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INTENTIONAL HOLIDAYS

by Elizabeth Olson, Green Sanctuary Committee

And he puzzled three hours 'til his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps... means a little bit more!"

If you were asked to describe the ideal holiday season, chances are you would include the company of loved ones, good food, fun and relaxation, and maybe an inch or two of snow. In reality, the holidays are often exhausting, frantic and financially draining. Do you want your holidays wrapped more in meaning and less in stuff? The trick is to be intentional!

What do you want? More time having fun with the children? A celebration that reflects concern for the environment? Sharing with people who are less fortunate? Affirmation of your spiritual beliefs? Less of the customary stress of the holidays? Once you know what you're looking for, you can take action.

Imagine that the holidays are over: how was your home decorated, who were you with, how did you feel, how did you interact with others? Knowing what is most meaningful to you, what could most easily be changed so that you have more time for the good stuff? Rate everything you engaged in according to stress level and contribution to your idea of a truly wonderful holiday. What could you let go of, who could you share it with to lessen the burden and increase the pleasure, and what would you like more of?

What does gift giving mean in your family? What percentage of your annual income is the amount you spend on Christmas gifts each year? Setting a budget well ahead of the season is a big help. An article I read suggested folks practice limiting themselves to spending 1% of their annual income on Christmas.

If you want to change your usual holiday celebrations and rituals this year, talk to your family and friends about it ahead of time and get their feedback. Children are amazingly

flexible. Remember how the little ones loved unwrapping the box more than playing with the present that was inside? If "more is better" then kids will never have enough to be satisfied and happy. But if the holiday is about enjoying each other and not about stuff, not having enough of each other is just reason to get together again soon. Even the

smallest changes in your routine can make a big difference. Gradually incorporate new practices into your usual rituals. Creatively planned activities and thoughtful homemade gifts will often win over the most cynical friends and relatives, and even the smallest changes in your routines have the power to make you feel better about your holiday while reducing your impact on the planet.

Here are some possibilities to consider:

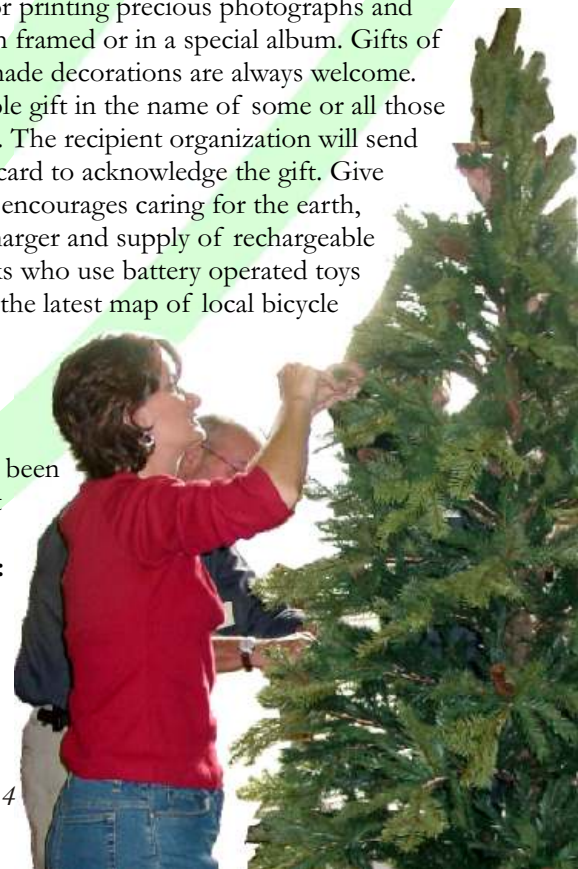
Trees: Buy a balled live tree and plant it after the holidays (dig the hole before the ground freezes!) Artificial trees are often made of environmentally damaging materials (like PVCs) but they do reduce the disposal problem. If you get a live cut tree, check with your city or town about proper disposal.

