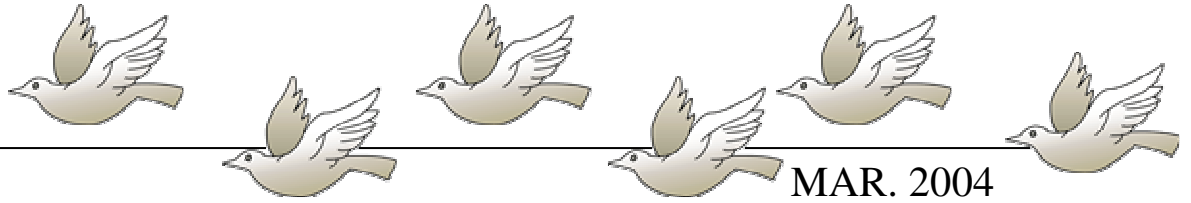


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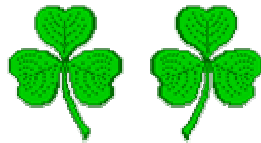
The Newsletter of Second Unitarian Church of Omaha



“WEARING OF THE GREEN” Saturday night March 13, at 6:30 p.m.



The Fellowship and Finance Committees (and all willing volunteers) are putting together a fun family event at the church for the annual stewardship “Kick Off” event, Saturday night, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. “Wearing of the Green” (or St. Patrick’s Day) will be the theme for the event and a *No-Cost Spaghetti Dinner will be served*. Entertainment, games, and refreshments will be provided for everyone attending. There will be a door prize for some lucky soul. A cash bar with beer and wine will also be available. We hope to have Bingo and other fun activities. No pledge soliciting will take place but you may hear a word or two from our sponsor. Don’t miss this event for the whole family. Child care will be available for those who request it in advance. Please let us know if you will need child or infant care.



“BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY” March 28, 2004

I'm sure all of us have friends, neighbors, or co-workers that have asked us “just what IS that church you go to all about?” We all have different ways of explaining Unitarian Universalism to our friends, but sometimes it's just better to show rather than tell. Thankfully, it's time again for Bring A Friend Sunday! This is a great opportunity to introduce our friends and neighbors to Unitarian Universalism and to our wonderful church specifically.

We'll have a special sermon from Rev. Snyder and as always a fun fellowship time after the service. Call your friends and invite them to attend church with you on Sunday, March 28, 2004. If you have any questions about Bring A Friend Sunday please contact Alison Maheux

Information on First Hour & Sunday Service programming can be found on the back side of the calendar insert.

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Josh's Journal

Ah the political season is upon us. Like every other season; Christmas, Valentine's Day, winter, it seems like the political season gets longer and longer every year. Personally, I am a political junkie when it comes to the primaries. I love to listen to the 24-hour cable pundits analyze and deconstruct every aspect of the horserace. That is why I was so shocked to hear a letter written in to National Public Radio (NPR). The listener, commenting on NPR's coverage of the frontrunners and backrunners commented, "Please stop making every election into a horserace. Why don't you instead focus the voter's attention on the issues and the policy ideas of each candidate?" And that was NPR, who does a much better job of dealing with the substance instead of the surface of a story! Imagine what this person must feel when watching CNN for longer than half an hour.

As I heard this critique of the media, I realized that the NPR listener was right. It can be very tempting to focus on who is "winning" because everyone loves a winner, at the expense of what really matters. Of course that is a much more interesting discussion, which would likely garner more ratings, than an in-depth profile of a politician's ideas. The latter can get down right boring. But at the end of the day that is the true measure of a representative leader: what are their values and do they bear a resemblance to my own? It is the ideas behind the person that count, not the analysis of their victory or the size of their lead in the polls.

So, too, it is with our Church. There are a lot of things that happen at Second Unitarian and a lot of very dedicated people who work very hard to pull it all off. But what is perhaps not apparent is why. Why do so many people put so much of themselves into a small church in West Omaha? It is because their religious community closely embodies their religious values. It speaks to them and for them in the larger community. The religious values of reason, freedom, social justice, compassion, creativity, and seeking are fundamental to Unitarian Universalism, and to the people who help make this Church the great place that it is.

