

The Vanguard

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HOBART

Worship Calendar

(Services are held on Sunday's at 11 A.M. in the church Sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.)

Sunday July 4

No Service. Annual church picnic at Deep River Park.

Sunday July 11

Rev. Roger Brewin

Goodbye to my Juan, Goodbye Rosalita

The recent national debate over immigration (echoed in the General Assembly fight over whether to hold our 2012 GA in Phoenix) stretches back many years. The sermon title today is from a Woody Guthrie song, "Deportee," the reflections are from UUs on many sides of the issue.

Sunday July 18

Janet French

The Next Right Thing

Whether physical residence, spiritual home, home within one's self, one's communities or upon our planet Earth, the quest for home is a basic human need that often encounters both the sacred and profane. Tom Isakson, director of Porter County's New Creation Men's Shelter, will also be on hand for this service and the coffee hour to follow.

Sunday July 25

Emma Porter, Patricia Riley Churilla, Don Parker

Reflections from the 2010 UU General Assembly

In late June, some of our congregants headed off to Minneapolis for GA. This morning we will hear about some of their experiences.

Sunday August 1

Shawn & Ed Mueller

Our True Nature

The evolution and enlightenment of our being.

Sunday August 8

Tina Porter

In the Sun

The sun comes out and we see with new eyes—we see more and with finer detail. And this might be a good thing, but may also result in over-saturation of the senses. Is there a way to manage both the external and internal flood of light?

Sunday August 15

Rev. Roger Brewin

Bein' Lazy II

I first preached this sermon eight years ago - on the virtues of summer do-nothingness. A reflection on how my views have changed, and how they have stayed the same (that's the lazy part.)

Sunday August 22

Kele Ivy

In Reilig Oran

In Ireland, there is a saying concerning "blasphemy": "Throw mud in the mouth of St. Oran." Who is this St. Oran, why are they trying to silence him, and why might he be considered the first UU martyr.

Sunday August 29

Maggie Reister

A Look at Women's Equality Day

Feminist Writers like Gloria Steinem and Mary Daly have reported and defined the cause of women's rights. Today's sermon will explore the face of modern feminism as a phase, a movement and a lifestyle.

NURTURE Your Spirit.
Help Heal Our World.



What's Brewin

Somebody at the church Annual Meeting thanked the Board for printing its minutes in the Vanguard each month - it's the kind of transparency that allows church members to trust church leadership. I reported at the same meeting on the tenor of a conversation at a recent Faith in Action Meeting, in which differing ways to respond to the anti-immigrant legislation in Arizona were openly and respectfully discussed. Most of you know I have taken a strong pro-boycott/move-the-Phoenix-2012-GA position, and that nearly two dozen First Church members joined me in making pledges to help underwrite the considerable cancellation costs involved should we pull out from that commitment.

Others in the church are opposed to the tactic of a boycott, and prefer to have our delegates go to Phoenix in two years and engage in pro-immigrants rights activities while there. Finally it should be noted that not every UU, and not every member of our congregation disagrees with the Arizona laws - some feel that state has made an appropriate response to an unfortunate set of circumstances. I'm pleased that these very diverse views can be openly expressed in our church, and that there is no automatic orthodoxy around issues of social justice. Don Parker got it right when he asked the Board to approve a resolution that said our GA delegates were instructed to inform themselves and then vote their consciences - at least one delegate at the church Annual Meeting openly called for people to share their opinions with him on this issue.

That's a great request - it looks to an informed conscience - informed by our UU principles, informed by our individual experiences and moral instincts, informed by our participation in, and our being representatives of, a religious community. By the time you read this the GA will be over, and hundreds of delegates will have together democratically expressed our collective intention. One view or the other will have prevailed, or perhaps, somehow, we will have found a common ground on which most can stand. Whatever the outcome, it will have started in a hundred congregations like ours, with thousands of individuals thinking, questioning, debating, proposing, deciding, and yes, even changing their minds, in an open and transparent process. And if we are the free and democratic church we believe ourselves to be, we will have done it mostly in the daylight, in honest respectful conversation with one another, and yes, we will post the outcome and the ongoing considerations, in the Vanguard.

Love, Roger

The Welcoming Congregation Committee and the Faith in Action Committee are pleased to have Marc Adams return to our church for an evening of discussion and enlightenment.

"Marc Adams is a widely respected authority on subjects ranging from fundamentalism, the religious right, gay civil rights as well as his ground breaking work with his own nonprofit, HeartStrong. HeartStrong is a social justice organization providing hope and help to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students who are persecuted in religious educational institutions."*

If you did not get a chance to see Marc last year, you do not want to miss this opportunity. He is a wonderful speaker who has overcome a not-so-wonderful past and brings humor and passion into his presentations.

