



The

# UNICHORD

January 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin

W  
W  
W  
.  
U  
N  
I  
C  
H  
O  
R  
D

## SERVICE AUCTION IN PARADISE



Our annual Service Auction is coming up on February 11, 2006. It will be a great opportunity to dig out your straw hats, sandals, and island clothing and enjoy an evening of Jimmy Buffett tunes mixed with incredible deals. To make it a success though, we need your talent, energy, spirit and donated services/items.

In the past, creative donations have included: time share vacations, home repair or decorating, computer consulting, web page design, guided tours, dinner parties, tie-dye workshop, child care, food items, musical events, jewelry, and gardening. You are only limited by your imagination—we all have something to offer!

Donation forms will be available in Fellowship Hall

beginning January 8. You can also e-mail your donation. Please include the following information in your e-mail: name, contact information, item description (as detailed as possible), and the approximate value (if this is an item/service that was donated last year, please let us know).

We are also soliciting suggestions for services you would like to have donated. These can be as specific or general as you wish. For example one member might like assistance setting up a home computer network. The list will be posted and circulated as it grows.

Silent Auction bidding will begin on January 29. Bidder numbers will be the same as last year and posted in Fellowship Hall. You may sign up for a number if you don't already have one.

Contact Debbie or Eric Prebys with any questions, suggestions or donations.



*The annual tradition of Bread Communion was enjoyed by all who attended the December 11 service. Thanks to Donna Askins for rising early to bake the bread.*

*Margot Cusimano received help drawing the name of the lucky winner of the 2005 Raffle Quilt on December 4.*



### INSIDE

- 2 From the Minister
- 3 Calendar
- 4 Sundays
- 5 Announcements
- 6 Religious Education
- 7 President's Report



*The young beat the "old" handily in an intergenerational trivia game hosted by Rev. Dan Brosier on December 18.*

# From the Minister

Lady on a Bus  
-Jeanne Lobmann

Somebody treat her real bad.

Easy to see how it was when she  
come down the middle of the bus,  
big lady in tired old clothes,  
brown silk dress hangin loose,  
shufflin them dirty pink slippers.

Back of the bus ain't nowhere  
for a strong black woman. Front  
Ain't noplac neither. So she  
keep movin round, loud talkin  
all the time, mad at everybody.

She had this whingding goin and she  
didn't stop once, scarin them poor  
white ladies. She was a snake charmer  
they watched out the sides of they eyes,  
lips goin tight, mouths gettin little.

Made one old lady move, called her bitch.  
She jus kep firin away, badmouthin  
the first Chinese she saw, yellin at her,  
"Who better lookin anyway?" They was  
all trapped and scared by that big Mama.

Her steam keep comin out, hot all over.  
They clucked soft like chickens while  
she cover that bus like a stormcloud.  
People huggin them seats mighty close.  
Nowhere to go. Nobody sayin nothin.

But if looks coulda done it, that woman  
woulda been long gone. Her with her Queen's face,  
her eyes huntin someplace to rest, strong hands  
movin up and down on the good bones in her head.

Everybody watchin and tryin not to.  
Everybody part of what's wrong.

Somebody treat her real bad.



Rev. Dan Brosier

## FROM YOUR CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

### Room to Meet and Grow

What an exciting time for our church!  
The third floor is completed and offers  
more meeting space. This is just in time  
to help house all the new activities  
occurring, and groups forming, under  
the leadership of our Program Council  
(Kathy Hislip, Andrea Schmidlin and  
Kathy Underwood).

All the increased activity has also  
increased the need for careful scheduling  
of events and meetings to avoid  
confusion. If you need to schedule an event or meeting in the  
church building we are asking that you provide the church office  
with at least the following information: a brief description of the  
meeting or event, name of coordinator or contact person, date and  
time, location or preferred room and number of people expected  
to attend. Also, let us know about church related events or  
meetings that occur off-site so that they can be put on the church  
calendar.

To make this process easier a new Scheduling Form is available  
in the office. Please complete the form and turn it into the church  
office as far in advance as possible. All rooms are assigned on a  
first requested, first served basis. You will be informed when your  
event is scheduled. It will also be placed on the official on-line  
church calendar, and on the Unichord calendar (if it is received by  
the third Friday of the month).