Gifts: Lovely when they satisfy someone's desire, gifts too often miss the mark and end up in the back of the closet. Consider gifts that are durable and with minimal packaging. Or give yourself: a beautiful card or certificate promising to teach a skill, shovel the walk, go out to lunch, or attend a holiday concert or play together may be far more valuable than any store-bought item. Consider assembling favorite family recipes or printing precious photographs and presenting them framed or in a special album. Gifts of food or homemade decorations are always welcome. Make a charitable gift in the name of some or all those on your gift list. The recipient organization will send out a beautiful card to acknowledge the gift. Give something that encourages caring for the earth, like a battery charger and supply of rechargeable batteries to folks who use battery operated toys and devices, or the latest map of local bicycle trails and the promise of a complete bike tune-up to someone who's been wanting to start riding again.

Decorations: Though LED lights use a fraction of the electricity of the usual holiday bulbs, *continued on page 4*

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From the Minister

I thank all who have sent messages of support after hearing the news of my diagnosis of early-stage Parkinson's Disease. The thoughts expressed in the cards, email and conversation have helped me prepare for the challenges that lie ahead—hopefully in the distant future. Your words are what I wanted and needed to hear. I feel very blessed to be a part of this community.

Gordon McKeeman, a long-time UU minister and then president of the Starr King School for the Ministry, regularly referred to the “temporarily abled”. The phrase has stuck with me for many years. I believe he used the term to remind those listening that being “able bodied” is a temporary state of affairs, and if you live long enough most people experience various disabilities. Even though we like to deny it in this culture, living with disability is a part of life and it needs to be understood, embraced, and integrated.

In the many expressions of support I received recently, I was struck by how many people told me of the chronic (some progressive) health problems they face. In our community people live with multiple sclerosis, heart and lung disorders, liver ailments, Alzheimer's, blindness, hearing loss, arthritis, diabetes, and emotional disorders to name just a few. The world is not as “able bodied” as I once assumed.

I think this is good for us to remember. Understanding that this is the reality and that most likely this is our fate will hopefully deepen our compassion, our acceptance of one another, and help us to truly walk with each other in the years ahead. I believe such awareness will help us to be the beloved community so many of us envision.



Rev. Dan Brosier

TENDING OUR COMMUNITY

Often, when I sit down to talk to new members and friends, they mention a sense of community as one of the things they appreciate about our church. On the other hand, when I talk to people who have chosen not to be a part of our church, they sometimes tell me it is because they have not felt connected with our community. Why is there this disconnect between those who find community here and those who do not?

There is, I know, no single correct response to this question. One answer may lie in the nature of communities themselves. Our church community is a living system which connects in so many different ways to the whole of our church life. Some people will find satisfaction by participating in only a small part of that system. Others need to feel included in more than one area. It is a tricky job trying to meet the needs of everyone and still hold true to our belief that people must have the freedom to find their own paths in this world and in our community.

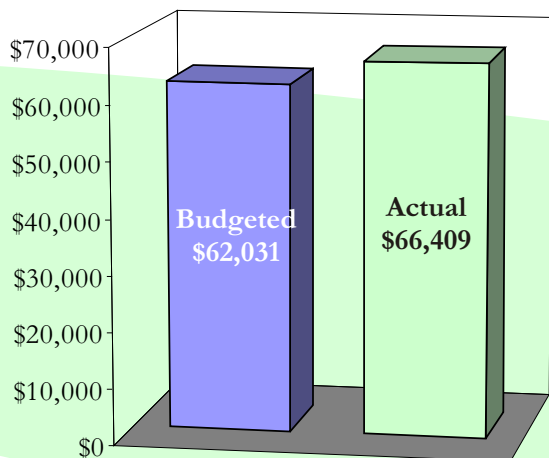
One thing I have noticed: community is a two-way street that best serves people who know the power of giving and receiving. There are so many ways to offer the gifts of community, and in return receive the gifts community brings. Existing members and friends can not only greet and speak to newcomers, but invite them to participate in church activities; new friends and new ideas come from such invitations. New members who really want community will receive such invitations with a willingness to participate and make connection. After all, it is hard to feel a part of a community without being truly present in its celebrations, struggles, and life events.

This is a pretty simple formula but my experience has shown me that it is a formula that works for many. True community is a gift we give to others, and in so doing, give ourselves.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Linda Porter

Member Pledges—Year to Date



The 2004-2005 budget calls for \$106,400 in pledges; seven months' worth of this figure is \$62,031. Questions? Contact your treasurer, Alice Macy, at treasurer@uuce.org.



The Barn Bells II handbell choir wowed the crowd during their performance at the November 14 Music Sunday Service.