We will meet at 6:30 pm in the parish hall for snacks and conversation. Marc will begin at 7. Marc will have copies of his books available for sale following his presentation. Please invite your friends and get the word out. This is an evening you won't want to miss!

From the President

Welcome to the new church year!

There's a lot going on, to more than put to rest the old tradition of Unitarian churches (including ours, at one time) just closing their doors and taking the summer off.

Your Board of trustees for the 2010-2011 year are myself returning as President, Kelly Mahler taking over as Vice-President from Brian Barnes, who cycled off the board, Diane Moryl returning as Secretary, Glenn Keldsen moving up from Finance chair to Treasurer, returning board members Judy McCauley, and Tim Cook beginning a second term, and new board members Tina Porter and Ed Mueller. Karen Quinlan stepped off the board as Alternate due to the increasing demands of her studies at Meadville-Lombard Theological School.

And I was very proud to sign, with Roger, a letter for Karen, certifying her as a Unitarian Universalist Minister, thereby continuing our congregation's tradition of sending people into the ministry.

Please don't hesitate to bring concerns or questions to any board member.

Kelly Mahler and other congregants will be working to establish programming aimed at the influx of young adults and young families we are seeing come through our door. I hope that we can establish one or two other 'covenant groups' (opportunities for strengthening our congregation through the use of small groups). Several years ago, we established three covenant groups, and the normal changes in everyone's lives has resulted in two groups disbanding and one morphing into a social group – all of which is to be expected.

Covenant groups ideally are opportunities both for fellowship and for ministering to each other through spiritual growth, and/or to the wider world through service projects. They might be a group of people living near each other, who see opportunities for fellowship without relying on use of the church. If you are interested in knowing more, see me or Kelly. Our Building Acquisition Task Force (Bob Allen and Brian Porter) report that the owner of Graphic Arts

Supply next door has turned down our offer to purchase his building for the time being. We are not in a space 'crunch', so we are able to take a 'wait and see' attitude, pending changes in his needs and market conditions.

The congregation approved the seating of a Ministerial Search Committee, to begin the process of identifying a new minister for after Roger's retirement next year. The board accepted the Transitions Committee report from earlier this year that recommends we engage a one-year interim minister, which is fairly common for congregations in transition after the departure of a long-serving minister, like ours. If all goes well, that person will serve during the 2011-2012 church year, during which time we will complete our search for a more permanent leader.

It's an exciting time to be here with you all, as we grow and work to bring our vision of being the heart of Unitarian Universalism in Northwest Indiana to fruition. See you at church!

Namaste!

Don



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Buildings and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds has been very busy these days. Jim Duncan has been trimming trees in the memorial garden and doing a lot of planing which looks wonderful. Thank you Jim.

Joe Kalocinski (Sandy Ashmore's son-n-law) has been officially hired as the Church's handyman and he has hit the ground running. At the present time he is working on the doors and overhang on the Ginko Tree side of the parish hall. The shingles were replaced improperly and are being replaced at this time. The overhang has been addressed. The two supports on the the right as you exit the parrish hall were completely free-floating. Turns out that these pillars were supporting columns and had Joe not started this repair when he did, the overhang may have collapsed at any given time. Joe and I happened to be standing under it when it began to give way. Quick thinking on both our parts averted a major catastrophe.

The ugly box that was located on the parking lot side of the Parish hall has been removed. Thanks you Joe!

Jim Duncan, the newest member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee has done a fantastic job in the Memorial Garden. With Dottie Stewarts okay, he has begun trimming the maple tree to allow more sun into the garden. I am saddened to report that the Redbud Tree that my in-laws planted when it was a sapling many many years ago is diseased and must be removed. I am sure that Jim will find the right replacement for this landmark tree.

When I removed the rose from the memory garden and moved it to the east side of the parish hall, I was so scared that it was not going to survive, but survive it has done and in fact, the word I would use is thrive. It presently has 5 new buds.

S.T.I.T.C.H.

SAVE THE DATES!! The S.T.I.T.C.H. committee is planning two nights of entertainment and socializing this October (National GLBT Month). Thursday, 10-14-10, join us in the church sanctuary for a FREE evening of music and motivation by regional singer/songwriter Andre Villoch. Andre combines original music and humor as he motivates by sharing his personal story. Then, Friday, 10-15-10, the good times move to Hobart's own Brickworks Brewing Company. We'll enjoy a beer-tasting, learn a few of the brew-master's secrets and again have an op-

portunity to enjoy music by Andre. Friday's event is a fundraiser for S.T.I.C.H., tickets will go on sale late August/early September.