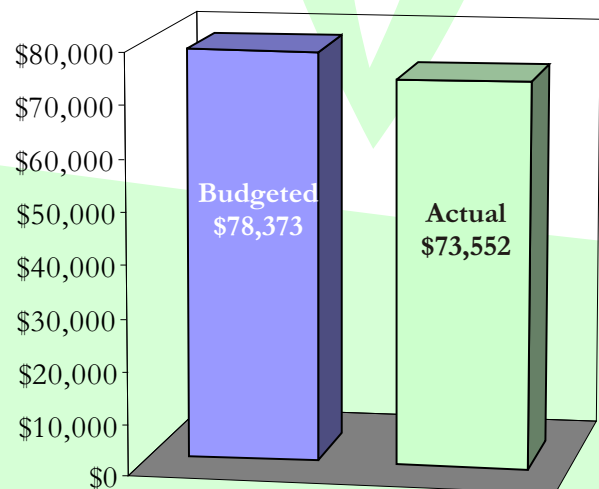
### Building Maintenance and Supply Concerns

If you notice a problem with building maintenance or a shortage  
of supplies on Sunday morning or during the week, please let me  
know. I will restock supplies and/or find someone to handle  
maintenance concerns. Andy Carey is the Building Team Leader  
and can also be consulted about building maintenance. You may  
contact me in person, via the church phone (847-888-0668), or via  
e-mail at [administrator@uuce.org](mailto:administrator@uuce.org).



Linda Porter

### Member Pledges—2005-06 Fiscal Year



The 2005-2006 budget calls for \$117,500 in pledges; eight  
months' worth of this figure is \$78,373. Questions? Contact  
your Finance Coordinator, Alice Macy.

# UUCE Calendar January

# 2006



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> No Bells No Sunday Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00p Covenant Group	<b>4</b> 6:45p Barn Bells 2 7:15p Barn Bells 1	<b>5</b> 7:00p Spiritual Inquiry Covenant Group	<b>6</b> 9:15a Executive Team Meeting 11:30a Program Council 6:30p Women Cooking for Women	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Worship Com. -102 9:30a Adult SS 12:15p RE Council 12:30p Canvass 12:30p Wal-Mart film screening	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:30a Care Team	<b>11</b> 6:00p Eat/Meet 6:45p Barn Bells 2 7:00p Lessons from Stelle 7:00p Finance 7:00p Parents 7:15p Barn Bells 1	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:00a Handcraft Bee -O
<b>15</b> 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Adult SS 12:30p New UUs 12:30p Green Sanctuary	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00p Covenant Group	<b>18</b> 6:45p Barn Bells 2 7:00p Board Meeting 7:15p Barn Bells 1	<b>19</b> 7:00p Intentional Living Covenant Group	<b>20</b> 9:15a Executive Team Meeting 11:30a Program Council	<b>21</b> 9:00a qUilters
<b>22</b> 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Adult SS 12:30p New UUs 12:30p Social Action Council <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00p Eat/Meet 6:45p Barn Bells 2 7:00p Women's Spirituality Group 7:00p Parent Group 7:15p Barn Bells 1	<b>26</b> 5:00p CSA Learning Center Meeting	<b>27</b> 7:00p Book Group -O	<b>28</b> Women's Spirit Conference -O Youth CON -O
<b>29</b> 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Adult SS	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:00p Covenant Group				

## Month of Sundays

### January

#### **8 Speaking Peace – The Language of Life, Love, and Peace**

In this service, Anne Ward and Bob Sandidge explore the difference between the language of domination and the language of peace and how we can foster and experience more peace within ourselves and in our most challenging relationships at home and work. Each of us can transform the world one word at a time. The way of Non-Violent Communication is based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg, Ph.D.

#### **15 Lessons From Katrina**

Hurricane Katrina exposed a number of truths about our society. One, which many have found disturbing, is the issue of poverty. In this service we try to understand what we might learn about our nation and ourselves from Katrina. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

#### **22 For the Common Good**

What is this thing called the “Common Good” and what implications does it have for our lives. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

#### **29 This I Believe**

From time to time we hear from members of our congregation about how they have arrived at their present belief system. Today we will hear a bit about the spiritual journey that three of our members have embarked upon. Service led by Elise Wall.

SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

### UUCE 2006-2007 CANVASS

If you feel like I do, then you know that we are very fortunate to be a part of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin. Participation in our church community offers many rewarding experiences: meaningful services and inspiring sermons, great music, religious education for our children, support for our own spiritual journeys, opportunities for involvement in important issues, satisfying relationships with others, and much more. We are also very fortunate to be located in a rural setting with a labyrinth, a meditation garden, and our prairie cathedral surrounded by a restored prairie.

