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**Sunday, January 25, 2009**  
“Age of Reason”

Beloved books are gifts passed down from generation to generation. The stories they tell and lessons they impart are treasured by both the donor and recipient. Today’s service focuses on the gifts members of UUI have received from books, as parents pass down their favorites to some of our newest readers. Worship associate: **Tom Robertson**. Special music: A trombone ensemble will play *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* and *Myths and Legends*, movement I, by **Eric Ewazen**.

**Sunday, February 1, 2009**  
“Bringing Forth What Is Within You”  
**Rev. Barbara Child**

We Unitarian Universalists are so used to thinking of ourselves as “children of the Enlightenment” that it is easy for us to miss the great gifts to be found only in darkness. Today I explore **Carl Jung**’s concept of the shadow. Let’s see what our shadow selves might yield up for our health and wholeness—as individuals and as a congregation. Special music: The Folk Ensemble will sing *Behind Blue Eyes* by **Pete Townshend**.

**Sunday, February 8, 2009**  
“Stone Soup”

The classic fable about strangers tricking starving townsfolk into giving them some food teaches that, even when times are tough, by working together and being willing to share, everyone will end up better off. The Stone Soup fable is especially timely today as bad news about the economy, job losses, and general uncertainty continue to occupy the headlines. This multigenerational service, with audience participation encouraged, will focus on the valuable lessons taught through the Stone Soup story and remind us that we can always make something better if we are willing to share. Worship associate: **Jenni White**. The Children’s Choir will sing *To Share* by **Sally K. Albrecht** and **Jay Althouse**. Plan to stay for lunch at UUI’s annual Soup Kitchen gathering. (See page 4.)

**(Sermon topics continued on page 2.)**

**Services begin at 10:30 A.M. Childcare will be provided.**  
**Church of the warm heart, open mind, and helping hands**

## **In the Meantime— Rev. Barbara Child Interim Minister**

Have I ever been learning your history! And is it ever interesting! Ever since I got here, people have been giving me things to read – essays, scrapbooks, clippings. It has all been interesting, but I’ve gotten engaged in a whole different way when I’ve had a chance to hear people tell their own stories.

One evening awhile back, **Mel** and **Judy Pleiss** gathered up all of the congregation’s founders who could be found. We had a fabulous pitch-in dinner, and the stories came piggy-backing one after another. I didn’t even have to ask questions. For many people, some who hadn’t seen one another for a long time, that evening was a reunion. And I was the delighted eavesdropper.

Then, close enough to Christmas that I got to see their house beautifully decorated, **Dennis** and **Cindy Jackson** invited me to spend part of an afternoon with all of the past Presidents – and of course the current one too! I got them to line themselves up chronologically, and that led to telling about what had become of those who were missing. Some, of course, were dead. The best part of the afternoon came when I asked each of them to tell some “signature story” from the time of their presidency. That’s when I really began to get the feel of the flow of your history with discernable “eras” and a few patterns too.

Well, my friends, all of this is far too rich to keep to myself. (That would be like eating by myself all the wonderful candy and cookies **Susan Pratt** brings in and not sharing any of them with the rest of you!)

So here we are – beginning your thirtieth anniversary year. It is a time for looking back, celebrating what deserves to be celebrated and acknowledging the tough and troubled times for the roles they have played in your collective lives. This is truly the way to come to clarity about the present UUI—who you are this time.

Besides, I keep wanting to say to people, “Do you remember when...?” “Were you here when...?” So get ready. Drum roll now. The anniversary year is going to have a major launching on **Saturday evening, February 7**. Mark your calendar. You won’t want to miss this—the stories, the conversations about what to carry forward and what to leave behind, the chance to do some personal reflecting yourself on milestones in UUI’s history and how they have affected your own.

I am mightily grateful to the Transition Team for planning the evening with me. You’ll hear more about it from them. It’s going to be a milestone in this interim year. You have to be present to win.