UUCE Calendar

December

2004



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30a Staff 7:00p COM -102	2	3	4 6:00p Ethnic Dining -O
5 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Worship Com. -102 9:30a Adult RE 1:30p Prairie Buddha	6	7	8 6:45p Barn Bells 1 7:15p Barn Bells 2	9	10	11
12 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Adult RE	13 7:00p Finance Com. -FH	14 7:00p Covenant Group -O	15 6:45p Barn Bells 1 7:00p Board of Trustees 7:15p Barn Bells 2	16	17	18 12:00p Rental
19 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Adult RE 12:30p Green Sanctuary 1:30p Prairie Buddha <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	20	21	22 6:45p Barn Bells 1 7:15p Barn Bells 2	23	24 7:00p Christmas Eve Service	25
26 9:30a Adult RE	27	28 7:00p Covenant Group -O	29 6:45p Barn Bells 1 7:15p Barn Bells 2	30	31	

Month of Sundays

December

5 **Deck The Halls**

We mark the holiday seasons with a service devoted to decking our building out in holiday spirit and in so doing encourage it within ourselves. The morning begins with us all gathered in the sanctuary for a few minutes of opening words and music, and then we split up into various activities. This year's activities include: caroling, limerick composing, cookie decorating, ornament making, and more. It is a morning of activity and good cheer.

12 **Dance In The Dark of the Year**

In the mid-winter festivals of light there is something for everyone to celebrate, from the most devoutly believing Christian to the most confirmed atheist. As we meditate on this darkest time of the year and simultaneously turn back toward the light, we will invite everyone to honor whatever most closely touches their hearts and minds. Program by the Bittersweet Christmas Band. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

19 **Holiday Intergenerational**

Join us for our annual winter intergenerational service led by Kathy Underwood, Director of Religious Education.

24 **A Service On Christmas Eve**

Come join us as we celebrate the magic of the season through song and story. This year's service begins at 7:00 PM. Following the service there will be refreshments and participants are encouraged to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

26 **A Story For the Holidays**

They call this the season of lights, but it is also the season of wonderful stories. In this service we will share a story—a story to carry in our hearts as we begin the new year. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

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

INTENTIONAL HOLIDAYS (continued from page 1)

consider using fewer lights this year. Put the display on a timer rather than leave them on all night. Better yet, decorate with all natural items that local wildlife will enjoy, with less to take down after the holidays are over!

Wrapping Paper: Use recycled paper wrap, or reuse your own, saved from one year to the next. Try using an old map, or a favorite comic strip from the Sunday paper, or make fabric gift bags that can be used for other things, or wrap the present in another present—a beautiful scarf or napkin. Be sure to recycle the paper stuff if your city provides this service.

Celebrations: For extended families, office parties or families with grown children, try having a Chinese New Year party (also known as a White Elephant party or a Yankee Pot Luck.) Each person brings one wrapped secondhand item in good condition to the party and all the gifts are arranged on a table. Everyone draws numbers and the first person picks a gift from the table and unwraps it. The second person can either choose another gift, or take the first person's gift (in which case the first person chooses again.) Continue opening and "stealing" each other's presents until all are opened. This shifts the focus from getting more and more, to creatively exchanging just a few things.

Here are some very useful resources to look at on the Web:

Union for Concerned Scientists: www.ucsusa.org

The Center for a New American Dream: www.newdream.org

The Sierra Club: www.sierraclub.org

Alternative Gifts International: www.altgifts.org

Heifer International: www.heifer.org

WOMANSPiRiT 2005 WINTER CONFERENCE

Anna Blythe Lappe, co-author of *Hope's Edge: The Next Diet for a Small Planet*, is the keynote speaker for the WomanSpirit 2005 conference in Springfield, IL January 21-23, 2005. The theme of the conference is "Choosing with Purpose—Living with Conscience—Women in Community." The conference is a grassroots movement to build a village for our sisters and ourselves, a diverse community of women working to heal the earth. Funds raised during the event will be donated to Grameen Bank, a Bangladesh institution which provides credit to the poor, primarily women. Special registration rates of \$145 for adults and \$80 for maidens ages 10 through 16 are available until December 10. Registration brochures are available online at www.womenandreligion.org, and one is posted on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

SERVICE AUCTION

The UUCE Service Auction will be on February 12, 2005. We promise an evening filled with fun and festivity as we enjoy dinner, drinks, good music, fast-paced bidding, and have the opportunity to support our church. In order for this event to be a success we need your creativity and generosity. Please be thinking now of items and/or services which you can donate to the auction. In the past such creative items as time share vacations, guided tours, dinner parties, home repair or decorating, food items, musical events, jewelry, tie-dye workshop, child care, computer consulting, web page design, etc. have all been donated. You are only limited by your imagination. We all have something to offer! Please contact Debbie or Eric Prebys with any questions or if you would like to help.