Of course, like any business or household, our church incurs expenses. We, the members and friends of the UUCE, provide the financial support to operate our church. To raise the necessary financial resources to pay for these expenses, we hold an annual canvass. Funds pledged in this canvass can be counted on to pay the bills and fund the various programs provided by our church.

Our annual canvass begins on Canvass Sunday, March 5, 2006, with a Revival Service and luncheon and then runs for two weeks through March 19. During this time, you will be asked by a canvasser in a face-to-face meeting, a telephone conversation, or a letter to pledge a financial contribution to our church for the next year. If you are new to our church or have not yet made a financial pledge, we hope that you will consider making a generous pledge to support our church. And we are counting on experienced members and friends to continue to make a significant contribution to help fund our church for another year. Look for more information about the canvass in the coming months.

Canvass Committee members are Paul Anderson, Cameron Kirk, Alice Macy, Joe Masonick, Leslie Sawyer, and Rusty Winchel. Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments. Thank you.

– Joe Masonick for The Canvass Committee

### BECOMING A MEMBER OF UUCE

Membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin is open to all persons sixteen years or over who agree with the purpose of this church—which is the study and practice of religion in freedom and fellowship. Membership is also a statement of commitment to the principles which underlie our denomination, to the growth of our movement, to the health and well being of this church community, and to the individual's search for truth. Members agree to contribute to the church through participation, authenticity and concern in relations with other members, and financial support. An annual contribution of record of not less than \$50.00 is required to maintain voting member status.

The act of becoming a member is accomplished through signing our Membership Book. See the Minister, Dan Brosier, or Membership Chair, Pat Pecho, for more information. The next New Member Welcoming Ceremony is February 5, 2006.

## Announcements

### CIRCLE OF LIFE

We were saddened by the recent death of dear friend and long-time member Peter Hendry. He will be missed.

We also hold in our thoughts Lydia Larrabee whose father died, and Bonnie and Dennis Schwank upon the death of Bonnie's mother.

### BOOK GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the members of the Book Group at any of their upcoming meetings, which begin at 7:00 p.m.

January 27 - "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder.

At the home of Jackie Van De Warker.

February 24 - "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger.

At the home of Dotty Carrangi.

March 31 - "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck.

At the home of Helen Maxwell.

April 28 - "Bee Season: A Novel" by Myla Goldberg.

At the home of Margot Cusimano.

### New U

The New U program is a two-session workshop designed to give people new to Unitarian Universalism some basic information about the faith and this church in particular. The program is facilitated by the Chair of the Membership Committee, Pat Pecho, and the minister, Dan Brosier. The next session will begin on Sunday, January 15 at 12:30 following the service. The second session will be the following Sunday at the same time. All interested in learning a bit more about UUism are encouraged to attend. A light snack will be provided. If you are interested please sign up on the designated clipboard in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like childcare please so indicate on the sign-up sheet by January 8. If you have any questions call Dan Brosier at the church.

### GIVE IT BACK

Did you get a gift that you can't use, don't need or just hate? Bring it to church any Sunday in January, so that someone else can take it home. The Intentional Living Covenant Group is sponsoring a REGIFTING STUFF SWAP FESTIVAL. Any item is welcome, as long as it is in good enough condition that you would, in good conscience, give it to another person. Look for the table in the Fellowship Hall. Oh, and feel free to take home anything you see that you can use, or regift to someone else! Questions should be directed to Andrea Schmidlin.

### EAT AND MEET

Eat and Meet will resume on January 11. Look for the clipboard starting January 8 to sign up. The Programming Council wants you to know that any UUCE group can coordinate the dinner to raise funds, like the Boston Bound group did recently. See Kathy Hislip, Andrea Schmidlin or Kathy Underwood for more information. Groups meeting on January 11 are: Finance Committee, Parents As Resident Theologians, and Lessons From Stelle. On January 25, groups meeting are: Women's Spirituality and Parents As Resident Theologians. Other committees, covenant groups, etc. are encouraged to gather on these dates as well. To get your group on the calendar, contact Linda Porter or Jackie Van De Warker.

### Kudos to:

The **Care Team** for coordinating the memorial service reception for Peter Hendry; **Jim Bottino** for installing a Quick Books upgrade on the office computer; the **Worship Committee** for planning and hosting the New Year's Eve Vespers and Party; **Dan and Kathy Hislip** for donating a TV for the church nursery; **Carl Deitrick** for painting the church nursery; and **Bob Sandidge** for agreeing to serve as Public Relations Team Leader.



### KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK IN 2006

Yes, keep up the good work donating to the All Peoples Inter-Faith Pantry in 2006. In November you helped to feed 791 people. Also, our secret knitter (Esther Hermann) kept many warm with the knitted scarves she donated.

Our first Pantry Sunday this year is January 8. Please try to bring your "gifts" of non-perishable food, toiletries and baby needs by this date, but, as always, your donations are welcome any time during the month.

### BOSTON BOUND BABES

The all-girl quartet of Taylor, Lenya, Savannah, and Emily is raising money to go to Boston this summer to see some UU sites and have fun. They are hosting a bake sale after the service on January 8. Donations of baked goods are appreciated, but not necessary. Your sweet tooth is, however! Then on January 25, they are sponsoring the Eat & Meet dinner again. Look for further details in the order of service and via email.

### WOMANSPIRIT WINTER CONFERENCE 2006

Throughout their lives, women must continually find the strength to live lives of meaning and purpose. They must redefine themselves and readdress their needs. To deal with these life changes, they must search within themselves, look to other individuals and seek assistance from a supportive community. It is in this spirit of our transforming power that we come together January 27-29 for WomanSpirit 2006 at the Countryside Church, Palatine, Illinois. Attendees of all ages, colors, lifestyles, and activities are welcomed and celebrated as we gather to sing, dance, learn, pray, buy, sell, eat and grow together.

Presented by: The Women and Religion Committee, Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The full brochure and registration form are available at [www.womenandreligion.org](http://www.womenandreligion.org). If you would like a printed brochure to be mailed to you, call CMwD W&R office manager Gretchen Ohmann at 269-369-1114.

## Religious Education

Well, the anticipation and excitement of the winter holidays have passed. For me, this season was wonderful. After being in the hospital and then recovering at home, it was easier to let go of some of the expectations I usually put on myself. I knew things wouldn't get done, and I was okay with that. I asked my kids to help out more, and they willingly obliged. My priorities were fewer, and therefore so was my to-do list. Now my challenge will be next year to see if I can do this without the excuse of illness. It almost makes me wish for another illness next year too. Almost.



Kathy Underwood  
Director of Religious Education

Here is what is happening in religious education this month:

- |            |              |                                 |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| January 8  | Preschool:   | "Beyond the Milky Way"          |
|            | K-2nd:       | "The Mystery of God"            |
|            | 3rd-5th:     | "Our New Year"                  |
|            | 6th-8th:     | "Non-Violence & Violence"       |
|            | High School: | Discussion of choice            |
| January 15 | Preschool:   | "The Chick & the Duckling"      |
|            | K-2nd:       | "Different Points of View"      |
|            | 3rd-5th:     | "Buddhist New Year"             |
|            | 6th-8th:     | "Family Ties—A Sacred Trust"    |
|            | High School: | Discussion of choice            |
| January 22 | Preschool:   | "The Snowy Day"                 |
|            | K-2nd:       | "Seeing God With An Inner Eye"  |
|            | 3rd-5th:     | "Chinese Dragon Celebration"    |
|            | 6th-8th:     | "The Dead Who Are Not Dead Yet" |
|            | High School: | Discussion of choice            |
| January 29 | Preschool:   | "Arthur's Nose"                 |
|            | K-2nd:       | "God Is In All Beings"          |
|            | 3rd-5th:     | "Chinese New Year"              |
|            | 6th-8th:     | "Gods & Goddesses"              |
|            | High School: | Discussion of choice            |

In Faith,  
Kathy

## WOMEN COOKING FOR WOMEN

The next "Women Cooking For Women" dinner will be held on Friday, January 6, 2006. Women 13 and older are invited, asked to bring a dish to share (anything goes!), and to donate \$5 (or more) to the focus cause or project of the evening. You can come and not cook, but then we ask that you donate \$10 (or more). We also welcome donations from those of you unable to attend. Donations may be put in the soup pot on the Social Justice table in Fellowship Hall.



This January will be our first annual "Night of Passion," at which one woman from our congregation will present a cause that she is passionate about. Leslie Sawyer will talk about her passion for animals, and how the Farm Sanctuary is working to end the suffering of animals in factory farms. The monies collected will benefit the Farm Sanctuary. Time will also be allotted for the women present to talk about something that they are passionate about.