This month is our annual canvass. There are a lot

of great things that will be going into next year's budget. We will all hear from our wonderful Finance Committee about that and many other exciting possibilities happening in our congregation. However, behind every pie chart and line item what you will really be looking at is our religious values. How will we best represent those values to a hurting world? How can we make them come to life in our own lives? That is what we will really be talking about. Please join in the discussion!

May You Be Blessed Always,

Rev. Josh Snyder



Planks and Slivers

By Clyde Anderson, Board President

Betty Allen has been suffering from complications from her recent gal bladder surgery. She is scheduled for back surgery on March 17, and will likely be confined to a rehabilitation facility after surgery. Betty, who was elected to the Board of Trustees last May, decided to resign because it would be impossible for her participate in Board activities for several months.

The Board appreciates Betty's fine work and dedication to the church. We reluctantly accepted her resignation and offer our wishes for a speedy and full recovery.

Bill Hay volunteered to fill Betty's vacancy through May. Bill has been a member of the church since 1999, sings in the choir and serves on the Technology committee. According to our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will recruit one or more candidates to run for the second year of the vacancy in the election at the annual congregational meeting May 16.

At our February 9 meeting, the Board approved two changes to our church governing documents:

- A new Policy on Memorial Gifts written by Craig Piquette, Dodi Robison, Norma Hansen and Al Harrison. It specifies how gifts donated to the

church in memoriam are to be handled and how benefactors and donors are to be recognized.

- Standing Rules for the Personnel Committee – This committee was created last year to represent the congregation and advise the minister and staff on important personnel issues.

Hopefully, by the time you read this our governing documents will be posted on our church web site for easy access. Look for the link at the bottom of the Home Page under Office Forms. When changes are made, the Church Administrator will post the updates on the web site so members will not have to wait for the revised Leadership Handbook in the Fall.

March will be another busy month for our congregation with the Canvass Campaign Kick-Off event and house meetings, plus the Welcoming Congregation Forum after church on Sunday, March 7. Representatives from Omaha's First Church and Lincoln Unitarian Church will be present to explain how they became Welcoming Congregations and the changes they experienced. I hope all of you will attend.

Several people have asked me "why does the UUA's Welcoming Congregation program focus only on being welcoming to people of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) orientation? Why doesn't this program include other forms of diversity such as racial, economic, and physical disabilities?" At a recent meeting, Mark Dickmeyer had an excellent response to this question – We dealt with those issues in the sixties, and they are now law. The rights of GLBTs are not generally protected by law, and many churches are openly hostile toward this population. Becoming a Welcoming Congregation affirms our commitment to accepting members, friends, and visitors into our church community irrespective of their sexual orientation.



Caring Committee
By Mo McAndrews

DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATES

Please make the following changes to your copy of the directory:



Religious Education Announcements

Religious Education raised an unprecedented \$154.90 at its Valentine's Day bake sale. We would like to thank everyone who contributed baked goods and bought items. We would also like to thank the 4th, 5th and 6th graders who ran the sale. The proceeds will buy some greatly needed items for the R.E. program. *Submitted by Jim DeCoster*

Each Sunday during the children's fellowship, a children's offering is collected. Each year the offering is donated to charity. The idea behind this is to help the children understand the importance of giving. In a recent joint class of the 2nd-3rd graders and 4th-6th graders, the students decided to donate this year's children's offering to the Nebraska Humane Society. *Submitted by Jim DeCoster*

New Intergenerational Service coming up next month, on the Earth Day/Arbor Day theme. It is scheduled for April 25, and we will start rehearsing this month. *Submitted by Rose Joshi*

“Attachments”

By Rose Joshi, DRE

Recently it was made clear to me that I was attached to things being a certain way. Raj’s brand new shoes, which hadn’t even been in his possession for twenty-four hours, were apparently too tempting for our energetic, adolescent German Shepard. I was attached to the idea of good quality, not-so-cheap shoes maintaining their shape for a while at least, and not being spread all over the living room floor in tiny pieces. Up to that point, the dog had never seen me angry.