Common Reader July August

Common Reader Book Group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of July (21st), August (18th) at Church at 7 p.m. Pre-dinner discussion will be at 5:45 p.m. at the Lake Park Restaurant, Old Ridge Road, Hobart at 5:45 p.m.

Common Reader Book Group is open to all members and friends of Hobart UU. Come for dinner or the discussion or both!

For July: *A Good Yarn by Debbie Macomber*

"You might have heard about a wonderful little yarn store in downtown Seattle. Debbie Macomber takes you there! Whether this is a return visit or your very first, you'll find that A Good Yarn is a place of welcome and warmth. A place where women feel at home. Where they're among friends, old and new."

August Book to be announced at a later date.

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Lapghans

You may have notice during church service and other events, a group who crochet and knit. Most of us are making lapghans. Kele Ivey started this project several years ago. Since then many lapghans have been knitted/crocheted and given, with love, to area nursing homes, survivors of Katrina, an Indian reservation, and to others.

The need is great. You can help by donating washable/dryer safe yarn (no wool) to this group. It can be brand new or yarn that you found at a garage sale. Most of the lapghans range from 30x30" to 36x36".

If you knit, crochet, quilt, sew, please join us in the labor of love. Whether you can make one or many, your lapghans are appreciated. See Kele or Wendy for more information.~Wendy Masters~
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Membership Committee

On Sunday, June 13, 2010, the following received Rite of Membership: James Johnson, Ranata Kliemchen, Susan Verhoeven, and Victoria Wyland. Jennifer Peek transferred her membership from The Unitarian Church in Muncie, Indiana. Photos of the new members will be posted on The Membership Bulletin Board in The Parish Hall. Be sure to take the time to welcome the new members to our church. Congratulations are in order!

The New UU Sessions will be conducted this fall on the following dates: Wednesday, November 3, 2010 and Wednesday, November 17, 2010. Please note, the sessions will not be on back to back Wednesdays. The sessions will be given in the afternoon and also in the evening. A signup sheet will be posted in The Parish Hall on the library table.

Connie Barnes

Poetry, Prose and Potluck

The "Poetry, Prose and Potluck" group meets monthly in one another's homes, where we break bread together, check in, and share poetry and prose readings. We had thirteen people at our June get-together at Richard Johnson's home in Chesterton.

Our July meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month (July 14th) at Kathy Arney's home in Hobart, while our August meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 11th at the home of Fred and Mary Pat Bone in Valparaiso. For further information contact Kathy or Fred respectively. They may be reached either by phone or through the church office.

Submitted by Glenn and Suzanne Keldsen on behalf of the entire PPP group

Circle Singing

Circle Singing Schedule for July and August

By the time you read this, two important Circle-Singing-related events will have happened since the last Circle Singing session at our church on June 3.

The first was the 'Life As An Improv' event on June 6

at Marquette Park's Aquatorium. An article describing Patti Shaffner's involvement in this combination Circle Singing and dance event may be found online at the NW Indiana Times:

www.nwitimes.com/entertainment/arts-and-theatre/article_2c589a26-2c16-555a-8f1b-3cd30dab41df.html

Reading the Times article is a good way to get a sense of what Circle Singing is all about.

In addition an amateur video of a small portion of the Aquatorium improv event may be found online at www.videosgallery.com/0/video/video/0ZUOvPQH9eU.html

If you watch all the way to the end you will see some familiar faces from Hobart's First Unitarian Church.

As I write these words, a second Circle Singing event is taking place in Hawaii. There Patti Shaffner will be reuniting with her vocal mentor Rhiannon, as well as with other graduates of Rhiannon's most advanced vocalization workshop, one entitled "All the Way In."

Perhaps a few words about Rhiannon would be appropriate here. The following is an excerpt from her website:

...Rhiannon enjoys a longtime musical collaboration with vocal improvisation master Bobby McFerrin. Since 1986 she has been a member of his 12-voice orchestra, Voicestra. In 1997 Rhiannon recorded "Circlesongs" with Bobby, and has been a featured soloist on annual U.S. and European Voicestra tours...