*Barbara*

**Sunday, February 15, 2009**  
“Celebrating Darwin’s Birthday”

**Rev. Barbara Child**

This morning we add this congregation to the hundreds of congregations from a host of denominations across the land who are celebrating **Charles Darwin**’s birthday and what has come to be known as Evolution Weekend. For too long, strident voices in the name of Christianity have been claiming that people must choose between religion and science. Today’s message underscores what a false dichotomy that is. Rev. Child will be joined in the pulpit by **Dean Michael Zimmerman**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Butler University, who several years ago initiated Evolution Weekend and the Clergy Letter Project in support of it. Today we proudly take part in this national event, proclaiming the compatibility of religion and science. The UUI Choir will sing *I Love All Beauteous Things* by **Christine Temple-Evans**.

## President—*David Jackoway*

### Yes We Can

Three little words that offer a message of hope for a future full of success and achievement. A message that transcends politics. A message that applies equally to UUI as to USA.

**Yes**—a positive affirmation. If you lead with **yes** you find ways to succeed. **We**—a community effort. United together it is possible to achieve so much more than a collection of individuals. **Can**—recognizing our inherent abilities. Not what we must do, or should do, or will do, but what we are able to do if we commit ourselves.

I am reflecting on this message as UUI prepares to launch its Stewardship campaign in March. During the campaign each of us will be asked to make a financial pledge for the 2009-10 church year. This is one of the critical means by which we can express our faith and commitment to the future of the church. Your pledge is a way of saying **Yes We Can**.

Unfortunately, preparations for this year's Stewardship campaign are starting later than usual. While several people have indicated they would be willing to work on the campaign, we have been unable to find someone to chair the Stewardship committee. A couple of people were interested in the position but circumstances in their personal lives made it difficult for them to be available during the heart of the campaign.

So at the recent Board meeting it was decided that I would take a leave of absence from my duties as President to serve as chair of this year's Stewardship Committee, a position I filled a few years ago. The president's duties will be in the very capable hands of **Eric Hinkle**, our Vice President for the past two years. I look forward to this new challenge and hope that many of you will also be willing to assist in some capacity. And I hope all of us will pledge generously, pledge with our hearts in the spirit of **Yes We Can**.

*David*

## Congregational Meeting

The winter congregational meeting will be **Sunday, February 15, 2009**, after the morning service. The highlight of our brief agenda features **Rev. Barbara Child** reviewing the state of the congregation.

### Agenda for the February 15, 2009, Congregational Meeting

- State of the congregation
- Elect Stewardship Committee Chair
- Elect delegates and alternates to the Heartland District Annual Meeting  
(April 3-5, Muncie, Indiana)
- Approve proposed budget for year 2009-2010

Please let us know if you need childcare during this meeting. Sign-up sheets will be provided both in the Religious Education (RE) building and at the RE table in the Social Hall. We take the safety of our children seriously at UUI.

## Interim Minister's Hours

**Rev. Barbara Child**, the Interim Minister, seeks to be available for appointments as needed. You may reach her by phone at the church office (**317-283-4760**), by e-mail to [minister@uui.org](mailto:minister@uui.org), or by her cell phone (**812-345-4506**). She is not available on Mondays except in case of emergency.

## UUI Board of Trustees

**David Jackoway**, President [djackoway@gmail.com](mailto:djackoway@gmail.com)  
(on leave of absence)

**Eric Hinkle**, Vice-President

**Susan Pratt**, Secretary

**Ken Chestek**, Treasurer [kchestek@iupui.edu](mailto:kchestek@iupui.edu)

**Susan Cassada, Carlyn Johnson,**

**Lowell McCoskey, John Cote,**

**Mervyn Cohen, Bill Watts,**

**Jan Eason**, past president

## UII Religious Education

*Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle,  
and the life of the candle will not be shortened.  
Happiness never decreases by being shared.*  
—**Buddha**

Our annual Soup Kitchen gathering will be here soon (**February 8**) and, while you can expect to eat some delicious food, you will be amazed at what happens when all of us at UII come together to build community and create something special. Around the tables people will talk and learn a bit more about each other, in the kitchen people will wash bowls while sharing laughter, and near the coat closet some of the UII youth will continue to build bonds of friendship that might just last a lifetime. In addition to the good food and fun we'll enjoy, this gathering will allow us to share our UII community with many more members of our neighborhood community as all the money raised will be donated to the **Martin Luther King** Community Center.

