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Sunday, October 26, 2008

“The Church of Baseball”

How baseball (and sports in general), like church, can mean so much to a person’s identity. Worship Associates: **Matt Socey** and **Jenni White**. The Children’s Choir, directed by **Carol Kirk**, will sing a medley, *Look for the Silver Lining* and *Sunny Side Up*.

Sunday, November 2, 2008

“A Day for Stepping Over Thresholds”

Rev. Barbara Child

The Halloween costumes most in keeping with this past Friday’s holiday are skeletons and ghosts, since Halloween, like All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and the Day of the Dead on different people’s religious calendars, celebrates a day devoted to the dead. These are complicated holidays – filled with a fascinating mix of humor and quite serious memorials. By today you have put your Halloween costume away. Please bring a photograph or other memento of someone beloved in your memory. We will prepare an altar to display and honor them. Children are especially encouraged to bring special mementos to display. The Indianapolis Women’s Chorus will sing *Breaths*, adapted from a poem by **Birago Diop**, music by **Ysaye M. Barnwell**, and *Echoing Forth*, words and music by **Pamela Blevins Hinkle**. • **Fall Congregational Meeting**, after church.

Sunday, November 9, 2008

“In Praise of Heroes: What We Live For, What We Die For”

Rev. Barbara Child

At such a time as this, two days before Veterans’ Day and a little less than a week after the elections, it’s a good time for a new look at what heroism is all about and who we claim as heroes past and present. Special music: **Mary Behler** will play *Allegro moderato* from Sonata for Horn and Piano by Beethoven.

Sunday, November 16, 2008

“In So Many Words”

Rev. Barbara Child

Don’t I say “God” often enough to suit you? Or do I say it too often? Do you wish Sunday services here were not called “worship”? Are you glad or sorry we sing “hymns” on Sunday morning rather than “songs”? And what’s all this about “the language of reverence” that has gotten so much heated attention in Unitarian Universalist circles in recent years? If you doubt the power of language, well, this one’s for you! Special music: The Instrumental Ensemble will play *Hungarian Dance* arranged by **Brahms**.

In the Meantime— Rev. Barbara Child Interim Minister

This morning the e-mail thread made its way to my computer screen. It started, I think, with an e-mail from **Tom Robertson**, maybe just to **Stephanie**, his wife. Next it wove its way to the Strategic Planning Committee, and **Marty Miles** thought I might like to see it. She was right. More than right. I love it!

It's an account of an interview with **Tina Fey**. She talks about getting ready to move from Chicago to New York City to begin working for Saturday Night Live. In the midst of packing, she came across a folder on a bookshelf. She had written quotations all over the front of it, such as: "Greet everything with yes." And: "The fun is always on the other side of a yes."

The folder was from an improv class she had taken at Second City in Chicago. The quotes were some of the "rules" of improv. When she found the folder, she realized the class had changed her life. She thought of times when she had been asked to do something and her first inclination had been to think she wasn't ready for that or it was too early for this to happen to her. But the improv rules had become ingrained. "Say yes and you'll figure it out afterward." She said that saying yes allows you to move forward.

She realized that those rules had broader use than for her work in comedy. "Life is improvisation," she said. "All of those classes were like church to me. The training had seeped into me and changed who I am." Well, with thanks to Tom Robertson for his Sunday service last August on the lessons of improv, it seems to me this church also models improv's life-changing message.

The subject line of the e-mail on my screen read "Yes, let's!" It captures wonderfully the spirit I am encountering all over the place here. The Board is saying, "Yes, let's." The Path Forward Task Force, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Healthy Congregation Team, the Governance Task Force, the Worship and Arts Task Force, the Membership Committee, the Transition Team – they are all saying, "Yes, let's." I love it.

You too can ride this wave. One way is to come to the Congregational meeting on **November 2** and at the end of it turn in an RSVP form to me saying you will join this year's Consulting Group on Membership. Another way is to join in the series of conversations I'm calling "Creating a Beloved Community, Right Here, Right Now." Read all about it in the last issue of the *Eye* – and register quickly. This series is coming right up!

Barbara

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

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, or by her cell phone (812-345-4506). She is not available on Mondays except in case of emergency.

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Inside a Board Meeting

Have you ever wondered what happens at a Board of Trustees meeting? Although everyone is free to come and observe our meetings most members choose not to, so I thought I would share with you a glimpse of what takes place by describing the October meeting.

We are doing things a little different this year. We started with an ingathering in **Rev. Barbara Child**'s office where each of us talked briefly about something in the reading she provided. Afterwards we convened in the Music Room to start the business meeting. We began by appointing a process observer who took notes throughout the meeting and reported at the end on the effectiveness of the meeting.

