

February 2012

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.

February 5 "In Praise of the Profane" Rev. Larry Hutchison
A look at the sacred and the profane. Someone remarked, "it's not easy to tell the difference these days." What makes some experiences sacred and others not. Perhaps this is what religions do, point out the difference or maybe there is no difference.

February 12 "Our Higher Angels" Rev. Larry Hutchison
Lincoln and Darwin in our neighborhood for a Valentines Party. Using evolution to improve our city block by block.

Board Meeting at noon

February 19 "On the Path to UU"
Have you ever wondered what led some of us on the path to be Unitarian Universalists? Four will share their Spiritual Journeys.

"Bowl and Roll" soup lunch to benefit Northeast Community Food Bank at noon.

Feb. 26 "Washing the Water" Rev. Larry Hutchison
Garbage, water, food all wrapped neatly in plastic. A service put together with the help of our Green Sanctuary Committee about the up and coming 2012 Environmental Film Series, starting March 3rd.

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

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 p.m. — Humanist Discussion Group

Friday, February 3

1:00 - Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Wednesday, February 8

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

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6:30 p.m. - Women's Book Group

Friday, February 10

1:00 p.m.— Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Wednesday, February 15

6:00 p.m. — Decatur Vegetarian Society At Decatur Public Library this month.

Friday, February 17

1:00 p.m. — Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Wednesday, February 22

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

Friday, February 24

1:00 p.m. — Men's Luncheon at Tuscany

Calendar of Events

Humanist Group—Humanist Discussion Group meets 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact Dave Snoeyenbos at 865-2409.

CUUPS Group - No meeting in February.

Women's Book Group— Women's Book Club meets on Wednesday, February 8th at the home of Lorelei Zaker. The book is Room by Emma Donoghue.

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 p.m. 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 service on February 19.



Minister's Message

Rev. Hutchison's Office Hours

Monday day off

Tuesday 10 - 12

Wednesday 10 - 12 & 6 - 8

Thursday 10 - 12

Friday study at home

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Nancy Hutchison's new e-mail: nanjhutch@gmail.com

You, Me, and the 14th

Happy Valentines day! Our day of the heart. A day to give and receive the depth and breath and height of love. After so many years of loving what might we say this Valentines Day. William James wrote, "All our raptures and our drynesses, our longings and pantings, our questions and beliefs are equally organically founded." Love freely, love with passion, but love from the heart.

As the poem goes:

Love can be red, passionate

Love can be blue, melancholy

Love can be yellow, bright and warm

Love can be green, peaceful and serene

Love can be purple, courageous

We do need courage to love bravely and unselfishly. The moment we say "I love", we are saying we are not afraid of involvement, that very day we say "I love this world."

Peace, Larry

President's Message

Greetings to Members and Friends,

Food Banks are still in need. Remember that the third Sunday of each month is the day UUFD is encouraging you to bring food for these banks. Thanks for the support last month. Let's try to bring in more this special Sunday, which will be Feb. 19.

Several have asked for a way to get messages out to UUFD members and friends quickly. Kathy Kline has agreed to use the newsletter list. If you have an announcement or news item that needs to be sent to all UUFD people, call or e-mail Rev. Larry Hutchison or me. We will get the information to Kathy to be sent out as quickly as possible. There is an updated printed list of Members and Friends. Let me know if you want a copy.

The Budget Committee has been selected. Linda Shroyer is chairperson and Mel Weinstein, Eric Devore and Mark Sorensen will assist her. Suggestions on adjustments to areas of the budget should be channeled through this committee.

Mary Cleave, Barb Hannon, Vern Thistlethwaite and Rev. Larry Hutchison are working on the Ministerial Committee.

Thanks for all you do.

Judy Thistlethwaite

News from Religious Education



Feb. 5 The 11th Commandment. What commandment would you add? Taught by Lorelei Zaker.

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Party. Why do we celebrate? Making valentines for those we love.

Feb. 19 Mardi Gras. We'll make masks! Taught by Jennifer Sekosky.