The Soup Kitchen is one way we all participate in educating our children and youth about what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. It is a wonderful and simple example of our 6<sup>th</sup> UU principle—the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

In a way, our UII Religious Education program is a bit like Stone Soup, the classic tale that inspires our Soup Kitchen gathering. Everyone contributes what they can, which means we all contribute a part of ourselves that is just a little bit different, and somehow something amazing happens—we find we have made something remarkably good that is abundant enough for everyone to share and enjoy.

I hope you come enjoy our upcoming multigenerational Stone Soup service and stay afterwards to build community through our Soup Kitchen gathering. I also encourage you to learn more about our Religious Education program—maybe you'll find a way you can contribute something special to add to our Stone Soup approach.

### February events related to the RE program:

- **January 31**, during Sunday school: RE Spirit Circle—**Janet Brown** will lead by teaching K-6<sup>th</sup> graders about Transcendentalism by examining the work of **Frank Lloyd Wright** and playing with **Lincoln** Logs. (This could only happen at a UU church.) Sunday Sundaes will once again return (ice cream and chocolate – yum!)
- **February 1**, following service: Youth Art Show Reception—Have you noticed all the incredible artwork adorning the walls of UII this month? Our LUUs (Little Unitarian Universalists – as coined by **Anita Saunders**) are a talented group. Please plan to stay after service on Sunday, February 1, to meet the artists and talk with them about their work. We will serve ‘champagne’ (fizzy juice) and hors d’oeuvres for all to enjoy during the reception.
- **February 8**, 10:30 A.M.: A multigenerational service for all to enjoy as we learn about community, sharing, and how to make a tasty Stone Soup.
- **February 8**, following service: annual UII Soup Kitchen—this is an incredibly fun community-wide event. RE parents contribute by making one of three delicious soup recipes while other UII members/friends contribute bread or a dessert. We all gather together immediately after the multigenerational service to enjoy fellowship and wonderful food. The proceeds for the event are donated to the **Martin Luther King** Community Center.
- **February 14**, 6-8 P.M.: Family Ministry meeting in RE Building's Wisdom Room—New members and curious visitors are always welcome.
- **February 22**, during Sunday school: RE Spirit Circle—**Susanne Hinson-Rieger** and **Jamie Rieger** will lead by teaching the K-6<sup>th</sup> graders about Methodological Naturalism (We are hoping to learn about this too) and, once again, Sunday Sundaes will be in full swing.

Are you doing some New Year's cleaning? If so, remember to save all those dust-collecting items (non-clothing items only) for the Senior High Habitat Garage Sale, which will be at UII on **Saturday, April 25, 2009.**

**Religious Education Council**



## UII Choir

The next UII choir Sunday performance will be **February 15**. We will be rehearsing on **Wednesdays, Feb. 4 and 11 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Cottage Music Room.

The next Choir Sunday service is **March 15**, with rehearsals on **Wednesdays, March 4 and 11, at 7:30 P.M.** in the Cottage Music Room.

Hope to see you there.

Dianna Davis, [Dianna.Davis@gmail.com](mailto:Dianna.Davis@gmail.com)

## Rehearsals for Children's Choir

The rehearsals for the Children's Choir will be on **Sunday, Feb. 1**, at **9:30 A.M.** in the Music Room in the Cottage and on **Sunday, Feb. 8**, at **9:30 A.M.** in the Sanctuary before the service when the Children's Choir performs. New singing voices in first through sixth grade are always welcome.