Announcements

CIRCLE OF LIFE

We extend our congratulation and joy to Jessica and Bob Kotlinski who are the proud parents of a new baby boy—Ethan Bradley. Our thoughts go out to Suzanne and Paul Hanifl on the news of the death of Suzanne's mother.

NEW MEMBERS

Since our last Unichord, Andrew Russel and Sandy Jamieson have signed the membership book. We joyfully welcome them into our community.

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 28 - "The Orchid Thief" by Susan Orlean.

At the home of Dotty Carrangi.

February 25 - Trivial Pursuit, book lovers' edition.

At the home of Henny DuBois.

March 25 - "Nickel and Dime" by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Place TBA.

WINTER HOLIDAY STUFF SWAP

Back by popular demand, the Intentional Living Covenant Group offers you the opportunity to "recycle" unwanted items by participating in the Winter Holiday Stuff Swap. On any Sunday in December you can bring in things you no longer need—holiday decorations, greeting cards, gift items (no fruitcakes!)—and place them on the Stuff Swap tables in Fellowship Hall (near the Food Pantry basket). Then all members and friends of the congregation are invited to pick up anything they can use. By means of the Stuff Swap we hope to keep some stuff out of the landfill, help some people cut down on clutter, help others save money, and have some fun in the process. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Olson.

USED GREETING CARD COLLECTION

Used holiday and other greeting cards (fronts only) can be deposited in the decorated box in the Fellowship Hall during January. Only card FRONTS, with no writing on the back, are accepted (please cut off the picture part of the card). They are donated to St. Jude's Ranch For Children where they are used to raise funds. -*Mary Alice Masonick*

GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Give to the All Peoples Inter-Faith Pantry. We designate the first Sunday of the month, December 5, as Pantry Sunday, but your donations are welcome any time during the month.

The Pantry people indicated a need for the old standbys: cereals, juice, peanut butter, instant potatoes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper and all kinds of soaps and detergents.

QUILTERS

The drawing for this year's quilt will be Sunday, December 5. Tickets are still available from Margot Cusimano. Thank you for all of your support with this project. This is the last year that the proceeds from the quilt will go directly to the church. The quilting group has decided it wishes to donate the monies raised by this ongoing activity to charities. Also, the qUilters do not meet in December. Stay tuned for quilt fun in 2005!

Kudos to:

The **Worship Committee** for working so hard on the survey and to **Elizabeth Olson, Eric Prebys, and Elise Wall** for leading wonderful November services; **Mila Brinker** for coordinating the Halloween Party; **Charles Landauer** and **Susan Stafford** for their donation to the child care fund; **Joe Masonick** for chairing the Space Utilization Task Force; **Andy Carey** for adjusting the heating system; **Linda Porter, Lydia Larrabee, and Kim Cecil** for facilitating the Fall Leadership Retreat; **Laurie Kiesewetter, Andrea Schmidlin** and **Kathy Hislip** for sponsoring the Women Cooking For Women dinner; **Ann and Mitch Kremer, Steve and Donna Askins, Alice Macy, Jim and Linda Porter, Jim Burnidge** and **Roberta Nauman** for donating chairs for the church sanctuary; **Mary Alice Masonick** for volunteering her time and expertise for the blood glucose screenings provided to members and friends of the congregation.



WISH LIST

- Donations to purchase a Zoll AED Plus defibrillator for medical emergencies. Total cost of \$2,456.00 includes a wall mount box and maintenance agreement.
- Someone to check out our phone lines to see if they are working properly and make adjustments as needed.

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, Linda Porter, for more information about becoming a member. Our next welcoming ceremony for new members is January 16, 2005. Why not celebrate the New Year by joining us as a member at UUCE? We'd love to have you!