After standing reports from the Interim Minister and the Treasurer, there was an update on our janitorial and buildings situation. After a couple of abortive attempts to locate a janitorial service, we have found one that our staff and tenant report is doing a very good job. In addition the Board approved **Gregory Hatcher** to serve as chair of the Buildings Committee.

The Board then received a recommendation from the Music Search Committee to hire **Dianna Davis** as Interim Music Director. I am happy to report that the Board has hired Dianna to this position. We also received and approved a revised charter for the Communications Committee from its chair, **Pam Blevins Hinkle**. And we discussed a replacement for a vacancy on the Leadership Fulfillment Committee.

We then turned our attention to the interim tasks to be accomplished this year. Barbara outlined a couple of ideas she is considering and the Board heartily endorsed her plans. We also discussed plans for the Congregational Meeting on **November 2**.

In gratitude to UUI the Indianapolis Women's Chorus has offered to perform a service project for the church. The Board discussed possibilities. Finally, the Board agreed to sponsor a game at the upcoming Halloween party.

All in all, a pretty typical board meeting.

David

Annual Leaf Raking at UUI Sunday, November 16, After Church

As we go about our church business, the leaves are gradually floating down to the ground in anticipation of the annual **Leaf Raking Party** at UUI. Once again, we call out to our loyal and hardworking members, friends, visitors, and their families to gather together to rid our church grounds of these pesky leaves.

Come help restore our property to the pristine condition that we all love. Any age can participate, and if you are a visitor or a fairly new member, you will find the leaf-raking event provides a perfect opportunity for fellowship. Take part in this honest and open UUI friendship experience.

If you have been around UUI for a while, then you know that the more workers we have, the faster we can clear our campus of leaves.

A delicious chili lunch will be served to everyone who helps.

If you are willing to bring and/or serve food, please call **Janet Cohen** at **873-6586**.

Mervyn Cohen, Robin Chestek, Grounds

Fall Congregational Meeting

We encourage all members to attend the fall Congregational Meeting after church on **Sunday, November 2**, in the Sanctuary. We will conduct some church business—voting on a new chair for the Buildings Committee and a new member of the Leadership Fulfillment Committee.

Most of the meeting, though, will feature a workshop conducted by our interim minister **Rev. Barbara Child** entitled *Consultation on Membership*. It is the first in a series of workshops that will be held throughout the church year on this important topic. The workshop at the Congregational Meeting will address what it means to be a member of this church and possible changes to ponder in the way UUI "does membership."

**Religious Education,
Family Ministry Team Member—
Stacy Robinson**

Welcome a Guest at Your Table

On November 30, 2008, we'll open our Guest at Your Table program to the entire congregation first during the Children's Focus and, then, we'll take time to discuss the program more in depth with our youth during their R.E. classes.

However, this program is not just for our youth. Now is the time when we all, young and old alike, need to reach out beyond ourselves and do what we can to ensure justice prevails in the world. When we bring home our Guest at Your Table boxes, our families and friends will learn about real struggles for justice in the United States and around the world.

With each box comes a copy of *Stories of Hope*, written to teach children, youth, and adults how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee helps to change our world for the better. The stories introduce you to human-rights champions like **Serafina**, the South African grandmother who partnered with UUSC and others to restore the constitutionally protected water rights of marginalized people.

When we share our blessings with our guests, we ensure that UUSC and people like Serafina can continue their important work.

And thanks to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, gifts of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched, dollar for dollar, doubling your good works.

If you miss picking up your Guest at Your Table box and *Stories of Hope*, you can do so at the R.E. table located next to the Welcome table in the Social Hall or by talking with **Robert Hopp**, our UUSC local representative.

Stacy

**Junior High Adviser—
Janet Brown**

The Junior High group is studying Neighboring Faiths this year, a UU curriculum in which the youth explore and visit nine faith communities within the Indianapolis area. So far this church school year, our UII 7th and 8th graders, along with parents and teachers, have attended services at First Friends of Indianapolis, a Quaker congregation, the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, and are invited this coming Sunday to Historic St. Mary Catholic Church in Lockerbie. Thank you **Swari Hahn, Rachael Bain, Diana Asberry-Ferber, Eric Hinkle** and **Chris Blystone** for teaching.

