

# The St. Louis Unitarian

February 2015 Vol. 45, No. 2

Worship, RE and Nursery 10:00 a.m.

## FEBRUARY 2015 WORSHIP INFORMATION

### February 1 - "Fire in the Belly"

Paulita Pranschke and Rose Schwab, Ministerial Intern  
Special music by Tyler Green

Please join the ERDE group for an Exploration of Imbolc! The first stirrings of Spring are happening deep in the belly of the earth; it's time to celebrate Imbolc, holy day of Brigid. She is the goddess of the hearthfire, healing, poetry, and smithery. How might crafting beauty in everyday life serve as a doorway to the sacred?

### February 8 - "The Ever-Flowing Chalice"

Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Special music from the First U Choir and Trinis Colins

Part of our National UU symbol is a large goblet, or cup with a stem, called a chalice. We put a flame in it, but what fuels that flame: Love or Truth or Spirit? What supports the flame, not only in our church, but also in our daily living?

### February 15 - "Tending the Fires"

Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Special music by Elizabeth Ramos

Gloria Steinem once said "The truth will set you free, but first it will really piss you off." What is the role of anger in the spiritual life? Does anger hurt angry persons, or the people at whom their anger is directed? How do we tend the fires of anger?

### Wednesday, February 18 - Vespers - Ash Wednesday Service

Rev. Thomas Perchlik

### February 22 - Youth Sunday

Join our Youth for a service full of music, readings and provocative thinking. The Youth Group has been exploring 'How We Learn' and 'How We Know' this year. These explorations will inform their service. This is always a lively and invigorating service showing us the future of Unitarian Universalism.

## Trivia



## Night



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## FEEL THE LOVE COFFEE HOUSE

FEB. 13  
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FAIR  
TRADE  
COFFEE  
SALES

FEB. 15

## MINISTER'S COLUMN

February is known as the month of love, mostly because Valentine's Day falls in the middle of the month. It is also a month to focus on history, especially of African Americans and Presidents, but there too we are expressing a form of love: honoring the worth of particular people.

As Unitarian Universalists, we draw from many sources, including the idea of the Christian writer, John, that we should "...love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone, who loves, has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." He did not mean that God and Love were exactly the same. Most theologians will point out, though God may be present in all love, human feelings of affection or romance are too limited, conditional and transient to be all that could be called "God." Likewise, the poet Dante wrote that "love moves the sun and all the stars". By this he meant something more powerful than God saying, "I ♥ you" to the stars and their dancing in response. When we say that we work for justice because we "stand on the side of love" we imply both a feeling of care, and

something more like the Latin *caritas*, the ancient Greek *agape*, or the Pali word *metta*. Certainly, warm feelings shine a bit more brightly because *Transcendent Love* is present within those feelings. Ordinary human love is messy and tragic: we love things like people or sparrows, or a moment in the winter sun, that change and fade and die. Thus, love is very fleeting and also enduring as an embodiment of the pure *heart-mind* which is totally free, universal, unconditional and inexhaustible in nature.

As we move toward the Canvass Day of March 1, we shall spend this month reflecting on how we, as a congregation and as individuals,

express Love. We will ask, "How does our giving to the church shape what is of greatest worth?" As another

Christian writer put it: "Where you treasure is, there your heart is also". What is it that you treasure the most? What do you love and does that change what it means to be part of this congregation? How will you celebrate this Month of Love?

In the Spirit of Love,

Peace, *Thomas*



## CAN THE “SPIRIT MOVE” IN UU’S?

Can the “spirit move” in UU’s? Yes. Of course the spirit can move in UU’s, what a silly question! ‘Tis not just Protestantism that lays claim to religious experiences in church. And far be it for (u)us to shun a perfectly good religious experience just because its history and connotation ring of mainline Christianity.