It reminded me of another incident which occurred some time ago. I had a sentimental attachment to an adorable fuzzy teddy bear, which Raj brought for me from London. This little bear was with me when I endured a two-week stay in the hospital for pre-term labor. One day, a few years later, my toddler twins thought it would be fun to coat its baby-soft fur with petroleum jelly, head to toe, and one of the bedroom walls in our new house. Up to that point, my children had never really seen me angry.

But now, the shoes will be replaced soon. My teddy bear, now forgotten and easily collecting dust with its sticky fur, is still awaiting a magical cleaning remedy. I realize that I over-reacted in both cases. Yes, children and dogs need to learn respect for the property of others. But what do objects matter in the big scheme of things? We certainly needn’t be so attached to things that we lose our cool over them. What’s more important to me – a teddy bear, or my relationship with my kids? A pair of shoes, or the love and trust of a faithful companion? The answer to both these questions is easy.



Reader Responses

By Rose Joshi, DRE

Question for Readers: Any lessons forced on you by kids, pets, or others, about attachments that you would like to share? Just send a quick email to joshirous@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Last Month’s Question: Does anyone have other ideas for what to do when everyone is “out of sorts?” Thank you to our guest writer, Jodi Polaha, Ph.D. She is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, and a licensed psychologist. Here is her response:

Both adults and kids feel “out of sorts” at times. Sometimes there is an identifiable cause for these uneasy feelings such as the pressure of a big decision, disappointment, or boredom. Other times, these uncomfortable and unpleasant feelings seem to come on “out of the blue.” In my experience, many well-intentioned parents who observe their children to be “out of sorts” try to take action to “fix” that “problem” by redirecting, distracting, or entertaining their child, or by trying to get their child to talk about their feelings.

My advice to parents is to do these things, but to engineer them carefully. A child who practices talking about feeling lousy might get good at doing just that and we all know that is not a behavior we enjoy in adults! Likewise, children whose parents consistently help them get motivated to “move on” when they are feeling out of sorts never learn the skill of doing it on their own.

Our society supports a myth that people should feel happy and energetic all of the time and that feeling otherwise is “abnormal.” As children develop, parents should gradually eliminate coping supports and allow their children to “live in” those feelings; being “out of sorts” but still moving through the day in the most graceful and productive manner possible. Adults with this kind of discipline transition more quickly to increased energy and improved mood. They are the kind of folks we most admire.

Offerings from the Minister

Newcomer Session. The monthly newcomer sessions are in full swing once again! Our meeting this month will be on March 14 and continuing on every second Sunday of the month. This is a good way to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, Second Unitarian Church, to ask questions, and how to become a member. *Please note: these sessions are also open to all current members of the Church who would like to meet all the new faces you see on Sunday morning!* The sessions begin at 12:00 p.m. after coffee hour in the minister's office. No reservations are needed, and the Membership Committee provides childcare and lunch. Call Rev. Snyder for more information.

Meditation. The Meditation Group will resume meeting twice a month. We will be in the sanctuary on March 11 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. for our regular meditation practice. In addition to our half hour of meditation practice, we also have a discussion of our spiritual practice, and share ideas and insights on a whole host of spiritual topics. Everyone is welcome regardless of experience or meditation tradition, and newcomers are especially welcome!

This is an excellent way to begin a spiritual practice or nurture a fledgling one. Feel free to bring your own cushion and/or mat if you like.



Book Club

By Gwen Eurich

The book club is currently meeting at the Maplecrest Manor, 2824 North 66 Avenue, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is March 23, at 7:30 p.m. Because we did not meet in January, we are a month behind in our reading schedule. Therefore, we are now reading *The Dressing Station* by Jonathan Kaplan in March. In April, we will discuss *The Middle of Everywhere* by Mary Pipher. We invite members and friends who are interested to join us in our discussions.

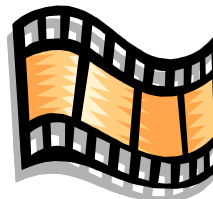
Buildings and Grounds

By Nancy VanderSluis

Some of you may have already noted a small change in the sanctuary made a few weeks ago. A more efficient seating arrangement is being tried, allowing chairs from the Library area to move into the Worship area, thus increasing our seating from 90 to 100.