A big thank-you to our Senior High class who put together the wonderful silk mandalas they painted, along with many UU Senior High youth from churches all over our Heartland District. As hosts of the highly successful Senior High "*CONtagious*" conference, led by **Leslie Massicotte**, our youth created the mandalas, with proceeds going to the UII Service Auction. Thanks to all for sharing your artistic gifts and to **Leslie and Elise Massicotte** and **Ruth Hinkle** for heading up this project. Your art is glowing in many windows of our church family.

Blessings, *Janet*

UU Buddhist Fellowship

The UU Buddhist Fellowship meets at **6:30 P.M.** in the Sanctuary on the first **Monday** and third **Tuesday** of each month. We will meet **Monday, November 3**, and **Tuesday, November 18**. Our typical schedule is sitting meditation for 20 minutes, walking meditation for 10 minutes, and sitting meditation for 20 minutes. We finish with 30 minutes of discussion. We will be discussing **Plato's Republic**. Anyone interested in meditation, mindfulness or Buddhism is welcome. For more information, contact **Vince Mathews** at **317-873-4422** or vmathews@iupui.edu.

New Music Director

Please welcome our new interim music director, **Dianna Davis**. We are excited to be working with a person with such a dynamic vision and so many fresh ideas for our music program. Dianna earned her B.M. at Millikin University with a double major in clarinet and piano, and her M.M. from I.U. in clarinet performance. As we all know, she has played for our church services and accompanied the UUI choir since September 2005, and she also plays for the Indianapolis Women's Chorus. Dianna has been teaching music students this year and accompanies the choir at Bishop Chatard High School. She is the Director of School Programs for the Midwest School of Music, where she gives lessons in piano, woodwinds, and voice. Dianna's instrumental skills include piano, clarinet, flute, bass guitar, and djembe.

She is a native of Lebanon, Illinois, and she comes by her music naturally. Her great-grandfather made violins, and another great-grandfather wrote hymns for the Mormon Church. Her great-grandmother played piano for silent films, and her grandmother was a singer for a local radio station. Many of her cousins play and compose music.

Welcome, Dianna.

My thanks go to the dedicated members of the music director search committee who worked tirelessly over the past few months to make sure we selected the right person to be our interim music director. Thank you to **Sylvia Maiuri, Barry Childs-Helton, Robin Chestek, Carol Kirk, and Liz Efroymsen**.

Lucy Park Newton

Heartland District Newsletter

Do you know what is going on in your UUA District? Did you even know there was a UUA District Office? I didn't; I had no idea there was a District Office, let alone that it was right in my hometown of Indianapolis—until I applied for a job there.

That was a couple of months ago now, and since then I have really had my eyes opened to all of

the things that a District Office provides for member congregations and individuals.

In my UU history, I have been affiliated with three UU churches in three states; but I never remembered being told about any District Office or the types of services they provide. Of course, I never asked either.

If you want to know what is going on, why not subscribe to the Heartland District of the UUA online Newsletter: *Heartline*? It is easy and unobtrusive. There are two methods to sign up; online at the Heartland District Office website or via e-mail to the Heartland Office; each method should take you less than 5 minutes to complete.

Heartline On-Line is published every other Thursday. Feel free to send announcements, articles or news from your congregation to office@heartlanduu.org to be included in the newsletter.

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I hope to see you on our newsletter rolls in the near future.

Colleen Kelly

UUI Board Games

Board Games will meet in the Commons from **6 to 9 P.M.** on the first **Sunday** of the month. (Next meeting: **November 2.**) Bring a game or two, a snack to share, and your own beverage and napkin, plate, etc.

Looking for Thanksgiving Plans?

Singles are invited to share Thanksgiving dinner on **Thursday, November 27, at 1 P.M.** at the Old Country Buffet on South 31. For more information contact **Mary Hunt** at indymary@peoplepc.com.

Credo Forum

Sunday, November 2, 9:15 to 10:15 A.M., Cottage Music Room

Does Science Make Belief in God Obsolete?

This is the first of the “Big Questions” that was posed by the **John Templeton** Foundation to a group of leading scientists and scholars. We invite you to this special forum discussion to share your thoughts with us. If you would like to read some opinions online first, check this website: <http://www.templeton.org/questions/purpose>. We always welcome new faces and new ideas. For more information contact **David Jackoway** at 844-7193 or **Lowell McCoskey** at 253-3025.

Creating A Beloved Community Right Here, Right Now

4 Wednesday evening gatherings
for reflection, personal sharing, and discussion
with **Rev. Barbara Child**
7 - 9 P.M. in the Social Hall

Nov. 5: Telling the Truth about Who We Are – or “What’s in a Name?”