But to be serious: is inner movement something that we seek? Are we interested in a deepness that requires us to fully show up? It seems to me that we *need* the spirit to move, because it is so easy to get stuck. We *need* to foster a sense of humility so deep that we might be graciously open to changing our patterns...in the hope that we might learn new ways to better live our Unitarian Universalism. We *need* to have worship that moves us, and to explore all the ways we are moved, therefore, we are going to try out a space dedicated to experimentation in worship.

On January 18th, we launched a beautiful new worship space called the Worship Lab. The Worship Lab serves people who desire a more communal, embodied, testimonial, and ritual-based worship

service. We will continue to experiment with creative and exciting liturgies and music in hopes of “moving the spirit” within us. These services will compliment the regular Sunday morning service by providing a space to try out new things. If we like them, we might introduce them to our beautiful traditional liturgy on Sunday mornings. This is a space to try on new things, to think deeply and intelligently about how to honor our spiritual lives, and to experience the process of creating worship.

Everyone is encouraged to co-create worship in the form of planning and leading a service, under the supervision of Rose.

Each week will be led by a different group of people, so come on and get involved! If you have never led worship before, perfect: we want you to come and see how beautiful and therapeutic it really is.



--Rose Schwab  
*Lewis Ministerial Intern, 2014-2015*  
*First Unitarian Church of St. Louis*

## CHURCH PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Changes, changes and changes...December's article recognized several members who are leading annual or new initiatives, and an invitation to identify others whose volunteer efforts you believe should be noted.

Recognition this month goes to George Sessen who single-handedly runs the sandwich-making program. Under George's careful coordination the "Sandwich Making Team" meets

bi-weekly. The fruits of their labor, brown-bag lunches, are distributed to those less

fortunate in our community through area agencies. As the English proverb says, "Many hands make light work." Want to get involved? Check the calendar list on the front of the yellow pages for the next Sandwich Making Day and join the team!

Coming up very soon is the Mid-Winter Meeting. This is an occasion to come together and generously share your favorite pot-luck dish; keep updated on what's happening this year; and enjoy entertainment from our very own and beloved AcUustics! Please plan to be there on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 to gather, 6:00 for dinner, 7:00 for business and 8:00 for entertainment. We'd love to see you.

This column has been focusing on how our congregation is growing and changing. This week I had the privilege to share time with the Women's Alliance. This is an amazing group of wonderful women who carry the history and legacy of First Unitarian into the future. Our discussion centered on leadership, the challenges we face at this time, and how roles in our new governance model are progressing. The overall impact is positive.

Leadership roles currently open include:

Membership Cluster Coordinator; Membership Committee Chair; Denominational Affairs representative; and there is always need



for an extra set of hands to help out at events, in the classroom, in the garden, at worship, folding newsletters, etc. Just look around and find a way to join in.

SAVE THE DATE: It's Coming...March 1<sup>st</sup>! A very special and important date...plan to be in church and be a part of this exciting time!

—Diane Fawcett

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

### DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS:

As a way of putting our faith into action, we as a church periodically dedicate one of our collections to a worthy non-profit or church program. Our February designated collections are Partner Church (Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>) and Gateway 180-First UU Project (Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>).



The mission of Partner Church Committee is to maintain and foster the relationship between our church and our partner church in Csokfalva, Transylvania (Romania), a relationship dating from 1991. First UU supports the small congregation of ethnic

Hungarians by promoting liberal religion, developing international friendships, creating opportunities for pilgrimage and hospitality, learning, and service. Romania's recent austerity measures make our financial support especially important. On-going activities included providing financial Assistance, with room and board expenses, to students from our partner congregation attending high school, university, or Hungarian Middle School outside the village; providing a small supplement to our partner minister's salary; providing financial assistance for the church building; and projects as needed. *This recipient was nominated by church member Carolyn Nolan.*



First Church's Gateway 180 Project is our designated collection recipient for February 22, 2015. Special collection proceeds will fund a project or projects, such as meal

Preparation, or building or grounds improvement, by First Church volunteers at the Gateway 180 shelter at a time to be determined between March and mid-June.

