

UUCRV NEWS

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Monthly Schedule

April 2nd - 1- 4 p.m. - **CONQUERING CLUTTER - SAVING THE MEMORIES WITHOUT THE STUFF**

April 3rd - Sara Goodman - **Creativity and Vulnerability** - Sociologist and author Brene Brown has found evidence that creativity and authenticity are closely linked. We tend to damper our creativity in order to hide our vulnerability. How can we tap into our creative and artistic parts without censoring ourselves in order to please others?

Membership Committee meets in the Garden Room. Grab a snack and join us at the 'back table' by the coffee station.

April 10th - Deb Rostofer -

12 Noon - **Board meeting**

April 17th - Sara Goodman - **The Earth, Creator of Us All** - This week marks the 46th annual Earth Day Celebration.

None of the dire predictions of the first earth day have come to pass, but our planet is still over populated and under-appreciated. What can we do to protect our home planet, creator of us all?

12 noon - **RE Meeting**

April 24th - Rev. Amy DeBeck -

12 Noon - **Common Read**

4 P.M. - **Sara Goodman's Ordination** - 4 p.m. - **First U.U. Society - Madison**

Tues., April 26 - 6:30 p.m. - **Welcoming Committee at Laura's**



Minister's Article

Spring has begun to tease us with warm weather and more snow, and with this changing of the season we see creation happening all around us! The birds returning to their breeding grounds, the green shoots sticking out of the snow.

Creation seems a contradiction sometimes – new coming from the old, those things that appear dead coming to life.



So what does it mean to be a people of creation? Creation is about joy and work and play all mixed together. It isn't all sunshine and puppy-dogs, but when we're in the flow we can lose all track of time. What does it mean to spend time working on something lasting, and finding out it is a failure? What does it mean to use our ideas, to have them inspire us to change the world? Creating isn't done in a vacuum, so who is it that helps you create? Does your partner inspire you? Do your kids? Can you spend an afternoon with someone and come out having solved all the world's problems? What does it mean?

CONQUERING CLUTTER - SAVING THE MEMORIES WITHOUT THE STUFF

WORKSHOP: SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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Lynda Johnson, UUCRV member, will be leading a workshop on "Conquering Clutter" on April 2nd. Do you feel your stuff has taken over your house, and you know you need to do something about it, but are not able to take that first step in getting organized? Lynda will help you find out it's not about the "stuff"....it's about figuring out how to save the memories you want to keep. This fast-paced and funny workshop will help inspire and motivate you! Spring is here - let this year be the year you do something about your clutter messes.

The minimum donation is \$5.00/person. Money collected will go towards the church's fund to pay-off-the-mortgage on the building - participants are welcome to donate more than \$5.00 if they wish.

Please call Lynda: 779-423-0878, or email: lynleebirders@frontier.com to make a reservation.

Green Corner

In the spring an old man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of...gardening. But now this old man is seeking help to keep this project going. I am hoping that I can get a volunteer force of people (families would be especially nice) to assist with tasks more easily done with a few pairs of hands.

None of these tasks requires any gardening knowledge - I can supply that. Nor will any heavy lifting be required. However, an ability to get down and then back up again would be helpful. I will have plenty of kneeling pads to make things easier.