What this means for us is that Patti Shaffner will return to NW Indiana with her "batteries recharged" with new energy and new insights, ones that she will be sharing with us! So our summer Circle Singing Sessions will resume in July on the first and third Thursdays of the month, i.e., July 1 and July 15, and continue on Aug. 5 and Aug. 19. Y'all come! Remember, you don't have to be an experienced singer to participate. Read the Times article. Beginners are always welcome.

Glenn Keldsen (writing on behalf of Patti, Karen Quinlan, Don Parker, and Suzanne)

First Unitarian Church of Hobart Board Meeting Minutes Monday, June 14, 2010

In Attendance: Connie Barnes, Brian Barnes, Roger Brewin, Patricia Riley-Churilla, Tim Cook, Glenn Keldsen, Kele Ivey, Kelly Mahler, Peter Martin, Judith McCauley, Diane Moryl, Ed Mueller, Don Parker, Tina Porter, Bonnie Reister, Carl Wolf

MOTION – to approve June 7, 2010 minutes with one correction (B. Barnes/McCauley) – PASSED

MOTION – to accept April Treasurer's Report as submitted (B. Barnes/McCauley) – PASSED

Committee Reports

Transitions: Tim Cook offered four copies of the semi-final report of the Transitions Committee's work.

Religious Education: Tina Porter reported that progress has been made in the search for a part-time Director of Religious Education.

Old Business

MOTION – to adjourn the 2009-2010 Board of Trustees (Cook/B. Barnes) – PASSED

MOTION – to call a meeting of the 2010-2011 Board of Trustees with Don Parker acting as president pro tem (Keldsen/McCauley) – PASSED

New Business

Election of Officers

MOTION – to nominate Don Parker as board president (Keldsen/Porter) – PASSED

MOTION – to close nominations for president (Keldsen/Cook) – PASSED

Don Parker elected president of 2010-2011 Board of Trustees.

MOTION – to nominate Kelly Mahler as board vice president (McCauley/Keldsen) – PASSED

MOTION – to close nominations for vice president (Cook/Keldsen) – PASSED

Kelly Mahler elected vice president of 2010-2011 Board of Trustees.

MOTION – to nominate Diane Moryl as board secretary (Keldsen/McCauley) – PASSED

MOTION – to close nominations for secretary (Cook/Keldsen) – PASSED

Diane Moryl elected secretary of 2010-2011 Board of

Trustees.

MOTION – to nominate Glenn Keldsen as board treasurer (Porter/Cook) -- PASSED

MOTION – to close nominations for treasurer (McCauley/Porter) – PASSED

Glenn Keldsen elected treasurer of 2010-2011 Board of Trustees.

Committee Chairs/Board Liaisons

Don Parker instructed board members to consider appointments of committee chairs and board liaisons.

Committee chairs will be confirmed at the July board meeting, and board liaisons will be finalized.

Board Scheduling: Board meetings will continue to be held on the first Monday of each month, with the exceptions of months with holiday conflicts. The July board meeting will be held TUESDAY, July 6.

Board Retreat: The annual board retreat is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2010. Tim Cook suggested that we consider bringing in an outside facilitator.

GA Delegates: MOTION – to allow as a contingency Caitlin DuBois to serve as a delegate for our congregation at the 2010 General Assembly (Mahler/Keldsen) – PASSED

Annual Theme: Don Parker began a discussion of selecting a theme for this church-year. After an exchange of ideas, it was determined that this discussion will be continued at the July meeting.

Comments and Process Review: Don Parker explained the purpose of this procedure.

To mark his departure from the board, Brian Barnes presented an inspirational reading entitled "A Better Way."

On behalf of Karen Quinlan, Brian Barnes expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Don Parker also expressed his appreciation for the work of the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Diane Moryl

A Better Way

We may speak the language of mission and vision, but if we do not have love in our hearts for those who are intended to benefit from them, our efforts will have no more effect than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal whose influence fades away with its clamor.

We may better align our governance with our mission; we may more effectively administer our resources, but if we have not love for people, it is all in vain. We may hold inspiring worship services and substantially increase our membership, but if love is not the reason for doing so, our results will not be important. We may develop a bigger education program and acquire larger and better facilities, but if love is not our motive here, our accomplishment will be a shallow one.

We may increase our pledge revenue, and we may employ a fulltime minister, but even if we do so and love is not at the core of our giving and our initiatives, not much will really be improved. We may provide service to others, take public stands on social issues, and dedicate our lives to save the world, but if our actions aren't based in love, the world will be none the better for all our effort.

With love we will be very patient and understanding as we interact with others.

With love we will not feel righteous as though we have all the solutions to the world's needs.