Feb. 26 Yoga for all ages. Taught by Bill Harbeck

Bowl and Roll

Bowl and Roll is returning on Sunday, February 19th at noon! Please plan to join us for a delicious and homemade lunch of soup, roll and dessert. Once again we will be asking for a "good will" donation for this lunch. Your donations will go to The Northeast Community Fund Food Bank. Executive Director, Jerry Pelz confirmed that their supplies of food are particularly low after the holidays, so a donation now will be much appreciated and needed. He also explained that the Decatur food bank is able to get food from the Central Illinois Food Bank for only 19 cents a pound, which is much cheaper than you and I can purchase anything. This is because, rather than purchasing the food, they are actually paying a share of a "maintenance agreement". For example if UUFD donates \$100, our local food bank will acquire 526 pounds of food! So I hope you will join us on the 19th and have a good meal, good fellowship and do some good in the community—all in one hour.

Decatur Vegetarian Society to meet at Decatur Public Library in February

The location and time for the February potluck meeting of the Decatur Vegetarian Society has changed for February. Instead of meeting at the Fellowship, we will get together at the Decatur Public Library (Madden Room) at 6:00pm for a public presentation (***Introduction to Vegetarianism***) to include personal testimonies, videos, and a free potluck supper open to the public. In March, we will resume meeting at the Fellowship.

2012 Environmental Film Series

The **2012 Environmental Film Series** will kick off a little early this year. Starting on March 3rd we will start the series with ***Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home***. This is a film for the whole family. The filmmaker talks an urban family into cataloging their garbage for 3 months, and they ultimately ponder about where their trash winds up. This light and informative film will entertain everyone. Please see the attached flyer for information about all the documentaries in the 2012 series.

2012 ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES

WHAT: Contemporary documentaries dealing with environmental issues... best picks - flicks for thinking, discussing, dreaming & imagining!

WHERE: SANCTUARY, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF DECATUR
3773 N. Macarthur Road (Corner of Mound & Macarthur roads), Decatur, IL
SCREEN PROJECTION WITH STEREO SOUND [for info contact 217-521-9702]

ADMISSION: **FREE!** Donations Accepted ---- No One Turned Away If Space Is Available

CONCESSIONS: Fresh theater-style popcorn and healthy drinks sold

7:00 pm, Saturday, March 3rd



Discussions follow the shows.

Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home
(2009, 76 min.)

"Filmmaker Andrew Nisker enlists the average urban family, the McDonalds, to keep every scrap of **GARBAGE** that they produce for three months in their increasingly smelly garage. In this amusing and smart film, the McDonald's discover that for every action there is a reaction that affects them and the entire planet." *** *Free childcare provided for this film* ***

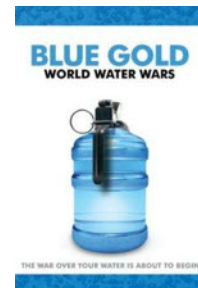
7:00 pm, Saturday, March 31st



PLANEAT (2010, 72 min.)

"Where have we gone wrong? Why has the death rate from heart disease and cancer exploded in recent times? Why are the ice caps melting, the oceans dying and the forests being cut down as we produce the food necessary to support our burgeoning populations? ... **PLANEAT** for the first time brings together the ground-breaking studies of three prominent scientists who have made it their life's work to answer these questions."

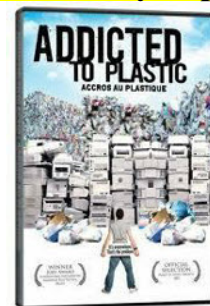
7:00 pm, Saturday, March 17th



Blue Gold: World Water Wars
(2007, 90 min.)

"Sam Bozzo has given us a real eye-opener, calling attention to a seldom thought of looming crisis ... little has been said concerning the world's current and future water crisis. As long as we can turn on the faucet and get a clean glass of water, why worry? This fascinating look at man's seemingly never ending ability to jeopardize his own well-being should be seen by all."

7:00 pm, Saturday, April 14th



Addicted to Plastic (2008, 85 min.)

"From styrofoam cups to artificial organs, plastics are perhaps the most ubiquitous and versatile material ever invented. No invention in the past 100 years has had more influence and presence than synthetics. But such progress has had a cost. For better and for worse, no ecosystem or segment of human activity has escaped the shrink-wrapped grasp of plastic. **Addicted To Plastic** is a global journey to investigate what we really know about the material of a thousand uses."

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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.

February Birthdays

Athena Pajer	Feb. 5
Nancy Hutchison	Feb. 24

Leland Roth, a former UUFD friend, will be 60 years old on Saturday, February 18th. Greg is organizing a card shower for him from friends everywhere including UUFD. For those of you who remember him, the address is Leland Roth, P.O. Box 650563, Sterling, VA. 20165.



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

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