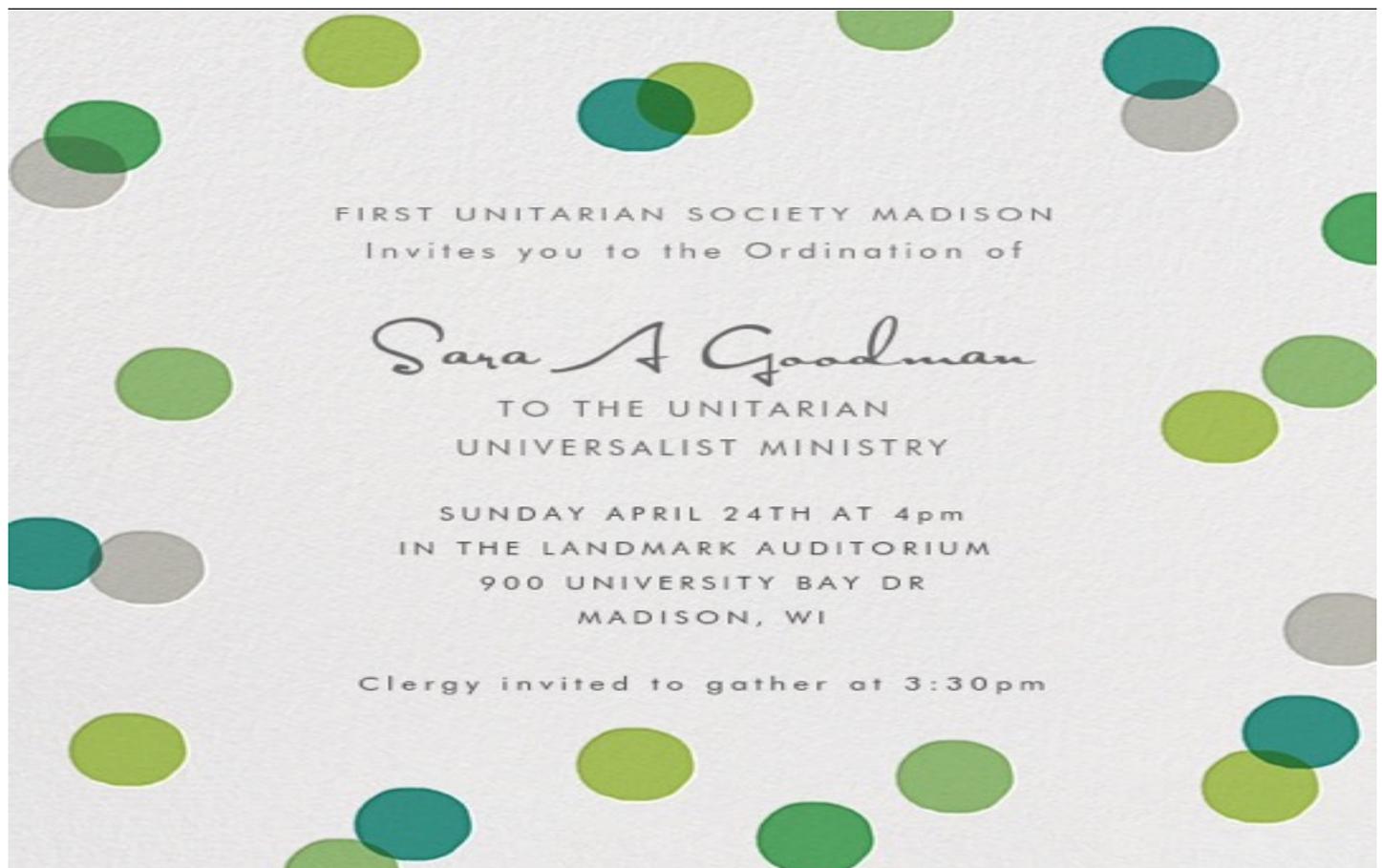
What I would like is for people to email me if they are willing to devote some time to this project. We can work before or after church, or almost any other time convenient to you, except for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, when I have standing commitments. Other than that, my time is flexible. And by getting a list of willing workers, I don't have to bother people not interested or unable to help.

When you contact me, tell me what days and times work best for you. If all this works out as planned, no work sessions should ever be more than one hour.

Gardening work starts the week of April 17 and continues until mid-October. And here you thought you couldn't come up with enough fun things to do this summer.

I eagerly await your responses.

Ray Herzer



Religious Education

The theme for April is The Cycle of Life and Renewal. Teaching assignments are as follows:

April 3 - Beth Ingle

April 10 - Alicia Jencki

April 17 - Judy Petree - Moses

April 24 - Ray and Nina Herzer - Earth Day Activities

The RE program is looking for new teachers for the next church year. If you are interested please contact Ray Herzer.

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.

FILL THE CHALICE CAMPAIGN - Our Congregation is moving toward reaching the goal of paying off the mortgage. On Easter Sunday, Cher reported that we were about \$11,000 short of our goal. Remember when we started our goal was about \$87,000. It is amazing what generosity abounds in this congregation which dreams a dream and becomes determined to accomplish the work. With the paid down mortgage money out of the picture, we can focus on strengthening our efforts to hire a half time minister. Someone said that money spent on bricks and mortar is money not available to fund staff and ministry. We are hoping to fund staff and ministries in the years ahead of us.

As you know, it is our dream that this campaign include 100% participation from our members. This is a church which welcomes all and include the hopes that all can be part of the campaign. Whether you have \$1 to designate or a bit more, please give from your heart to a work that is bigger than we are.

When we have reached the goal in our sand chalice, we will add black pebbles instead of sand indicating that we have moved from a red (in the hole) to a black (out of debt) point. We can all look forward to the day when the mortgage is gone and we can celebrate by burning the paperwork. What a party.

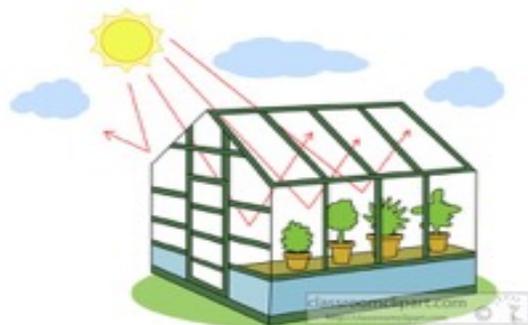
With anticipation,
Judith Petree
Finance Chair

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

23 - Pete Busker
24 - Vesta Gray



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