Doors open at 6:30, dinner is served at 7:00 and we will end our evening at 9:00. Friends and family members are welcome to attend. No reservations are necessary. Please direct questions to Laurie Kiesewetter (lauriesk@wowway.com) or Andrea Schmidlin (Uniteduu@aol.com).

Save these dates for future dinners: Friday, February 3, and Friday, March 3. HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

## FROM THE CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT VoiceMale: Marriage and Partnerships in Men's Lives

UUMeN (a UUA Affiliated Organization) and the Unitarian Church of Evanston (UCE) Men's Group are co-sponsoring a men's program entitled "VoiceMale: Marriage and Partnerships in Men's Lives" on Saturday morning, January 14. Neil Chethik, UU author's latest book "VoiceMale" explores research from hundreds of heterosexual men with female partners. The results are interesting and many unexpected, very educational answers are obtained from men surveyed. "VoiceMale" is the second book written by Neil. His first, "FatherLoss," was presented by him at the UCE a few years ago.

The morning of the "VoiceMale" event includes a continental breakfast at 8:45a.m., a good program and lunch at noon—all for \$15 in advance (\$20 at door). Make out check to UCE (write "Voicemale 1/14/06" in the memo area). Send to UCE, Attn: Dave Woods, 1330 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

Boys 13 years old and older are welcome free of charge (if a paying adult man accompanies them there). There will be many UU men and boys from various churches in our UU Central Midwest District attending. Come and rub shoulders with all of us.

Also, watch for Neil Chethik on ABC's "Good Morning America" Friday, January 5th. Further information can be obtained from Dave Woods, Unitarian Church of Evanston Men's Group Member and Chair, UUMeN's Network (a UUA Affiliated Organization), phone (847) 864-7869 or email dnwoods@ameritech.net.



## Who Am I?

From July 4, 1845, to September 6, 1847, this famous UU lived in a cabin he had built near Walden Pond, and during the summer of 1846 he spent a night in jail because of his refusal to pay taxes as a protest against slavery and the Mexican War. His essay "Civil Disobedience" influenced both Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Answer will appear in the next Unichord)  
December's **Who Am I** was James Lord Pierpont



Dan Hislip

## President's Report

Well, I was wrong. The story didn't have a happy ending after all. In fact, it didn't even have an ending. You would think that funerals are supposed to provide closure. But, if my Mom's is any indication, they don't. They do stir up a lot of emotions that you thought you'd dealt with and had successfully concluded. It turns out that you

hadn't—at least, not successfully. Since I note that a number of folks in our congregation have just recently dealt with or are at present dealing with the loss or impending loss of a parent (or maybe I'm just sensitive to those in that situation right now), and I don't want to be discouraging, I'll say that maybe it's just my family and my inability to cope with the surge of emotions that has surrounded my mom's death. In fact, if you're in the category, I'm positive that you will be able to handle it better than I was. There were lessons that I did learn, however, and I would like to share some of them with you, although in no particular order of importance. First of all, whenever the route you take to the funeral when driving takes you through southern Illinois, rent the car rather than drive your own. If you haven't heard, we hit a buck in our rented van on the way down to Georgia. No one was injured, thanks for asking, but the car was undrivable. Thank goodness it wasn't ours. It certainly didn't add to the already decidedly unfestive atmosphere we were experiencing. Kathy has already filled her quota and cannot hunt for the rest of the season.

Secondly, you can pick your friends but you can't pick family. They come as they are and times of stress don't necessarily bring out the best in them. You can only control your own actions and sometimes, not even those. Lower your expectations and you will still be surprised when they are not met. We were treated to all kinds of family fireworks, not requested or even desired. The only spectacle to which we were not treated was that no one threw themselves into the grave and I firmly believe that was because the funeral director refused to lower the casket into the ground until after the family left the gravesite. There is insufficient space to outline all of these activities.

Thirdly, you should really appreciate the openness and breadth of belief in our church. The funeral in Georgia was conducted under the auspices of not one, but two ministers of the Southern Baptist Church. Rather than a celebration of my mother's life, which would have been most appreciated, we were treated to two sermons with a great deal of reference to the second coming (which I guess I should confide is extremely immanent). As one of the few non-Christians present I was made to feel extremely uncomfortable. This was in stark conflict with how I generally feel at our church where so much effort is expended to accommodate all bases of belief.

Finally, I learned what a great capacity for support is present in our congregation. The cards, notes, letters, gifts and other expressions of well wishes that both Kathy and I have received were just simply unbelievable. There is no way to respond to each person individually so I will use this space to say "Thank you." While inadequate, it is certainly heartfelt. I don't think I would be able to write this with any measure of perspective without all that

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont.)