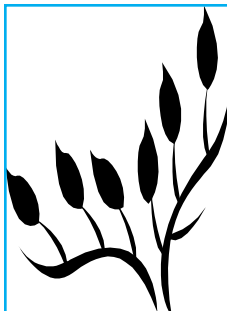
## Rehearsals for Youth Ensemble

The Youth Ensemble will sing next on **March 1**. Rehearsals will be on **Sunday, Feb. 15 and 22**, at **9:30 A.M.** in the Music Room in the Cottage and on **Sunday, March 1**, at **9:30 A.M.** in the Sanctuary. If you would like to join this group of singers in grades seven through twelve, please contact me or just come.

Carol Kirk, 255-3244 or [rkirk1937@aol.com](mailto:rkirk1937@aol.com)

## Is the Arty Bash on Your Calendar?

Be sure to put **Saturday, April 4, 2009**, from **6:30 to 9 P.M.** on your calendar. It's the most exciting and entertaining event of the year. It's free, involves a smashing art exhibit, a meeting of the artists, fantastic entertainment, super food, and **it's all free!**



Were you here when...

Let's Start Celebrating  
Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
UII History Wall – Pitch-In Dinner

**Saturday, February 7, 2009**  
**6 to 9 P.M.**

Soft Drinks and cups will be provided

You **bring your own table settings**

And if your last name begins with

**A to D – Bread**

**E to K – Salad**

**L to R – Casserole**

**S to Z - Dessert**

Sign-up either after church or by e-mail or phone to **Vanessa Fry** in the office by February 1. Contact anyone on the Transition Team for more information (**Kim Beck, Dennis Jackson, Judy Pleiss, Joanne Smiddie-Brush**).

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## Game Time

The Board Games group meets the first **Sunday** of each month (**February 1, 2009**, is the next one) in the Commons from **6 to 9 P.M.** Bring a game or two, a snack to share, and your own beverage and cup, napkin, etc.

**Wendy Dougherty**

# Credo Forum

Sunday, February 1, 2009, 9:15 to 10:15 A.M., Cottage Library

Many religious traditions have a concept of life after death—heaven, hell, reincarnation, etc. At this Forum, which meets on the first Sunday of the month, we will discuss this concept. Whether your personal theology includes life after death or rejects the possibility, we would like to hear your thoughts. We always welcome new faces and new ideas. For more information contact **David Jackoway** at **844-7193** or **Lowell McCoskey** at **253-3025**.

## Treasurer's Report

The following is a synopsis of the financial report given to the Board of Trustees at its January meeting. The report reflects income and expenses through the end of the second quarter of the church fiscal year (Dec. 31):

	Budget 2008-2009	Actual 12/31/08	Over/(under) budget
INCOME			
Pledges	250,000	137,958	5.2%
Total income	307,827 (note 1)	168,124	(1.5%)
TOTAL EXPENSES	346,203	152,710	(5.9%)
NET INCOME	(38,376) (note 1)	15,414	

Note 1: The approved budget included \$38,500 from “cash reserves,” which is not actually income; it is a balance sheet transfer. The \$307,827 reported as income represents the actual anticipated income for 2008-2009, not including the transfer of \$38,500 from cash reserves. The negative value for “net income” also reflects the anticipated drawdown of \$38,500 from our reserve fund.

**Ken Chestek, Treasurer**

### UII By the Numbers for December 2008

Pledge Income for the Month	\$27,392
Pledge Income Year to Date	\$134,127
Pledges made to UII to Date	\$240,085
Pledge Income in UII's 2008-09 Budget	\$250,000
Number of active pledges	182

- Average Number of Adults attending on Sundays 134
- Average Number of Children and Youth attending on Sundays 31



## Lower Mercury CFL Bulbs

Looking to help Mother Earth and save money at the same time? If you haven't already done so, you now have more reasons than ever to consider changing all or most of your light bulbs to compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs. That, in short, is reduced mercury content.

You may have heard how each CFL bulb can use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs, lasts up to 10 times longer and prevents more than 450 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere. And over its lifetime each can save you \$80 or more, depending on local electric rates.

Now, an Environmental Working Group (EWG) investigation has identified six bulb lines as the best CFLs available. So, when you shop, be sure to look for bulbs made by Earthmate, Litetronics, Sylvania, Feit, Maxlite and Phillips. They contain a fraction of the mercury presently allowed by Energy Star, thus reducing the potential mercury contamination from a broken bulb. No small consideration!