SPONSOR A CHAIR IN OUR SANCTUARY

This is your final chance to sponsor a chair for UUCE. The church would like to purchase ten additional chairs for the church sanctuary. This will help ensure that we have adequate seats as we continue to grow over the next few years. Would you or your family be willing to sponsor a chair for the sanctuary?

The cost of each chair is \$80.00. A small plaque with the message of your choice will be placed on the back of each donated chair. The chairs will be ordered in January. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall before December 31 if you would like to help out.

Religious Education

As I mentioned in last month's Unichord, I attended a conference/retreat through the Central Midwest District Chapter of the Liberal Religious Educators' Association. Our presenter was Rev. Dr. Randy Becker, the minister at the Park Forest church. While there were three workshops, all with intriguing and valuable information, it was his topic on grief and loss that struck me the most. Since it is something that is a part of all of our lives, I thought I'd share some of the ideas he presented with you.



Kathy Underwood, DRE

Many of you have probably heard of the stages of grief from a model by Kubler-Ross: first there's denial, then anger, bargaining, depression, and finally acceptance of the loss. With this model, it is assumed that we go through each stage in order, and if we go through all of the stages, then acceptance is the end of the process. In other words, it is a linear process. In a new approach, "Transformative Bereavement," Rev. Dr. Becker presented "The Grief Spiral," which if drawn, looks like a spiral or helix. In this model, we go through the beginning stages of grief continuously until we reach acceptance. Each time we process what we have learned through our grief, we may go through the spiral again. Eventually, resolving our loss leads to growth and fulfillment.

While this new way of looking at the grief cycle was intriguing to me, it was this bullet on Rev. Becker's PowerPoint presentation that struck me the most: All Change Includes Loss. For example, going away to college is a huge change in a young adult's life. And it is a huge loss: the loss of the security of the comforts of home, the loss of a parent's presence and support, the loss of a sibling's or friend's ear to listen to your life challenges, the loss of everything familiar. For each of these losses, the young adult is somewhere in the grief spiral trying to resolve the feelings with that loss. And each of us is dealing with many losses at any point throughout our lives. So while change is often a good thing, there is always some kind of loss associated with it—for every action there is a reaction, for every negative a positive—the balance is a delicate one.

To me, the significance of this is that I cannot know all of the losses a person is struggling with, let alone where in the grief spiral they are. What I do know is that everyone I come into contact with, whether a child or an adult, is dealing with many changes and losses. I need to be sensitive to that and not be so judgmental. After all, that is what I would want from them. Here is a look at what the classes will be doing:

December 5:

Deck the Halls Intergenerational (no classes)

December 12:

Preschool: "Mary Had a Baby"

K-2: "Hanukkah"

3-5: "Joseph, Part 1"

6-8: "Exploring Ritual"

High School: Topic of choice

December 19:

Winter Intergenerational (no classes)

December 26:

Preschool: "Candles For Winter"

K-2: "Advent"

3-5: "Joseph, Part 2"

6-8: "Attending a Catholic Mass"

High School: Topic of choice

Kathy

UUCE YOUTH GROUP

A shopping trip to Chicago is planned in December, but no date has been set. Youth Group members please keep a few hours open on Saturday, December 11, for a service project at Garfield Elementary in Elgin. Details will be mailed. High school youth interested in participating may contact Bob or Anne Bedard at 847-622-9065 or UUCEyouthgroup@aol.com.

UUCE CANVASS 2004-2005

Our church community offers us much: inspiring sermons, uplifting music, religious education for our children, support as we journey on our spiritual paths, opportunities for involvement in important issues, meaningful friendships, and much more. We are also very fortunate to be located in a rural setting with a labyrinth, a meditation garden, and, of course, our prairie cathedral surrounded by our restored prairie.

Our prairie plants have deep roots that provide water and nutrients to the grasses and forbs that grow in our prairie and hold them firmly in place in the soil. Like the supporting roots of prairie plants, we, the members and friends of the UUCE, provide the financial support to operate our church. Like any business or household, our church incurs expenses. To raise the necessary financial resources to pay for these expenses, we hold an Annual Canvass. Funds pledged in this campaign can be counted on to pay the bills and fund the various programs provided by our church.