With love we will never assert superiority, never seek praise for sharing with others our time, talent, and resources with which we have been so abundantly blessed.

With love we won't inflate our ego at the expense of those whom we are here to serve.

With love we will be very reluctant to expose failings and shortcomings of others.

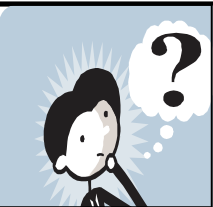
With love we won't get resentful when our dedication, service and hard work is taken for granted.

With love our hardest work will be to be in right relationship with others.

Love just doesn't give up. As for missions and visions, they will change someday; our very organization itself will someday be gone or at least unrecognizable from what it now is. For our plans and our institutions are incomplete, but when our actions are guided by love and justice, they will still hit the mark.

We are limited in our understanding; we see in a mirror dimly. We are confused and baffled by problems, and permanent solutions elude us. But we are learning day by day, and we long for the day when love will rule the world.

Thus, faith that the world is a good place, hope that all can realize their human potential, and love that knows no conditions - these three endure - but the most important is love. So make love your goal.



What is an Interim Minister?

An Interim is an experienced minister who serves a congregation for a year or so in between the times of a leaving minister and a new longer term minister.

"Interims" have special skills and experience which help congregations make changes not only in their ministers but in other ways of doing things to improve congregational life.

Summer schedule for Sunday service announcers.

Jul 04 Picnic

Jul 11 Don Parker

Jul 18 Wendy Masters

Jul 25 Patrick Churilla

Aug 01 Ed Mueller

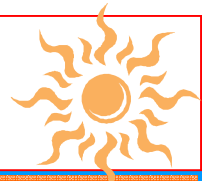
Aug 08 Bob Allen

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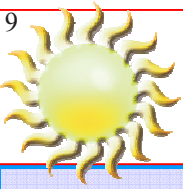
Aug 22 Jerry Ashmore

Aug 29 Jane VanHatten

July 2010



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| July 11 7 p.m. New Moon Discus- sion | | 7 p.m. Empty Circle Zen Group | | 1 6 p.m. TOPS 7 p.m. Circle Singing 8 p.m. AA | 2 | 3 7 a.m. Empty Circle Zen Group |
| 4 Church picnic Deep River Park | 5 Office Closed | 6 7 p.m. Board Meeting Empty Circle Zen Group | 7 | 8 6 p.m. TOPS 8 p.m. AA | 9 7 p.m. Drumming at Mueller Farm.  | 10 7 a.m. Empty Circle Zen Group 6p.m.—midnight First Friday on Saturday at Don Parker's house |
| 11 9:30—9:45 a.m. Meditation 10 a.m. 1st hr. 4th Principle + Spirit Circle / 11 a.m. Service 12 p.m. Coffee Hour | 12 7 p.m. Faith-In-Action committee meeting | 13 7 p.m. Empty Circle Zen Group | 14 | 15 6 p.m. TOPS 7 p.m. Circle Singing 8 p.m. AA | 16 | 17 7 a.m. Empty Circle Zen Group 7 p.m. CUUPS |
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HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE NEWS



The **Holiday Boutique** will be held earlier this year in order to include items for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mark your calendar!! The event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 23, 2010**.

Last year, Fund Raising set up a booth with holiday items (from previous church rummage sales). The church booth was a huge success! At this time, we are asking you to look through your holiday decorations for donation to this year's boutique.

Please Drop off donations in the box marked "Holiday Boutique" located in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact either Tanya Nelson @ 219-942-1606 or Shawn Mueller @ 219-242-2444.

You can help the church make money for free!

Did you know that the really big green and yellow bin in our parking lot was for paper recycling? It is called the Abitibi Paper Retriever Bin. Yep, all sorts of paper can go in the bin (see listing below), and best news of all, the church gets to keep the money for it! So instead of putting your recycled paper at home in your curbside recycling bin, just bring it to church when you come each Sunday (that way it doesn't cost anything in gas to bring it here either because you're already coming here anyway!)

The types of paper that is accepted:

- Newspapers and Inserts
- Magazines/catalogs
- Office/School papers
- Mail (You'd be surprised out fast that junk mail adds up once you stop throwing it away. Just make sure you remove any personal information, and it will add up very quickly!)

The types of stuff that is NOT accepted:

- No Cardboard of any kind
- No Food boxes, fiberboard, or chipboard
- No Textbooks or hard cover books (You can donate these for our book sale!)
- No Phone books

For these items not accepted in our Abitibi Bin, please leave them for your curbside recycling program. They will be happy to take them.