The small pieces of tape on the floor boards mark the position of each row of chairs. Anyone needing to reposition the chairs can align the front legs of each row with these pieces of tape to easily recreate the current arrangement. If this spacing works well, the tape will be replaced with a more discrete marker. To fill in the First Hour area, gray chairs were brought out of storage until such time as funding allows purchase of additional matching chairs.

If this issue, or any other building or grounds topic, interests you, please consider attending the next meeting on March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library area. As always, your input and ideas are important.



Second Unitarian Twenties and Thirties Movie Night

On Saturday, March 20, the Twenties and Thirties group will be going to a Saturday matinee at the AMC 20 theater, near the Oakview Mall. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. to buy tickets, and enjoy a movie together. Then we will convoy to the Starbucks on 122nd and Center, near our church, to discuss the film. Every one in their Twenties and Thirties are welcome to come! If you are interested in the Twenties and Thirties group, please call Rev. Josh



Social Justice Committee

By Vicki Pratt, Chair

Vibrant City Infrastructure

Omaha Together One Community: OTOC is working to help Omahans reclaim responsibility for how we want our public household administered. Join us at the People Centered Economic Development conference on Sunday, March 14, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Temple Israel, 7023 Cass. Learn how traditional economic development is funded. Bring your imagination to create new ways to help Omaha residents and our community.

The Social Justice Committee is suggesting a change in funding for our church OTOC dues. We would like to pay 2004-2005 dues from the church operating funds. This suggestion has a big impact because in previous years the Social Justice Committee has paid the dues without using operating funds. We were able to avoid operating funds in the early years thanks to donations to a separate social action fund. As these funds were depleted, we've done fund raising such as selling Peace Coffee and t-shirts and working at a concession stand. Relying on fund raising and individual donations is no longer practical. Our OTOC dues increase each year because they are based on a percentage of our church operating budget. As we grow our dues increase. For 2004-2005 our dues will be around \$600, way up from \$200 during the early years. As a comparison, dues for other congregations range from \$20 to \$5,000. Points of clarification:

- Congregations/institutions are members of OTOC, not individuals.
- Dues are different than contributions that come from fund raising letters sent to individuals (you received a letter last September). These contributions do not count toward our dues.
- Dues make up 25% of OTOC's operating budget; individual contributions make up 5%. The rest comes from fund-raising events and grants from a labor union, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Presbyterian Self Development and UU Veatch Foundation.

Since the profit on Peace Coffee is \$3.00 a bag, it

will take a lot of coffee sales to raise \$600. Please keep this background in mind as you consider our request to pay dues from the operating budget.

Mark your calendars for the OTOC Musical: May 7 and 8 at First United Methodist. There is no charge for tickets but donations will be accepted for this fund raising event. This year will be even more special since an ethnic dinner is being planned for one of the evenings.

Prairie Star Workshop

The Prairie Star Social Justice Advisory Group is sponsoring a workshop in Iowa City on May 15. Theme for the workshop is Common Fire: Common Values and focuses on how congregations can be involved in community interfaith work. Everyone is invited to attend.

Unitarian Universalists take pride in their tradition of social activism and community outreach. We keep that tradition alive at Second Unitarian. You are invited to attend our meeting on Sunday, March 14, following service. Everyone is welcome to learn more about progress on current goals, bring up any concern, make us aware of a social justice issue, or participate in any activity.

Welcoming Congregation

Several new people attended the last Welcoming Congregation meeting. Paula Beebee, Ferial Pearson and Stephanie Peterson have officially joined our committee. Lucinda Ludwig came to the meeting as a guest and shared the following story of her experience in belonging to a welcoming congregation.

"I first became acquainted with Unitarian Universalism when I walked into the Unitarian Church in Dayton, Ohio, about 14 years ago. There was a poster in the lobby that made it clear that gays and lesbians were welcome, and Planned Parenthood brochures prominently displayed.

Although I had never belonged to a church before, I was intrigued. I eventually joined the congregation--a wonderful group of people much like our Second Unitarian community (Dayton and Omaha are quite similar culturally). One of my

biggest sources of pride was to be a part of this open and welcoming congregation.