For the complete story about the mercury content of CFL bulbs, go to <http://www.ewg.org/node/27220>.

## Eco-Movie Series at Epworth

With topics from clean water to clean energy, the eco-film series sponsored by Epworth United Methodist Church's Green Team and the Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter will continue into 2009. All are welcome to view the films on **Saturdays at 7 P.M.** at Epworth, 6450 Allisonville Rd.

The remaining films in the series include:  
February 21: *Burning the Future: Coal in America*

March 14: *We Feed the World* (tracing origins of food)

April 18: *Everything's Cool* (about climate change)

For more information call the Epworth Green Team, **251-1481**.

## Green Congregations Workshop

UUI and several other Indianapolis area congregations that are active in environmental stewardship will be hosting the third Green Congregations Workshop on **Saturday, January 31, 2009**, from **1 - 4 P.M.** at Second Presbyterian Church. There will be sessions for churches just getting started and for those already on the path, and a special focus on energy efficiency. Please come and bring a friend from another church. And spread the word (flyers are available from **Janet McCabe** at [jmccabe222@aol.com](mailto:jmccabe222@aol.com) or **902-3610**). RSVP to **Brady Hansel**, Hoosier Environmental Council, [bhansel@hecweb.org](mailto:bhansel@hecweb.org). Questions? Contact Janet.

## Recycle Christmas Cards

During the rest of January, look for the box in the Social Hall where you can put your Christmas cards to be recycled. Please cut off the fronts of your cards and bring only that part. They will be sent to St. Jude's, where they will be refashioned into "new" cards.

**Sylvia Reichel**

## You Can Do It

The Fine Arts Committee would like all of you to participate in the *Getting to Know You* exhibit for February. Just put 3 to 5 pictures of yourself on a background (piece of construction paper, poster board, fabric covered board, etc.) and bring it to church on **Sunday, February 1**. The Fine Arts Committee will hang the exhibit after the reception for the youth artists on that day. Fine Arts Committee member **Terry Knickerbocker** will show you some examples during the coffee hour on Sunday, January 25.

## Spring Dance at UII

Everyone is invited to attend the Spring Dance on **Saturday, March 14, at 8 P.M. to 11 P.M.** at UII with a live band: Vinnie and the Moochers. **Everything** is free, including parking. Invite your neighbors, friends, and relatives. An open bar is another enticement.

**Jamie Fenner** is expecting a huge turnout, and will accept no excuses.

## CUUPs

CUUPs (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) meets the **second** and **fourth Thursdays** of the month at **7 P.M.** in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall. We are an open group pursuing an Earth-Based path. Everyone is welcome. Please be prepared to join in discussions (even if you do not feel you know anything).

Snacks or drink to share are nice but not necessary. Please contact **Colleen Kelly** ([wooglett@gmail.com](mailto:wooglett@gmail.com); 603-0026) or **Robin Chestek** (280-1354) if you have questions or simply want more information.

## UII Drum Circle

The UII Drum Circle will meet **Saturday, February 14** (changed from Sunday, February 15, because of the Congregational Meeting) and **Sunday, March 15**. We will be drumming in the Sanctuary from **12:15 - 1:15 P.M.** The drumming circle is open to adults and children, and you don't have to own a drum to join in the fun. Contact **Robin Chestek** at **402-1948** or **Sandra Gruber** at **407-1852** for more information.

## Art on the Walls

The amazing artwork in the Sanctuary is that of the youth at UII. Exhibiting are **Neil** and **Mary Jia Bassett**, **Ellie** and **Lucy Blystone**, **Madilyn Brooks**, **Lucas Gordon**, **Aletha** and **Ruth**

**Hinkle**, **Ginger Mansfield**, **Elise**, **Julia**, and **Leslie Massicotte**, **Chemeine Moore**, **Izabella Robinson**, **Jake** and **Steven Russell**, and **Emma Rose Socey**. It includes painting, drawing, sculpture, a book, collages, plaster plaques, and a decorated jewelry box. The artwork will be up through Sunday, February 1. After the February 1 service, the work may be taken home.

