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Monthly Schedule

February 7th – Sara Goodman Desire for Acceptance- We all desire acceptance. Most of us choose to come to church because it is a place we feel accepted, where we can sense belonging. But sometimes we aren't aware of the ways we exclude people who may not have the same experiences we do. How do we navigate acceptance and respect for differences?
12 noon – RE Meeting

February 14 - Deb Rostofer – “Loving the Hell Out of this World” We will consider what it means to be a people On The Side of Love. How our actions live into our values and where they fall away from our highest ideals of love and justice.

Sat., February 20 – 5 – 7 P.M. – Red to Black party in the Garden Room. Bring Red or Black food (“Brown” will also do).

February 21st - Sara Goodman Buddhism and Desire: On Dukkah and Love – When we love, we become attached to the person or item that we love, but the Buddha said that attachment leads to suffering. Is this why we say love hurts? How do we balance desire and non-attachment.

12 noon - Board meeting

February 28th - Judy Petree – “Reaching for the Stars or Beyond My Reach”

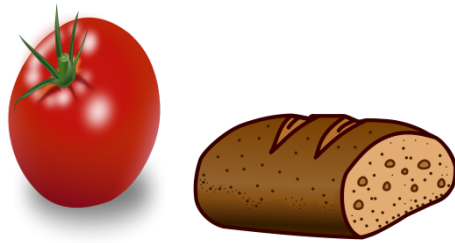


Minister's Article

Our theme this month is “What does it mean to be a people of Desire?” To be a people of desire, must mean we are also a people of heartbreak. Hope and Loss are interconnected.

“It’s why Rumi says “fall in love with the agony of love.” He knows many of us avoid pursuing our deepest hungers because of fear. No one’s deepest longings ever come true. Better to play it safe and keep those deep hungers at a distance. But in this case, playing it safe also means going numb. And we were not created to go numb.

“So friends get out there this month and get your heartbroken. It won’t feel good, but you will know you are on the right path. And remember Rumi’s promise: somewhere in that agony you will find yourself loved by and deeply connected to life.” – Soul Matters Team



RED TO BLACK Party (orBrown)

Finance Committee with the help of Membership Committee is sponsoring a “Red to Boack Party”, a time for family fun. How long has it been since you playedwith Monopoly Money or built with Lego?

February 20 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room

Bring a red or black food (“brown” will suffice) to share. (example: spaghetti sauce can be red and black olives are black). Dress in Red or Black or any combination. Each table will be set up with red cloths and black napkins. Drinks will be provided.

Since this is a party there will be games and activity for the whole family to enjoy. And of course conversations around the table will be directed at how to achieve our mortgage payoff and dreams of how to engage new people in our church life and presence. Our plan is to grow our church and your ideas will help.

I want to thank Pete and Phil for the presentation in January. If you missed the Sunday Pete Busker did the power point presentation, in the garden room there is set up a display of what he shared.

If you have not picked up a sheet that shows what kind of commitment you can make to the payoff, please see Cher Zimmerman or Pete Busker. We hope to be able to know if we must apply for a grant from Faithify (read about it in the UU World magazine).

Cher Zimmerman, treasurer, reports that in January \$1100 has come in, bringing the mortgage balance down to \$73,413.37. We have only five more months to meet the goal. Remember, we started with a dept of \$87,565.76.

Judith Petree
Finance Chair

Green Corner

Is the cold weather getting you down? Are you feeling listless and lacking in energy? Well, guess what! Your car battery may be feeling the same way.

The average car battery lasts about four years, depending on the quality of the battery and type of driving you do (frequent short trips versus longer highway trips. If you dread getting stuck in some parking lot in cold snowy weather with a dead battery, you might consider replacing your battery now. If you don't know when you purchased your battery, there usually is the month and year of purchase marked on the top of the battery – or ask your mechanic to check it out. An ounce of prevention - - -.

If you are the do-it-yourself type, my advice is – DON'T! Disconnecting the battery will screw up the car's computer systems and can cause some serious problems. Let someone who knows what they are doing handle the battery replacement (perhaps not your nephew or son-in-law).

Now one more winter weather-related tip. If your car will be parked outside during an ice/sleet/snow event, tip your wipers up so they stand free of the windshield. That will make scraping the windshield easier and prevent the wipers from freezing to the glass.

One final tip. If the weather is bad – stay home. The last people we want driving in bad weather are old people like me!

FINANCE COMMITTEE has **clarified** with the donor who has promised a matching gift. The donor will match the highest giver's gift, during the first three months of Fill The Chalice campaign. If there is one giver who can contribute a large sum of money to pay off the mortgage, that gift will be matched. There is no limit to the sum. We have two months to go with this challenge, so please, if you can make that one time large gift in Feb/March, please give to UUCRV Fill The Chalice campaign.

Religious Education

The theme for February is Welcoming Diversity. The teaching schedule is as follows:

February 7 Beth

February 14 Pam

February 21 Judy – “The women of Samaria”

February 28 – Alicia

We have discussed creating a contingency plan for when a visitor with a toddler comes – how we will handle that.

Also under discussion is the possibility of replacing our social justice project, Heifer, International, with a more local project.

And speaking of Heifer, International, we will be “selling” chips earned by RE students for chores they have done. Our goal is to match last year's total, which was \$120, enough to buy a goat. Chips “sell” for \$2. We will be doing that in February.

Ray Herzer, Chairperson

February Birthdays

2 – Mariah Gomez
14 – Penny Shaw
17 – Alicia Jenki
21 – Jasmine Varela
24 – Zoey Kevari-Zimmerman
27 – Dianna Kevari



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