Occasionally, throughout the year, we would have a guest speaker or discussion that focused on a gay or lesbian issue, but it didn't dominate, and was always interesting--it was a natural part of the church and fit in well with all of the other sermons and guests.

Over the years my son has enjoyed the Unitarian Church and made many friends through it. He told me a story when he was in 8th grade in Dayton. Some boys in his school were making fun of gays, and my son and his friend said, " In our church it's o.k. to be gay." What a great thing to say, and how great it feels to belong to a church that believes that! "

Wouldn't it be nice if Second Unitarian of Omaha had such a poster? But is it really necessary to specifically say that we are welcoming to the gay and lesbian community? Unfortunately, the terms "church" and "gay" are all too often mutual exclusives. Many religious institutions proclaim that they accept all people, but they don't mean gay people unless they stay in the closet or are "converted" to straight people.

The goal of the WC committee is to make sure that if someone from the GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) community comes to our church, he or she knows that we are not such a religious institution. Before we can make such a statement, we would like to be sure that we are not a church that thinks in such mutually exclusive terms. All of the work this committee and this congregation have done over the last few years has been moving toward that goal.

To learn how our sister congregations became welcoming, there will be a forum on March 7 following the service where the congregation can pose questions to the Lincoln Unitarian and First Unitarian welcoming congregation committee members. The next Welcoming Congregation Committee meeting is Sunday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

UU and YOU Denominational Affairs Committee

The Denominational Affairs Committee's purpose is to be your link to the larger world of Unitarian Universalism. Our goal is to show how Second Unitarian and you are connected and interconnected to the Unitarian Universalist Association (national level) and to our own Prairie Star District organizational structures and the benefits derived from those memberships.

The current committee members are: Cheri Cody, Nancy Amsler, Linda Trone, Judy Maniscalco and Gene Kopecky. Rev. Josh Snyder is working closely with the committee this year as we create a solid working group.

Some activities that the committee will be working on immediately are:

- A picture display of the Beacon St. UUA headquarters.
- Promotion of Prairie Star District Annual Meeting (Kansas City) and General Assembly (Long Beach, CA). We will also provide information about UU summer camps in upcoming newsletters.

The Chalice Lighters campaign and Leadership School promotion are also elements of the committee's responsibility.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. Because the youth group will be meeting in the church, our plan is to meet at the Starbucks at 122nd and West Center. Committee membership is open to all - come check it out!



Prairie Star District Annual Conference

GROWING SEASON

April 23-25, 2004

Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza
Hosted by All Souls UU Church, Kansas City

**Plan to attend with others from
Second Unitarian Church**

Contact Cheri Cody for more information

Finance Committee

By Steve Powell



An air of excitement seems to be filling the church these days. For the first time since we committed to the extension minister program, and formally called Rev. Josh Snyder as our settled minister, we are now standing on our own financially without seed money or subsidy from anyone. We have the opportunity to decide what we want to be, and how we will support it. I've heard it said that the Chinese use the same symbol for danger as opportunity.

Our recent growth consultant's visit convinced me that we will change whether we plan it or not. So it makes sense now to accept it and begin managing the process toward the goals we set. Doing our church business the same old way we're familiar with presents the real danger. Facing money issues now will pave the way to an even greater church community in the years ahead.

Joanne Draper, the church treasurer, informed us that we're off our needed glide path on pledge income by about 8% or almost \$2,800. At this rate, we might end up well short of the runway by the end of the fiscal year. There are no savings accounts to tap, and no funds to call on outside of our church. Shortages like this can and do occur for a variety of reasons: some members have moved away; some have had unexpected expenses making their pledges unrealistic; and some have gotten behind in their scheduled giving. Please take a look at your situation and see if you can help us catch up financially. Every dollar is important because there is no "slack" built-in to our budget.

Finance Committee activities really pick up pace as we head into the Annual Stewardship Campaign for fiscal year 2004-5. Yes, pledge time is just around the corner and we're going to be contacting you personally this year. First, we want to hear your opinions about how well the church is meeting your needs. Second, we want everyone to see where our money goes, and how much of it we'll need to continue or improve the programs we're offering.