## Women in Spirituality

The UII Women In Spirituality Writing group (WISW) meets every third **Tuesday** of each month from **7 to 9 P.M.** in the Cottage Library. Our next three meetings will be **February 17**, **March 17** and **April 21**. If you enjoy putting your thoughts down on paper, then join us and share your perspective. Writings can be one paragraph, three pages, bullets, prose or poetry—the format doesn't matter. You decide how you want to express yourself. Include music and illustrations, if you like. For questions, please contact **Amber Welsh** at [amwelsh@hotmail.com](mailto:amwelsh@hotmail.com).

## UII Women's Dinner

The Women of UII are invited to meet for dinner on **Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 6 P.M.**, at Shapiro's Deli Cafeteria at 808 S. Meridian St. No program—just good conversation and food. For more information contact **Susan Beauchamp** at **634-2448** or e-mail [beauartnow@yahoo.com](mailto:beauartnow@yahoo.com).

## Men's Breakfast

UII men are invited to meet for breakfast the third **Wednesday** of the month at **7:30 A.M.** (Next meeting: Wednesday: **February 18, 2009**) at Keystone Deli, 2344 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. The Deli is on the west side of Keystone Avenue and on the north side of a shopping center. The large parking lot can be entered from either Keystone or 52<sup>nd</sup> St. Topics discussed: whatever you would like.

If you wish to be added to the e-mail list to be notified each month, send an e-mail to **Bob Kirk** at [rkirk1937@aol.com](mailto:rkirk1937@aol.com).

## UII Photography Club

The UII Photography Club is still growing. We meet the second **Monday** of each month at **7 P.M.** in the Cottage Music Room. The assignment for **February 12** is *Visual Puns and Idioms*. This may include the use of photo-editing programs, or it may be just a straight photo. You can illustrate sayings, such as “palm pilot” or “deli llama,” “horse of a different color” or “over the hill” or “water off a duck’s back.” As usual, the interpretation of the assignment is up to you. In addition, there is a member’s photo he wishes to have the group improve. For that image or any other questions pertaining to the photo club, contact **Wendy Dougherty** at [Wdougherty@indy.rr.com](mailto:Wdougherty@indy.rr.com).

### Thank You

Half of getting the job done is showing up. The other half is doing the job. We are truly thankful that our folders not only show up, but also do a great job. The December 17, 2008, *Eye* went out because of **Terry Knickerbocker, Susan Ham, Ed Archer, Larry Miller, Ann Miller, Bob Lipford** and **Wendy Dougherty**.

### UUs in the News

**Carlyn Johnson** was heard the week of January 4 on WFYI-FM promoting the Early Readers’ Club, a program sponsored by Central Indiana United Way and the Scholastic Press, to provide books for children age six and under in Marion, Morgan, Hendricks and Hancock counties. Once signed up by their parents, each child receives 12 appropriate books a year. Carlyn says 14,000 are registered members now. Parents are asked to pay \$20 if they can, but this is not necessary. Carlyn has been chair or co-chair of this program’s committee for about three years.

**Janet Cohen** has nine art works on display (and for sale) at the Cobblestone Grill, 160 S. Main Street, in Zionsville. Janet’s work is fiber in nature and most of the pieces are embellished with threads and beadwork. Her works will be on view through February.

**Lynne Perkins Socey** is playing **Miss Maudie** in *To Kill A Mockingbird* at Indiana Repertory Theatre **January 21 - February 21**.

**Ellie Siskind** had a letter published in the Dec. 17-24, 2008, issue of *NUVO* on page 5. Ellie has strong objections to an article on *Great Cats* in the Dec. 3—10 *NUVO*, in which the author suggests some of the animals would be better off dead. Ellie feels that this author lacks compassion.