What does it mean to be a Unitarian Fellowship? A Unitarian Universalist Church? A Beloved Community? Which is UUI, or are you something else altogether? What difference does it make?

Nov. 12: Journeying Together – or “You Can’t Be a UU By Yourself”

What is the effect of being covenantal rather than creedal? What does it mean to be a welcoming congregation? What does it mean to be a genuine community in right relation with others? What do the Unitarian Universalist Association and the District have to do with it?

Nov. 19: Getting Out the Door – or “Ain’t We Got Good News?”

How do Unitarian Universalists go about being in a world full of people who are not Unitarian Universalist – or not UU yet? What about the ones who are UU without knowing it? What’s the difference between articulating or living our faith and proselytizing?

Dec. 3: Looking Ahead – or “Is the Future Safe with Us?”

What are people saying about the future of organized religion in general and Unitarian Universalism in particular? What do our congregations and our faith need to thrive? Are they worth investing in? What is your vision for the future here? Quick now, what does your mission statement say? Does it express a purpose that you put into action together?

Recommended background reading: *Growing a Beloved Community: Twelve Hallmarks of a Healthy Congregation* by **Tom Owen-Towle** and *The Almost Church: Redefining Unitarian Universalism for a New Era* by **Michael Durall**.

To register: Call 317-283-4760 or e-mail office@uui.org

Maximum participants: first 25 registered

Thank You

Many thanks from the primary occupants of the Cottage – **Barbara Child**, Interim Minister, and **Vanessa Fry**, Office Administrator – to the crew who have transformed the building with its bright new paint and clean windows. We are most grateful to **Colin Murphy** and **John Russell**, who organized the effort, and to the rest of the crew: **Ed Archer**, **Gary Houdek**, **Bob Kirk**, **Peter Langowski**, **Matt Maybury**, **Susan Porter**, **Jeannette Rowe**, and **Greg Whiteker**. Thanks also to the UUI Board for supporting the effort, especially **Mervyn Cohen**, who held a fundraiser for supplies and gave the use of his power washer. And finally, thanks to all who donated money for paint, supplied refreshments, and gave the crew encouragement along the way. This project was a major effort, much appreciated!

The Choir and the Music Committee are very grateful to **Sylvia Maiuri** for stepping in as Music Director Pro Tem during September and October while the search committee conducted our search. Sylvia, being the consummate musician she is, has done a superb job—plus, we all had a lot of fun. Thank you, Sylvia.

Lucy Newton

While many folks have opted to receive the *Eye* via e-mail, we still have people who do not have e-mail or prefer to receive a printed copy, plus we send printed copies to various people and churches out of town. Therefore, despite being in the modern electronic age, we are still very dependent on our loyal and lovable folders. The paper copy of the October 8 *Eye* went out because of **Gary Houdek** (labels), **Larry Miller**, who also did the post office trip, **Judy Archer**, **Susan Ham**, **Terry Knickerbocker**, and **Wendy Dougherty**. And thank you again to **Vanessa Fry**, our helper in the office.

Thank you all who volunteered your efforts, your gifts and your financial support to the Service Auction, Saturday October 18. **Janet Brown** and I could not have done it without the help of many hands

and hearts. Together we made a total of **\$9,500.00+!** Not bad for a smaller-than-preferred gathering, but we learned a lot and we had a good time in community with each other supporting the church we love. Special thanks go to **Colleen Skole**, **Heliene** and **Gary Houdek** and **Colin** and **Carolyn Murphy**. Thank you also to our professional auctioneer **John Cote**, **Judith Ann Roland** and **Carlyn Johnson** for helping check-in, spotter **Donna Jacobsen**, **Jamie Fenner** for handling beverages, **Judy Pleiss** for organizing food contributions, **Mindy Hutchinson** for arts organization and food, **Ken Rader**, audio, **Liz Efrogmson-Brooks**, music and food, **Jeannette Rowe**, “**Vanna White**,” **Jen** and **Mike Sinclair**, bartending, **Dominique Leveque**, checkout assistant, **Holly Hendrickson**, childcare, and **Sarah Birkhead** and **Leslie** and **Elise Massicotte**, babysitters.

Some items were not sold but will be held for another time this year, as well as some dinners and other offerings that were not sold out. These unsold items will have a chance to resurface. Watch for updates in the *Eye* and you will have another opportunity to join in the fun. Thank you, everybody.

Kathy Oguss

Editor’s note: we would be remiss if we didn’t note all the detailed work and publicity for the auction organized by **Kathy Oguss**. She has worked on this project for a long time, and while she did have some wonderful helpers, she persisted and managed to get everything done. We are grateful to her and **Janet Brown** for helping UUI put on a very successful auction.