Gateway 180, located on the city's north side, is Missouri's largest shelter for single women and families. Gateway serves well over 1400 clients each year, many of whom are children under 11 years of age. First Church has had a special relationship with Gateway for some time through both donations and volunteer efforts. *This recipient was nominated by church member Rosemary Lawton.*

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## PARTNER CHURCH (PC) NEWS

We are beginning an important time of the year for Partner Church events.

First, our ongoing relationship with our friends in Csokfalva, Romania will be the focus of the worship service on “Partner Church Sunday,” March 8. The sermon, readings, and music will all pertain to the significance and relevance of this special overseas partnership. The designated collection that day will be applied towards supporting high-priority projects identified by Rev. Lorant Tokes and his church board.

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### PARTNER CHURCH DINNER AND PROGRAM SATURDAY, MARCH 14, AT 6:00 P.M

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Second, the Partner Church Dinner and Program will occur on the following Saturday, March 14, at 6:00 P.M. Our Ministerial Intern, Rose Schwab, will be presenting the program, in which she will regale us with stories about her recent experiences in Transylvania. A special musical surprise is also planned as a part of the evening’s program. As always, a delicious Hungarian meal, prepared by our Partner Church Committee, will precede the program.

The title of this year’s event will be “Transylvania or Bust,” alluding to the fact that a future First Church trip is planned in the Fall of 2016. Like the wagon trains heading west in 19<sup>th</sup> Century America, containing people seeking new opportunities and experiences, we intend to achieve something similar by embarking on the next First Church pilgrimage to this land of our Unitarian roots in eastern Europe.

Lastly, anyone curious about Eliot Chapel’s PC program, is invited to their Hungarian dinner on February 7, at 6 PM, in Adams Hall. The cost is \$10 per person, and you should let Beth Rossow, at Eliot Chapel, know of your interest by February 1.

--Tom Crouch

## RECYCLING



Don't forget....the church belongs to a recycling

program with **Quill**, our office supply company. The church receives rebates for recycling ink jet cartridges. So far this fiscal year the church has received \$200.00 in “Quill Cash” to use towards the purchase of office supplies.

*Please note, we also recycle used batteries and cell phones.*

All recycle bins are found in the copy area of the church office.



**DON'T FORGET  
TO LIKE US,  
FOLLOW US  
AND CHECK-IN  
ON  
FACEBOOK**

## ROAD TO MEMBERSHIP



Anyone who wishes to join our congregation as a member may sign the membership book on the last Sunday of each month shortly after the service.

The minister or a board officer (President, President Elect, Secretary or Treasurer) will meet you on the Sanctuary chancel.

*We welcome you to our religious community*

## WOMEN'S ALLIANCE FEBRUARY 2015

### February 10

11:00: Meet in the library for the monthly business meeting

12:00: Meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch--- coffee, tea and dessert provided

1:00: Our program presenter today is **Amy Genova**. Amy is an accomplished poet who will share her poems with us.

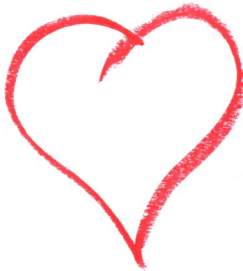
### February 24

12:00: Meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch--- coffee, tea and dessert provided

1:00: We'll meet in the library for a program presented by **Mary Ward**, Church Administrator.

All are welcome to these and other Alliance programs. Come join us for socializing and enrichment.

## FEEL THE LOVE COFFEE HOUSE – FRIDAY, FEB. 13



Join the Welcoming Congregation Committee at our second annual **“Feel the Love”** Coffeehouse on Friday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This free event will feature coffee, tea, dessert and the sharing of our community’s musical, poetic and artistic talents. Enjoy music and poetry readings and write Valentine offerings to our community – all to celebrate the many forms of loving. Come and share your talents or just enjoy the offerings of others. If you’d like to share something, please contact George Grimm-Howell at [g.grimmhowell@gmail.com](mailto:g.grimmhowell@gmail.com) or 314-799-8585.

# LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

LYNN HUNT,  
CREDENTIALLED RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR

A new semester of Religious Education has begun, which means new teachers! Many thanks to these people who are now leading the Sunday morning RE program: **Jason McLure, Amanda Kracen, Sue Herzberg, Todd & Shannon O'Boyle, Grace Munie, Janet Oriatti-Bruns, Sarah Francois, Tara Perry, Jim Kirby, Claire Weichselbaum, Teresa Deshields, Josh Peck, Ben Rosenweig, Victoria Bonvento, Sarah Collier.** Thanks for all of time, energy and creativity that you bring to our community! – Lynn



## Hope Choir Open House February 1st, 2015 – 11:15am, Classroom C2

This is an opportunity for parents and children to meet the choir director, Sprite, and learn more about our children's choir. Find out about the regular activities of the choir, songs they will be learning in the Spring and when they will be performing. All are invited!

## For All

### Trivia Night **Boston Trip Fundraiser** **February 7, 2015**

Come test your knowledge of the obscure and have a great time while you support the Coming of Age Class trip to Boston. After completing the Coming of Age year, the class takes a trip to Boston to visit sites important to the development of American Unitarianism. The trip is funded through parent contributions, the operating budget of the church and fundraising by the parents and youth. This fundraiser is a great way to have a good time with friends and support this integral program of the Religious Education program. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall (\$120 for a table of 8 or \$15 for an individual ticket).

*A good time will be had by all!*

## UnFish Fry



**Volunteers needed!**  
**The Unfish Fry is back and we need your help!** Coming

to First Church on **Friday March 27th** we will be offering another all-vegetarian dinner this year as a family fun event; profits will benefit the church. Fun, good times and good food are promised for all who join the Unfish Crew. If you are interested in helping in any way: from cooking or baking to selling desserts or helping wash dishes and cleaning up, please join us! Being part of the Unfish Fry crew is a great way for new or long-term members to have fun getting to know each other by working together. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall, the Unfish Fry Crew needs you!



## For Adults and Youth

### Parents as Resident Theologians

**February 8, 15, 22 & March 15 & 22, 11:15 – 12:15 – Facilitated by Lynn Hunt**

This program provides parents with the opportunity to explore theological questions. Participants will gain insight into their own religious journey and explore ways to interact with children and their religious questions. We will also look at deepening our understanding of Unitarian Universalism and the important role of parents in a child's religious development. In addition, this is a great way to connect with other parents in the church community. Child care will be provided. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact Lynn Hunt.

### Covenant Groups



In Covenant Groups people come together in a circle of trust, in covenant, to be in right relation with one another with respect and care. We

cultivate deep listening as each person takes a turn in a sacred space to express what stirs in them about the topic of the session. The careful listening enriches the lively back and forth interchange that follows. If you would like more information about joining a group, you can: sign up in Fellowship Hall, call the Faith Development Office (314-361-0595 ext 25) or send a message through the website (<http://www.firstuustlouis.org/engaging/covenant-groups>).

## COVENANT GROUP MIXER

**SAVE THE DATE**

**March 21, 5:00 – 8:00 PM**

Come learn about Covenant Groups and enjoy mixing with others. Pot Luck begins at 5:00 followed by a brief presentation about covenant groups and an experience of being in a group. The theme of the evening will be the meeting of our common human experience. We will explore the interweaving of our individual selves and our connecting to one another and the Universe.

Covenant Groups facilitate a close sharing of our spiritual/human lives with a focus on Deep Listening as well as lively meaningful interchange.