**Jon Laramore** was quoted in the Thursday, January 1, issue of *The Indianapolis Star* on page A12 in an article about the Geist vs. Fishers annexation battles. Jon, who is with the Baker & Daniels law firm, said, “Those property owners in Geist have a tall mountain to climb to win that appeal.”

**Greg Foote** had a letter published in the Wednesday, January 7, issue of *The Indianapolis Star*. Greg deplores the violence in the Holy Land, and feels that it is “an affront to whatever remains of a civilized world.” He feels that Israel is out of control.

**Matt Socey** was featured in *Talk of Our Town* in the Thursday, January 8, issue of *The Indianapolis Star*. Matt, who hosts *The Blues House Party* (on WFYI-FM—90.1) now also hosts a movie-oriented talk show, *Film Soceyology*, on Friday at 5 P.M. This weekly show “will be devoted to what’s new at multiplexes and on DVD, and will include other film-oriented tidbits,” said Matt, who is also a playwright and freelance writer. Matt and his actress wife **Lynne** have a seven-year-old daughter **Emma**, who introduces *The Blues House Party* each Saturday at 10 P.M.

**Janet McCabe** had an article published as *My View* in the Sunday, January 12, issue of *The Indianapolis Star*. Janet points out that on Dec. 22, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designated 18 Indiana counties or partial counties as “nonattainment” for the fine particulate air pollutant. That can cause health problems. As particulate levels increase, so does cardiac arrest. Excessive emissions from motor vehicles, power plants and industry may be the source of this poor air quality. Janet, who is executive director of Improving Kids’ Environment, urges us all to work together to improve air quality, which in the end will benefit all of us.

## BULBs Luncheons

The next BULBs meeting is **February 2, 2009**, at **12:30 P.M.**, at Just Judy's, 2210 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street. The BULBs—Birthday Unitarian Lunch Bunch—meet the first **Monday** of every month. You don't need an invitation, so come join the group if you can. You will enjoy the fellowship. Future BULBs luncheons: **March 2, April 6** and **May 4**.

## UII Downtown Lunch (Note restaurant change.)

UII members who work downtown and like to gather for lunch meet at the Eiteljorg Museum Sky City Café, located at 500 West Washington Street, every second **Wednesday** of the month at **11:30 A.M.** Next gathering: **Feb. 11**. For more information, contact **Eric Hinkle** at [cehinkle1961@yahoo.com](mailto:cehinkle1961@yahoo.com)

## Happy Birthday in February

1	Paul Knight
2	Groundhog Day
3	Charlotte Schrock
3	Dorian Philips
5	Samuel Watts
5	Jackson Whiteker
6	Larry Miller
7	Rob Friedman
7	Tom Farrell
8	Micki Barney
9	Gail Folaron
9	Amy Kindred
10	David Dawson
11	Mike Rich
12	Lynne Perkins Socey
12	Emily Lovberg
13	Jenny Wendel
13	Matthew Brooks
13	Carol Paddock
13	Patrick Whelan Mullen
14	Jose A. Garcia II
14	Susan Ham

14	Susan Hazer
15	Ellie Blystone
15	Cindy Jackson
19	Joyce A. Hoying
19	Sally Murphy
19	Paul Giese
20	Charles Yeager
20	Tessa Webb
21	Carol Ackerman
22	Rita Horn
22	Abby Henkel
23	Jordon Brooks
23	Jan Eason
24	John Cote
24	Ed Wenck
26	Sally Childs-Helton
28	Terry Knickerbocker
28	Tim Thomas
29	Clare Sutphin

## Happy Anniversary

19	Myrna and Martin DeAgostino (1994)
21	Debbie Tuvell-Thies & Rich Thies (1998)

## Welcome To Our Visitors

December 21, 2008	Kathy Weber
	Eleanor Broaded
Sunday, December 28, 2008	Heather Haddock
	Desiree Brandon & Marisol Gouveia
	John and Diana Foley
January 4, 2009	Jeffrey Kozlovich
January 11, 2009	Stephania Keuneke
	Carole & Ken Gall
	Tami Girismore & Kath Palmer
January 18, 2009	Natalina Oliverio
	Christy Krieg
	Jenny Maze
	Edith Walkerson
	Sally McSpadden