We're going to have a **2-Phase** effort beginning in early March. We're starting the campaign by invit-

ing *every member and friend* to a house meeting. You'll have a chance to sign up for these at church. Volunteers have come forward to host several casual "coffee and desert" gatherings to listen to your appraisal of our church programs, to answer questions about our expenses, and to solicit your support for our programs. The next phase will begin after the Kick Off event, March 13. Volunteers will be calling to set up a personal interview with anyone who couldn't attend a house meeting. Our purpose is the same: to listen to your opinions about how well the church is meeting your needs, and to answer your questions about church expenses and to solicit your support.

The Stewardship Campaign will be finished by the end of March and pledges will be tallied and reported to the congregation. Watch for progress reports all through March.

We've added a couple of new wrinkles to our financial support invitation this year. We're including a suggested "Fair Share" annual giving guide which will help all who are interested to calibrate their giving in accordance with their means. A worksheet is included to illustrate how to determine your income for giving purposes. We're also going to show the range and distribution of pledges for the current fiscal year and show you the *distribution of expenses by 2U functional areas or programs*. Hopefully with this information and answers provided by pledge canvass volunteers, you'll be able to see how critically necessary your generosity is.

By the way, automatic monthly bank drafts will be available as a payment option. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

M A R C H 7	<p>First Hour <i>"Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age -Alone and Together"</i> This Sunday, Chapter 8 - "With Their Own Eyes—Religious Education" Facilitated by Heather Lipsey. Reading is helpful but not required. (If a book is desired, it can be ordered online at www.uua.org/bookstore.)</p>	<p>Worship <i>"Speaking up for Patriotism, Faith, Morality and Family Values"</i> Guest Speaker: Donna Colley</p> <p><i>"Together, let's explore how we might mold our shouts into a conversation with those whom we have learned to shout down and shut out. If the cultural war is to be won by the side that is truly right, we must take back our patriotism, faith, morality and family values. No more should we waste our voices and our opportunity by shouting about what is wrong with "the Right." Instead, we must have the patience, the understanding and most importantly, the language, to expose the common goals of all Americans."</i></p> <p>Donna Colley has practiced law for the past 20 years in a conservative corporate community. Raised in a "double-wide" in hills of Carter County, Kentucky, Donna had to learn how to mix and deal with the judge, coal-miner, the scab, the CEO, the preacher and the politician without compromising who she is. Donna, Margaux, and their 2-year-old son, Grayson, live in Omaha where they often speak on valuing all families.</p>
M a r c h 1 4	<p>First Hour <i>Writing for Spiritual Growth</i> This Sunday we'll discuss the brief reading, <i>Attention</i>, from Julia Cameron's book, <i>The Artist's Way</i>, pp. 52-57. (Co-led by Jodi Jones and David Martin) Do you like to write fiction, poems, essays? Keep a journal? Wish you did? This first hour provides on-the-spot opportunities to put the pen to the paper. We begin by discussing the brief reading (available in the church lobby) about writing as a spiritual endeavor. Members spend the middle 10-20 minutes writing. In the last portion, members who wish to may share their work or discuss their experience.</p>	<p>Worship <i>"Building Bridges; Relationality and the Religious Life"</i> Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder</p>
M a r c h 2 1	<p>First Hour <i>Peace Cairn</i></p> <p>What can a rock pile represent? Christopher Alberts will present his plans for and lead a discussion on the proposed Peace Cairn to be constructed at the church this Spring.</p>	<p>Worship <i>"The Da Vinci Code"</i> Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder</p>
M a r c h 2 8	<p>First Hour <i>Women in Islam</i> -Have you ever wondered what the Koran really says about women? Come hear Gretchen Harms, director of the Islamic Speakers Bureau, speak about women in Islam.</p>	<p>Worship <i>"Articulating Unitarian Universalism"</i> Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder</p>
A p r i l 4	<p>First Hour <i>"Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age -Alone and Together"</i> This Sunday, Chapter 9 - "Taking the Time to Care—Social Action" Facilitated by Heather Lipsey. Reading is helpful but not required. (If a book is desired, it can be ordered online at www.uua.org/bookstore.)</p>	<p>Worship <i>"All Poetry Service"</i> with Lorraine Duggin and other Second Unitarian poets.</p>

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