There are several covenant groups in our church with 6 – 10 members each. Some have a theme or demographic (i.e. young adults, metaphysics) and some are general in nature. **New members are always welcome!**

### Book Discussion #2 –

*Darkening the Doorways*

by Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed

**February 15, 2015 (11:15) Hope Chapel --  
Facilitated by Margaret  
Weck**



The new First Unitarian  
Toward Justice group is  
reading *Darkening the  
Doorways* by Mark Morrison-

Reed and invites the whole congregation to join us. A first discussion was held and it was decided to hold a second one. This book is a collection of the life stories and achievements of African-American Unitarian Universalists and their struggles and triumphs in our faith tradition. The book is available in our library and from the UUA Bookstore.

# WONDERFUL *Wednesday*

## Wonderful Wednesday

**February 18, 2015 – 6:00pm till 8:30pm**

Plan to join our once a month mid-week gathering for fun, connection and learning.

Schedule for the evening:

6:00 – 6:45 – Come anytime during this time-frame to purchase a simple meal.

7:00 – 7:20 – Vesper Service – **Ash**

**Wednesday** service led by Rev. Perchlik

7:30 – 8:30 – Programming

### **Lessons from the *Camino de Santiago* with Deborah Richie**

Deborah will share with us her experiences hiking this historic pilgrimage route to the shrine of Apostle St. James the Great in Spain. This journey has been taken by many as a spiritual retreat. She will share what the trip meant to her and give some practical suggestions on how to undertake this trip yourself.

**Love is in the Air -- Love Poetry with Amy Genova** – Bring a favorite poem about love to share with group and then apply your skills at creating an ode to love! Everyone welcome.

### **Great Books Discussion Group Sunday, February 22, 2015 -- 1:00pm Great Books Discussion Group – *Notes from the Underground***

**by Fyodor Dostoevsky**

Fyodor Dostoevsky, born in 1821, is one of the great novelists who pioneered realism and literary psychology. His works were written with an understanding of social injustice and concern that western European values were

encroaching on Russia. *Notes from the Underground* probes the mind of a person living on the fringes of modern society and how this shapes his personality. Join the discussion! Great Books meets on the 4th Sunday of the month from 1-3pm at the Café Ventana (3919 West Pine – intersection of West Pine and Vandeventer), and is using the collection *Great Books Reading and Discussion 2<sup>nd</sup> Series*, which can be ordered through the Great Books Foundation Site (<http://www.greatbooks.org>). **Facilitators Margaret Weck and Mike Nolan.** (Sign Up in Fellowship Hall for more information)

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## **TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

Join us each first and third Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Clark Room. For information contact Stan Veyhl at (314) 863-3229 or [sveyhl@earthlink.net](mailto:sveyhl@earthlink.net).

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## **NEW MEET-UP GROUP**

A new improv group is meeting at First UU on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. They are looking for new members. Check out their website for more info. <http://www.meetup.com/Improv-Workshops-for-life-work-and-play/>

## GENERATING GENEROSITY

Because of your financial support  
of First Unitarian...

- Our choir has leadership, rehearsal space and skilled accompaniment to help prepare them to offer a wide variety of beautiful music for our worship services
- A local Buddhist group has a suitable meeting place to gather
- Unitarianism across the globe is sustained through our Partner Church program

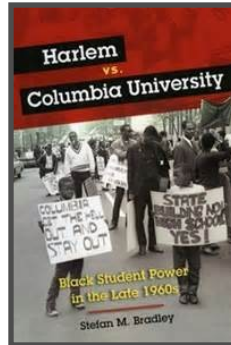
## FLOWERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICES



There are still open dates, particularly in February and March, to donate flowers for Sunday services this year. If you are interested in helping to beautify the sanctuary

for an upcoming Sunday service while honoring a special person or occasion in your life, please contact Dottie Kinscherf either by e-mail ([dottiek@att.net](mailto:dottiek@att.net)) or phone (314-727-0740) for more information.

## CLARK LECTURE



Dr. Stefan Bradley, Director of the African American Studies Program and Associate Professor of History at Saint Louis University, will deliver the 2015 Clark Lecture at First Unitarian Church on Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Bradley's timely topic will be "The Democracy Experiment: Black Youth in America." He has been a featured guest on local and national news programs following Michael Brown's death.