I have received from each of you and all of you. I am glad to be a part of such a caring congregation. I hope I can be there in such full force for each of you if the roles are reversed.

So, the bottom line is don't allow any loved one to pass away. But if you can't help it, draw on the strength and support of the folks that sit with you on Sundays and participate in all of those programs you are involved in. You cannot believe how much you will be comforted.

Regards,  
Dan

## EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION PAGEANT

Oh Freedom: The Year of Jubilee, the Emancipation Proclamation Pageant, will be presented at First Unitarian Church, 5650 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, on Sunday, January 8, 2006, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. This is the 13th anniversary of the pageant, which has some new features each year. Admission is free.

All those interested in history, anti-racism, and multiracial unity will enjoy this annual celebration of that historic event, the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, in January, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln. The pageant, which consists of three acts, is a combination of narration, dramatizations, music, dance, and interaction between the cast and the audience. The theme is the role which multiracial unity played in abolishing the slave-labor system in this country.

For further information during December, contact Allan Lindrup at 773-643-8061 or uusj@att.net. After January 1, contact Finley C. Campbell at 773-752-4019.

## Ways to Get in Touch

Church Office 847-888-0668  
Web site www.uuce.org  
Newsletter Submissions newsletter@uuce.org

**Board President**  
Dan Hislip  
**Newsletter Editor**  
Todd Underwood

### Deadlines

Order of Service Thursday PM  
Unichord January 22

## January Birthdays

- |    |                    |    |                   |
|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Shelby Navadomskis | 14 | Karen Olesch      |
| 3  | Pete Tischke       | 16 | Heike Spayne      |
| 3  | Sheryl Spence      | 17 | Olivia Leyba      |
| 5  | Jan Underwood      | 19 | Lenya Schug       |
| 7  | Brianna Lucas      | 26 | Elise Wall        |
| 7  | Louette Rogers     | 27 | Denise Benson     |
| 12 | Dave Segel         | 28 | Gretchen Sherrell |
| 13 | Chris Leyba        | 29 | Paul Anderson     |
| 14 | Gerald Lucas       | 29 | Koby Lesiewicz    |



# The Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin

P.O. Box 1032

Elgin, IL 60121 (847) 888-0668

[www.uuce.org](http://www.uuce.org)

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



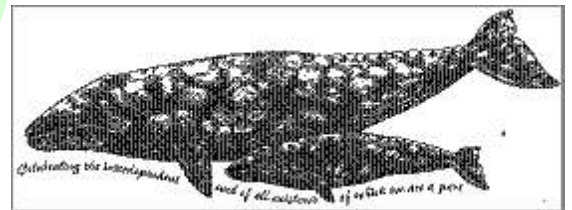
Back by unpopular demand—January 8th, 12:30 p.m., at the church will be our second open screening of Robert Greenwald's Wal-Mart movie. Anne Ward and Bob Sandidge will lead a discussion following. Please invite others. 97 Minutes.

## LESSONS FROM STELLE

October 24, 2005: Peak Oil Resolution is filed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

November 27, 2005: UUCE Social Action Council funds 35% of Donna Askins' Peak Oil Community Leadership Training tuition.

What is all the fuss about? Where are your tax and social action dollars going? Come find out on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, 7-9 p.m., when the Social Action Council presents: "Lessons From Stelle: Tapping Into Our Community Strength to Break Oil Dependence." All are invited to attend this interactive presentation. Participants will learn how other communities are successfully relocalizing, and see how we might do the same. This effort could use a little funding help, so donations at the door are welcome. Questions? Contact Donna Askins.



## wUUrld's 2006 WhaleCoast Alaska

Five Alaskan UU fellowships invite other UUs to our eco-cultural programs in June, July and August 2006. See the REAL Alaska! Alaskan UU's provide B & B accommodations in their homes in Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka, lead tours and hikes and host parties. Visit with Tlingit, Inupiat and other Native Alaskans. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, puffins, eagles and other birds in the wild from the Arctic Ocean to the Inside Passage in the south, and visit Denali and other national parks. Rev. Dick & Mary Weston-Jones, leaders. Visit website [www.wuurld.org](http://www.wuurld.org), e-mail [dick@wuurld.org](mailto:dick@wuurld.org), or phone toll-free 1-888-998-8753 for a brochure. Taking reservations now.