

UUCRV NEWS

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Monthly Schedule

May 1st – Sara Goodman – May Day: A Search for Blessings in a Hurting World

Sunday May 1 – 12 noon – 2 p.m. – Baby Shower/Potluck for Sara Goodman

May 8th – Mother's Day – is more than flowers & sentimental greeting cards. It's also a call to honor Mother's courage and resiliency (UUA, 2016). Tricia Graham and Beth Ingle will speak to the complexity of mothering. Wendy Edgington will offer special music.

May 15th – Sara Goodman – When Broken is Whole: Blessed Vulnerability

12 Noon – UU Conversation

May 17th – 6:30 p.m. – Board meeting

May 22nd – Ellen Ahymer – “Restorative Justice”

12 Noon – Common Read. RE Meeting

May 29th - Memorial Day – Erin Fisher will discuss how and why PTSO develops, including its impact on the body and new treatment approaches.



Minister's Article



In May we will be exploring what it means to be a people of Blessing. The word itself has an interesting religious connotation in relationship to gratitude – it's an acknowledgement of gifts that are bestowed upon us – an acceptance of something outside our control. And yet, blessings are not inherently religious. What blessings do you find in your life?

I have been inordinately blessed by your gracious welcome of myself and my family into your church community. And I am so grateful that you are allowing me the blessing of returning in the fall! May will mark the end of this first year together, and June 1 will begin a new adventure. May

your summer bring as much joy as I anticipate mine will. See you twice in May, then in the Fall! Sara



Green Corner

It's pretty cool! You order something online and in just a few days (or hours) it can be on your doorstep. You saved time and gas (you little greenie, you).

Then comes the denouement – your teeny, tiny purchase is packaged in an astounding amount of packing material. So much for the environmental benefit. And gas savings? There are whole fleets of cars in some cities whose sole function is to cater to every online wish for someone who just can't wait. Another blow to the environment.

So now we have lost gas savings and added to the amount of cardboard in the recycling stream, which also has energy costs. E-commerce is responsible for the largest increase in the demand for cardboard, and it will likely continue to be.

And so, the dreaded "Law of Unintended Consequences" strikes again. What seemed like a good thing for the environment turns out to be questionable at best. For now, it remains one of life's unanswered questions, along with who put the bop in the bop – sh - bop – sh bop.

Movie Night & Conversation

Friday, June 10, 2016

No Dumb Questions

Uncle Bill is becoming a woman...



NO DUMB QUESTIONS is a lighthearted and poignant documentary that profiles three sisters, ages 6, 9, and 11, struggling to understand why and how their Uncle Bill is becoming a woman.

These girls love their Uncle Bill, but will they feel the same way when he becomes their new Aunt Barbara?

With just weeks until Bill's first visit as Barbara, the sisters navigate the complex territories of anatomy, sexuality, personality, gender and fashion. Their reactions are funny, touching, and distinctly different.

This film, produced in 2001, offers a fresh perspective on a complex situation from a family that insists there are no dumb questions. It's funny, engaging and poignant. NO DUMB QUESTIONS" is a unique and powerful way to spark dialog. And at 24-minutes long, it's a perfect way to continue our journey to being a "Welcoming Congregation."

Join our *Welcoming Congregation Task Force* on **June 10, 2016 @7:00 at UUCRV**. All are welcome. Second (different) movie for children can be offered with **child care**; kindly let one of us (Judy Petree, Dianna Kevari, Lynda Johnson, Lee Johnson, Laurel Burke) know by **June 8** if you would like to take advantage of this option.

Religious Education

The teaching schedule for May is as follows:

May 1 – Beth

May 8 – Alicia

May 15 – Judy

May 22 – Ray and Nina

May 29 – Pam



Changes planned for next year:

Alicia will take OWL (Our Whole Lives) training in June in Wausau.

Children will be divided into three groups, a child care group (overseen by adult volunteers), a middle group, and an older group.

Some teachers will teach twice a month, but it may be necessary to hire outside help if no more teaching volunteers are forthcoming. The RE budget for next year will include pay for this outside teacher.

A professional curriculum will be chosen to use. Committee members will begin exploring possible curriculums.

Ray Herzer, Chairperson

IT'S A BOY

We are hosting a Baby Shower for Sara Goodman on May 1, to be held in the Garden Room after services. It will be an **optional** side dish pot luck to go along with the Sloppy Joes. We hope you will join us. There will be a sign-up sheet on the information table soon! (Sara is registered at Babies-R-Us and Target.) Call Paulette [815-601-3225](tel:815-601-3225) or Dianna [608-365-2343](tel:608-365-2343) with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP COTTAGE GATHERINGS

Cottage Meetings are being set up for UUCRV members and friends to come together. Last year, we met one to one but this year we have chosen to gather in groups of 8, in member's cottages/gardens to share our experience of Stewardship. The coming church year has much hope and promise to strengthen our sacred ministry together. Already budget requests for a healthy church year have been compiled and we will share insights into the work planned.

This month, we have sent out a request for hosts/cottages and have some great response. We are looking at 1:00-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m. events. Thus far we have four hosts. Whether you are a member or friend, all are invited to sign up and enjoy the fellowship of a shared afternoon or evening. When we get that 5th host we will publish times and places. We have set aside the week of May 12-18 for this.

Please check the table in the church foyer for dates and times of these gatherings. Please check your calendar and remember to think about what kind of financial commitment you are able to make in the coming year. As in years past, the goal of the larger UUA is that all members try to give 5% of their adjusted gross income. But all of us are at liberty to decide what is our best gift.

See you at one of the gatherings,
Judy Petree, Cher Zimmerman, Pete Busker, Nina Herzer, Phil and Kathy Dierstein
Finance Committee members

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We will be having services during July and August.
Watch the Order of Service and e-mail for upcoming schedule.



Would you like to know more about the Unitarian Universalist Church or about UUCRV? All Members and Friends are invited to attend the Informational meeting/discussion on May 15th after the service. (We will meet in the Library.)

The Membership Committee is hosting this event being led by Reverend Sara Goodman and snacks will be provided. *Come join us!!!*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

9 – Margaret Curttright

24 – Jackie Shair



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