have room for six. If you'd like to join us or if you want to find out what's going on please call the office 292-5960.

Social Justice News

UUFA is co-sponsoring social justice movies at the Ames Public Library. This means we're helping to finance the movies and helping facilitate post movie discussions. Movies are the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

February 15 Not Just a Game, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksulE-4Gagg>

March 21 The War You Don't See, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pp9tjk0R8Fc>

April 18 Dirty Business, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EZj7dZKxFU>

May 16 Mad City Chickens <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndEELeBRvSU> Susan Jasper will be leading this discussion

AMOS: Preparing for the future! We just had "house meeting" training for our leaders, then we have house meetings to build a consensus on what improvements we would like to see in Mid-Iowa. In the past, we've worked for justice in Healthcare, the Environment, Youth and Education, Mental Health, Building Community and Economic Justice/Project Iowa. Issues we could include: Criminal and Immigration Justice. Start making lists of injustice in our community and let's work together for justice!

Standing on the Side of Love has an awesome blog! Learn how other UUs assess current events. <http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/blog/>

UUFA is hosting MICA's "Living with HIV" auction on Thursday February 9. UUFA needs volunteers to help MICA to host their auction.

ISU Lectures: Racial Justice, Sustainable Farming and Fine Wine, Plant Patents, Quasi-Periodic Crystals, Living as an Ordinary Radical, Bulimia, poverty and lots more... <http://www.lectures.iastate.edu/lecture/26654>

UU Des Moines is hosting Immigration as a Moral Issue workshop. Here's UUA's study guide: <http://www.uua.org/documents/washingtonoffice/immigration/studyguides/curriculum-all.pdf>. UUFA will not be able to give Immigration as a study issue until next fall between our ministerial search and other commitments, and then we may have other priorities, so going to Des Moines might be the only opportunity we will have to follow UUA's workshops on immigration.

The Des Moines class started Wednesday, January 25 at the Des Moines UU at 6:45 to 8:15 PM and continues on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month for the full six workshops. Here's the UUA's study guide: <http://www.uua.org/documents/washingtonoffice/immigration/studyguides/curriculum-all.pdf>

The auction was a great success.....

and I certainly could have not done it without all the wonderful assistants. We raised over \$9720. The night went smoothly, the live auction was a blast and the bidding was "lively". Much appreciation: Don Lewis and Linda Barnes were the night Masters of Ceremony. Dallas Theis did the sound. Pam and Chuck Schwab were in charge of the "accounting" and also the accumulation of all the items, bids, closeout..... I can't say enough wonderful words of thanks to them both! Jim and Jen Coppoc did music and it was amazing! Susan & Fritz Franzen helped with set up, and organization of the event. Sue Jarnagin helped with clean up and set up also. Andrew Williams was our "wine" and beverage host. I know there were a couple of other "worker bees" but I forgot who? So, the forgotten people..... you are remembered and thanked!

Mark Kassis

And an extra big thank you to Mark for his enthusiastic, persistent, and creative leadership of the auction.

~ The Stewardship Committee

Library is open to suggestions for purchase

The library committee welcomes suggestions for purchase. We have a budget from the fellowship's general operating fund. You can leave a note in the library's mail box next to the fellowship office. Please provide as much information as possible (title, author, ISBN number if known). We try to purchase hard copy books so they will stand up to library use.

- Barb Abbott

Women's Book Group

Please join us at the UUFA Monday, February 6 at 7:00 PM for a discussion of *The Emperor of all Maladies* by Siddhartha Mukerjee. This nonfiction book tells the story of how cancer has been viewed and treated historically and how the treatments have made huge strides in the last 20 years. A fascinating and uplifting book.

For your calendar, this year's reading list:

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! Give me a call if you have any questions, 292-5317. My email is bluemoon_1660@yahoo.com - Barbi Greenlaw

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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Iris Brenner	youth representative

Next Regular Board Meeting:
7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 8

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