Dr. Bradley's presentation will draw upon his knowledge and research on the role of young people in the civil rights movement. Dr. Bradley's work in this area led to the publication of his important study *Harlem vs. Columbia University: Black Student Power and the Late 1960's*, published by University of Illinois Press.

## GENEROSITY SUNDAY IS COMING

Giving to this church is not about paying bills, but fulfilling our mission to find the spiritual resources that enable us to work for love, decency, tolerance and justice. Our congregation's canvass team has selected a process that focuses on the spiritual principle of generosity as the focus of the annual canvass this year. This process focuses on education about giving and the spirituality of abundance and deep generosity. This month of education prepares us for one single Generosity Sunday, which will be March 1, 2015.

The basic idea is that we each give, to the church, and to others as part of our individual spiritual development and worship. In our church, we think of worship as "shaping what is of worth". So the central question, we are helping each other answer, is "How does my giving to the church shape what is of the greatest worth?" Our pledges are not "membership dues" for a social club, nor are they "needed by the Church to keep the doors open."

Every person in the church is encouraged to complete an *Estimate of Giving Card* by attending morning worship on Generosity Sunday, the first day of March. On that Sunday, our Guest Leader, Reverend Sunshine Wolfe, will lead us in estimating our giving as an act of worship that day. There will be no follow-up visits. We will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Generosity Sunday Worship.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Generosity Sunday!

Yours in the Spirit of Abundance,  
*The Generosity Sunday Team*

Mark Your  
Calendar  
May 2  
Fellowship  
Dinner



## DO YOU SHOP ON-LINE?



When making your on-line purchases be sure to log on to GoodSearch.com. Search for your items through Good Search, each search earns money for First Unitarian Church. So far this Fiscal Year, the church has earned \$42.35. The potential is SO MUCH higher...cost to you...ZERO!

Simply go to the GoodSearch website, log-on and input "First Unitarian Church of St. Louis" into the field that asks for what group you want to support. It's that easy.

It's a free and easy way to raise money for our church and get some of your shopping finished.

Each month, GoodSearch sends the church a check!



Don't forget to use your eScrip card when shopping at Schnucks. The church receives a percentage each time you shop. Don't have an eScrip Card? Stop by the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall and pick up yours this Sunday. Simply register on-line and you are ready to earn money for First Unitarian Church.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEB 7TH

**Trivia Night!**

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

GAME FROM 7:00 TO 10:00

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!!!! \$15 AT THE SIGN-UP

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RAFFLES

MULLIGANS

PRIZES

FOOD

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SATURDAY, FEB 7TH

Proceeds benefit:  
The 2016  
Coming of Age  
Boston Trip

FULL Table for 8  
Just \$120  
Build/Sponsor a  
WINNING team  
BUY a FULL TABLE

## ON-LINE NEWSLETTER

The St. Louis Unitarian is now available on-line. Check out our website home page.



## NEWSLETTER FOLDING

Come and join our newsletter folding group on Tuesday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m. as we ready the newsletter for bulk mail. This is a wonderful way to meet church members or reconnect with those you already know.

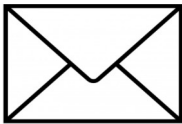


## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

### THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL DONATIONS:

- A total of \$2,564.00 was donated to our special collection on Christmas Eve. These donations were divided equally between 100 Neediest cases and the Robert Ford Haitian Foundation.
- Many generous donations have been coming in for the Full Glass Campaign. To date our total is \$3560.00.
- Memorial gifts were received in memory of Tom Hungerford.
- An anonymous donation was made to the Caring Fund.

## ENVELOPES NEEDED



Does your place of business have envelopes that are out dated, unusable or unwanted? The church office is in need of envelopes. #9 or #10 would be best, but we will take any size or any color. We use these envelopes for inter-office correspondence and deposits into our safe, so envelopes with company logos or return addresses are great. If your place of business is set to recycle old envelopes, please bring them to the church office. We would rather reuse them and THEN recycle them.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JANUARY 2015

Let us keep in our minds all in our church who live and struggle to heal from illness and surgery, and let us remember all who have family members who are ill or who have passed away.