Our Annual Canvass begins on Sunday, February 27, 2005, with a Prairie Revival service and Garden Party. During this campaign, 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 support the church financially during the rest of this fiscal year and then consider a generous pledge during the Annual Canvass. And we are counting on experienced members and friends to increase their contribution to help make this the most successful Annual Canvass yet! Our church and our ministry depend on each of us to help provide the financial resources to support this community we call the Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin.

Look for more information in the coming months. This year's Canvass Committee members are Rusty Winchel, Joe Masonick, Dennis Schwank, Paul Anderson, Leslie Sawyer, and David Briggs. Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments. Thank you.

— The Canvass Committee

Co-Presidents' Report

It is the season of thanksgiving and joyful celebration, and we have much to be thankful for and much to joyfully celebrate. It is really difficult to know where to start, but we will give it our best shot.

On a personal note we are thankful for our health and general well-being. Oh, we could be a little thinner and some medical conditions could be a little better, but we are still mobile and thinking somewhat lucidly—at least enough to know when we disagree with one another. As always we are thankful for our family—kids and grandkids, mothers and fathers, siblings, nieces and nephews.

We are thankful for and celebrate our church community—our home away from home. Through each of you, we have been made to feel vital and needed and, most importantly, loved. The connections made at UUCE have added another dimension to our lives, and you now populate the position of friends which was empty when we moved here three years ago.

We are thankful for and celebrate the spiritual journey that we each have undertaken as individuals and as a couple; for the challenges and the answers this church community supplies along the way; for the company when we desire it and for the solitude when we need it. We appreciate the time we have had together which has enriched our lives, and being a part of this community has broadened and improved us.

We are thankful for and celebrate the responsibilities you have entrusted to our care. We approach the business of this church respectfully and with high expectations of ourselves, but we are always aware that our shortcomings are overcome by your generosity, understanding and tolerance.

May we all be mindful of all that we have to be thankful for and to celebrate and keep these things uppermost in our minds throughout December and the coming year.

In peace and thanksgiving,
Dan and Kathy



Dan and Kathy Hislip
Board Co-Presidents

WOMEN COOKING FOR WOMEN

The next "Women Cooking For Women" dinner will be held on Friday, January 7, 2005. (We will not be meeting in December.) 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.

The monies collected in January will benefit the Crisis Center of Elgin. The Crisis Center assists women and children that are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Food should be ready to be served by 7:00 p.m. Friends and family members are welcome to attend. Please sign up on the clipboard or R.S.V.P. (yes, you must!) to Laurie Kiesewetter or Andrea Schmidlin.



PULSE OF THE CONGREGATION

Do you have suggestions, questions or concerns regarding the ministry of UUCE and the fulfillment of our Mission and Covenant? The Committee on the Ministry is here for you! Feel free to contact any committee member and we'll provide an answer or get the ball rolling. We're listening!

Leslie Sawyer, Joe Masonick, Laurie Kiesewetter, Susan Anderson

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Deadlines

Order of Service	Thursday PM
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December Birthdays

4	Tim King	20	Roberta Nauman
6	Rusty Winchel	20	Barbara Sugden
7	Linda Porter	20	Maxine Saunders
7	Mike Moutrie	23	Helen Maxwell
10	Kole Talaga	27	Marilyn Hendry
11	Paul Hanifl	27	Avery Bedard
11	Megan Landauer	28	Norma Abdur-Rafia
11	Jim Bottino	29	Natalie Briggs
16	Karen Nunn	30	Doug Pratt
17	Quaid Sherrell	31	Ed Wall



Who Am I?

This celebrity UU was born in Washington, D.C. on April 9, 1939. During the early part of her career, she appeared in several guest roles in shows such as *The Doris Day Show*, *Ironside*, *Gunsmoke*, *Police Story* and *The Streets of*

San Francisco. She also appeared on stage, with roles in many plays.

(answer will appear in the next Unichord)

November's **Who Am I** was Christopher Reeve.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Julie Kase had some fun dressing as a Slinky® on Halloween. She didn't, however, follow the official Slinky stair-descending protocol.



One Sunday every year, Donna Askins gets up extra early, lights her family chalice and bakes bread for the annual bread communion service. Here's a picture of our baker with the fruits of her labors fresh from the oven.

Below, Paul Anderson breaks off a piece of communion bread on November 21.

