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Unichord



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ELGIN

How to Have a Satisfying Summer

At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin, things are quieter in the summer. The minister is on vacation, so we have lay-led services. Most committees and groups take a break, so there is less to tell. Summer is absent of major events, such as communions, and cleverly disguised fund raisers.

That's why this *Unichord* is an amazing bargain. You get two months' worth of news in half the number of pages. So sit back, have a cooky, and enjoy. In the remaining 23 hours and 45 minutes of your day, you'll have plenty of time to head out for the Grand Canyon.

SUMMER READS

The Afternoon Book Group will meet at 12:30 on July 30 at the home of Bonnie Schwank to discuss "[The Language of Flowers](#)" by Vanessa D. Diffenbaugh. The group will meet on August 27 at the home of [Alice Macy](#) to discuss "[Moloka'i](#)" by Alan Brennert.

The UUCE Evening Book Club meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Panera in Elgin, located on Randall Road just north of I-90.

The selection for July 20 is "[Charms for an Easy Life](#)" by Kaye Gibbons. The selection for August 17 is "[Born Standing Up](#)" by Steve Martin. For more information about the UUCE Evening Book Club, please contact [Beth Cooper Zobott](#).

New members are always welcome.

SUMMER SCRIP

Sales of scrip cards will continue throughout the summer. They can be ordered at the scrip table in the downstairs lobby after each summer worship service from 11:00 to 11:30 and picked up at the next service. Please support this UUCE fundraiser.

YOUR PLEDGE IN SUMMER

The church's bills don't take a vacation during the summer, and our dedicated staff members still like to eat, so please keep sending in those pledge payments, or bring them to one of our great summer worship services. And this

would be a good time to pay off your pledge for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, if you haven't already done so. Questions? Contact [Mila Brinker](#) or [Sandy Webster](#).

SUMMER FOOD

Every Sunday we have church this summer will be a Pantry Sunday. When there are enough donations, Bob Jackson will deliver your contributions to the All People's Inter-Faith Pantry. The Pantry always has a need for cereal, peanut butter, jelly, juice, bar soap and toilet paper.

SO LET'S RECAP . . .

- ✓ Take a nap, visit the Grand Canyon, or have a cooky.
- ✓ Donate a box of whole grain, low sugar cereal to people under duress.
- ✓ Read a good book.
- ✓ If you're going to buy stuff anyway, do so via a scrip card. The cost is identical, and for selling the cards, the church gets a percentage.
- ✓ And please, keep the church alive by continuing to pay your pledge.

Your summer is now ready. Enjoy!

July and August Calendar

Worship Services

July 8 and 22 and August 5, 19 and 26 at 9:45

All Church Cleanup

August 25 at 9:00

Board of Trustees Meeting

August 15 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Book Group—Afternoon

July 30 and August 27 at 12:30 (offsite)

Book Group—Evening

July 20 and August 17 at 7:00 (offsite)

Buddhist Group

Thursdays at 7:00 (offsite)

Care Team Meeting

July 24 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Finance Committee Meeting

August 29 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Book Group—Afternoon

July 30 at 12:30 (offsite)

Unichord Deadline

August 19 (everywhere)

Two Months of Sundays

7/8: WHY I AM UU

Tim Closson will share his personal journey to this church, as well as perceived strengths of our congregation. There will be opportunity for sharing of other stories during Shared Reflection. Service led by Tim Closson.

7/22: INTRODUCTION TO PAGANISM

Service led by Anne Clough.

8/5: THE HIDDEN HISTORIES AROUND US

How did we wind up living in a barn? Where did our chalice come from? Questions asked by Steve Day.

8/19: BUT I CAN'T DRAW

A look at art therapy, how it works, and how we can use it without an art therapy degree. Service led by Elizabeth Closson

8/26: QUICK! NAME THE FOURTH PRINCIPLE

Unitarian Universalists can be pretty smug about principle-centered living instead of following a scripture. But without looking them up, can you name and understand the seven principles? Service led by Donna Askins.

Summer services begin at 9:45.



President's Reflections

As I write, there are six days left in my term as president. It has been an honor to serve with the Board of Trustees and to represent the membership of our beloved church community. I am confident that

Debbie Caruso and the 2012 – 2013 Board of Trustees will provide sound leadership.

Have a great summer!

—Tim



From the Director of Religious Exploration and Education

This summer we will have some low-key activities and fun! Because the building is not air-conditioned, we will be determining each week's activity depending on the weather report. An announcement will go out via email the Friday

beforehand, so you will know what to expect for that Sunday.

We are in the planning phase for next church year as well. We need to fill a few empty shoes! If you are interested in helping out, we have one opening to co-lead each of the following

classes: preschool, K-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grade. Not sure if you want to commit and need more information? Email me at KathyUU@yahoo.com.

In Faith,
—Kathy

Young Adults Have a New Place to Connect on Facebook

[The Hub: Young Adult UUs](#) is a new Facebook page which includes a map where participants can add campus ministry groups and other organizations. There is also a calendar on which young adults can post events.

The Hub describes itself this way: "Young adult UU's are a big, diverse group, spanning ages 18-35. In fact, maybe the only thing that unites us is that we are UU's going through transitions and discernment. That's why The Hub embraces a diverse vision of young adult

ministry that includes religious communities for college students, young families, working young adults, spiritual seekers and young religious professionals, just to name a few."

The Hub, which also includes items from the Young Adult blog [Blue Boat](#), is hosted by the [Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries](#) of the UUA.

Carey McDonald, Youth and Young Adult Ministries director, noted, "A lot of young adults who are involved in

congregations may feel isolated from other young adults. The Hub can connect them and give them ideas about what others are doing. It's all about connecting people who are fairly spread out."



**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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July

12 Kevin Webster
13 Elizabeth Howells
14 Mira Malika Jyoti
16 Kathy Hislip
18 Steve Talaga
20 Johnathan Stultz
21 Austin Kremer
22 Dan Riordan
24 Tim Davis
24 Katherine Brosier
27 Delaney Underwood
27 Susan Stillinger
29 Elizabeth King

August

4 Shari Smagatz
7 Hannah Stultz
8 Stacey Reynolds
8 Molly Talaga
9 Alice Macy
12 Sam Brosier
14 Vickie Kilgore
15 Juliana Sharani (Swain)
18 Rui Dean
19 Steve Askins
21 Day Waterman
22 Sandy Russel
22 Marjorie Askins
23 Jack Engel
23 Jamie Yucuis
24 Annika Spayne
25 Kathy Underwood
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