--Please keep **Jamie Ryan** in your thoughts and prayers. Jamie is coping with several very serious health issues.

--**Marietta Hunsche**, the longest standing member of our church, is seriously ill and is under special nursing care at Sunrise of Des Peres. Marietta would love to receive cards. Contact the church office for address.

—Congratulations to **John Knoll** and **Susan Ingham** who were married in the Sanctuary on December 20.

—**Bob & Cathy Reszinski's** youngest daughter, Elizabeth, married Derek Bilyk on December 27th in Chicago.

--Long time member, **Corrine Richardson** passed on January 1.

--We welcome back reinstated member **Bobbie Fernandes Brantley**.

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Please keep in mind that the calendar is updated daily and does not show outside rentals. Refer to the Web Site calendar for up-to-date information.

## **Sunday, February 1**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)  
11:15 a.m. - Hope Choir Open House (C2)  
11:30 a.m. - Partner Church Comm. Meeting (offsite)  
11:30 a.m. - Emily-Jeremy Covenant Group (CLK)  
12:30 p.m. - Writing Group (C1)  
7:00 p.m. - Toastmasters (CLK)

## **Tuesday, February 3**

2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)  
7:00 p.m. - First UU Buddhist Group (CH)

## **Wednesday, February 4 Church Office Closed**

7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Saturday, February 7**

### **Trivia Night**

9:00 a.m. - CRC (all Rooms)

## **Sunday, February 8 Newsletter Deadline /**

### **Bake Sale/ Designated Collection: Partner Church**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)  
11:15 a.m. - Parents as Resident Theologians (DR)  
11:30 a.m. - Care and Concerns Meeting (CH)  
2:30 p.m. - Knitting Ministry (C8)

## **Tuesday, February 10**

11:00 a.m. - Women's Alliance  
2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)  
7:00 p.m. - Examining Whiteness Class (CLK)  
7:00 p.m. - First UU Buddhist Group (CH)

## **Wednesday, February 11 Church Office Closed**

7:00 p.m. - Toward Justice (CR)

7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, February 12**

7:00 p.m. - Feasts & Festivals Comm. Meeting (FH)

## **Friday, February 13**

7:00 p.m. - Feel the Love Coffee House (FH)

## **Sunday, February 15**

### **Darkening the Doorways Book Discussion #2 Fair Trade Coffee**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)  
11:15 a.m. - Parents as Resident Theologians (DR)  
12:30 p.m. - Covenant Group (C7, C8)  
7:00 p.m. - Toastmasters (CLK)

## **Tuesday, February 17**

9:30 a.m. - Newsletter Fold (C1)  
2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)  
6:00 p.m. - IT Task Force (CLK)  
6:30 p.m. - Library Committee (L)  
7:00 p.m. - Examining Whiteness Class (CLK)  
7:00 p.m. - First UU Buddhist Group (CH)

## **Wednesday, February 18 Church Office Closed**

5:30 p.m. - Wonderful Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service (CH)  
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Saturday, February 21**

### **Youth Sunday Rehearsal**

### **Covenant Group Mixer**

9:00 a.m. - CRC (All Rooms)

## **Sunday, February 22**

### **Designated Collection: Gateway 180-First UU Project**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)  
11:15 a.m. - Parents as Resident Theologians (DR)  
1:00 p.m. - Great Books Discussion (Café Ventana)

## **Tuesday, February 24**

12:00 p.m. - Women's Alliance  
2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)  
6:30 p.m. - Church Council/Policy Board (C1)  
7:00 p.m. - First UU Buddhist Group (CH)

## **Wednesday, February 25 Church Office Closed**

6:00 p.m. - Long Range Planning Committee (C1)  
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Saturday, February 28**

9:00 a.m. - CRC (all Rooms)

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