## From the Editor—*Susan Raccoli*

Is silence golden? Not when it is enforced after vocal cord surgery! Spending eight days without saying a word is no fun, even for a taciturn person like myself . . . My long-time friends know that this has happened to me before, as I have coped with vocal cord problems since 2002. A recurring theme was the reaction I found when I did my normal errands. I carried a sign explaining that I could not talk due to vocal cord surgery. Most people laugh nervously as I try to communicate via pen and legal pad. But my Greek tailor felt that I must have hearing problems too, so he resorted to lots of gestures with me, and even pointed to the calendar instead of just telling me when the job would be done.

My biggest fear was driving up to Tipton for a spiritual retreat with the staff at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, as I prepare to start my new job as music director. Since my car repair people had told me that two of my tires had almost no tread, I feared that I'd have car trouble, and would have no way of calling or explaining—**Jay** kept the cell phone. Believe me, I watched the speed limits scrupulously, knowing that I couldn't talk my way out of another speeding ticket with no voice.

When I agreed to attend this spiritual retreat Jan. 7-8, I thought it would involve lots of silence so wouldn't hurt someone with no voice. I was totally wrong. Instead, the retreat consisted of two solid days of discussions among the staff of 12, which included two priests. **No one** was silent except me, and I ended up filling three legal pads with comments, which someone would always read for me. To their credit, everyone was kind and patient with me, but I think they may have wondered how I would ever direct a choir with no voice. I had envisioned monk-like sessions with no one talking at all, but that never happened. Even during our three religious services (for which I played piano) the priests asked for comments on the readings and homilies.

My voice is slowly returning, but I still cannot talk on the telephone. For anyone with voice troubles, the phone is the last hurdle. Think about how we talk on the phone—not always in our natural voice. In fact, that is why young children often resent phone calls to their mother, because the mother, who had been sounding strict and weary with her children, suddenly perks up and exudes friendliness into the phone. All children know that something is very different!

Right now, I am dying to exude friendliness into the phone, or even apathy. I've been a phone person since I called the Easter Bunny when I was four, and this isolated existence is lonely. Furthermore, when I first started writing notes on my legal pad to communicate, no one could read my writing. (You know what the computer does to penmanship.) E-mail is fine, but it can't convey nuance and isn't very good at irony.

No, silence is not golden. A picture may be worth a thousand words, but a good conversation is priceless.

*Susan*

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## Calendar of Events

*January 25 and every Sunday*—Canned food drive to benefit the Martin Luther King Community Center.

*February 1 (Sunday) at 9:15 A.M.*—Credo Forum, Cottage Library.

*February 1, 8 (Sunday) at 9:30 A.M.*—Children's Choir rehearsals.

*February 1 (Sunday) at 6 P.M.*—Board Games, Commons.

*Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1 (Monday) at 12:30 P.M.*—BULBs luncheons, Just Judy's.

*Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, May 5 (Tuesday) at 7 P.M.*—The Sunday Service as a Spiritual Practice, Cottage Library.

*February 4, 11, March 4, 11 (Wednesday) at 7:30 P.M.*—Choir rehearsal, Cottage Music Room.

*Feb. 5 (Thursday) at 6 P.M.*—UUI Women's Dinner, Shapiro's Deli Cafeteria, 808 S. Meridian St.

*February 7 (Saturday) at 6 P.M.*—30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary UUI History Wall—pitch-in dinner.

*Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A.M.*—UUI Downtown lunch, Eiteljorg Museum Sky City Café.

*February 12 (Monday) at 7 P.M.*—UUI Photography Club, Cottage Music Room. Subject: Visual Puns and Idioms.

*February 14 (Saturday) and March 15 (Sunday) at 12:15 P.M.*—UUI Drum Circle, Sanctuary.

*February 15, 22 (Sunday) at 9:30 A.M.*—Youth Ensemble rehearsals.

*February 15, May 17 (Sunday) after church service*—Congregational meetings, Sanctuary.

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