UUI Photo Club

The assignment for the **November 10** meeting is *Clouds*. Looking ahead, December is *Still Life*. There is a second assignment, working on an image provided by **Karl Zemlin** this month. For more information, contact Wendy Dougherty at Wdougherty@indy.rr.com. January is *A Word or A Name or an Alphabet Found in Other Objects*. The photo club meets the second **Monday** of the month in the Cottage Library at **7 P.M.**

Social Justice



Great Efforts for a Great Cause

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the CROP Walk for Hunger bake sale during coffee hour October 12. Due to all your hard work—baking, setting up, cleaning up and buying the items—UUI raised **\$331** to donate to CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) to fight local and worldwide hunger.

UUA Action of the Month: Iran

During October, join UUs across the nation to Publish for Peace. The goal is to get one letter-to-the-editor or op-ed published in each UU district. For more information, visit <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice>.

Halloween is just around the corner.

Is the chocolate you'll be handing out to trick or treaters fair trade?

284,000 children toil in abusive labor conditions in West Africa's cocoa fields. Cocoa companies pay prices so low that many cocoa farmers cannot meet their families' basic needs. Purchasing fair-trade chocolate will help eliminate forced and abusive child labor practices, will allow farming families to earn a price that is adequate to meet their basic human needs, and environmentally sustainable production methods will be required. You can read more about the importance of purchasing fair trade chocolate at <http://www.coopamerica.org/programs/fairtrade/trickortreat.cfm>

Sunday, October 26

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a letter-writing activity at the RE Halloween Party at noon on **Sunday, October 26**, in the Social Hall. Stop by and pick a topic (What Scares You the Most?). We'll have plenty of topics to choose from.

Friday, November 14

Documentary Film Night. More details and film (on the subject of poverty) to be announced. Proceeds will go to the UUI Youth's Habitat for Humanity fund.

UUI Social Justice Committee Meetings

What's your passion? What breaks your heart? Join the Social Justice Committee in the Cottage at **7 P.M.** the second **Tuesday** of each month and/or the first **Sunday** of each month at **noon**. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 11**. Due to the Fall Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 2**, we will **not** meet at that time. A new date will be announced. Families are always welcome at our functions.

If you're unable to attend our meetings, but would like to be involved in our efforts, please contact **Susanne Hinson-Rieger** at **418-1679**. Also, if you're not sure you want to join the committee, but would like to attend a meeting to see what we're about, we would love to have you visit.

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Please bring your can for the food drive to benefit the MLK Center.

Spirit & Place

IWC—a Triple Treat

How often can you find three wonderful experiences in one day? Good fortune will be yours if you attend the upcoming concerts of the Indianapolis Women's Chorus on **Sunday, November 16**, at **2 P.M.** or **7 P.M.** at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art—Clowes Sculpture Court.

- Entitled *Sound Sport*, the concerts will feature wacky sounds, vocal games, mouth and body percussion, spoken chorus, improvisation, and more in an imaginative, family-friendly performance. In addition, percussionist and ethnomusicologist **Sally Childs-Helton** has written a new work for boomwhackers, which are tuned, colorful plastic tubes. Come hear the world premiere with the IWC.

- Concert ticket-holders will get **free** admission to the Eiteljorg that weekend, including entrance to the special *Our Land* exhibit opening that day which includes 50 pieces of Inuit contemporary art. Parking? That's free for ticket holders too. While the museum closes at **5 P.M.** on Sunday, you can plan around that: visit the exhibit, have dinner, and then return for the concert.

- As part of the IWC concert, guest Inuit artists **Kendra Tagoona** and **Charlotte Qamaniq** will also share music—authentic throat music—and other forms of Inuit artistic expression. You can read about their performing troupe at www.inuitculturalperformers.com.

Don't miss these three “treats,” but also come to support IndyChoruses' important mission of building bridges of understanding on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities.

See any of these concert performers for a ticket: **Lucy McCoskey, Marty Miles, Pam Blevins Hinkle** (artistic director), **Dianna Davis** (pianist), **Stephanie Lewis Robertson, Janet McCabe, Shannon McGuire**, and **Edith Millikan**. Tickets: advance price, \$15; \$5 age 2-12. Website: <http://www.indychoruses.org/iwc>

This event is part of the Spirit & Place Festival.

But Is It Art?

Please join us for the all-day Spirit & Place Festival event *But Is It Art? Exploring Boundaries and Transforming Communities* at UUI on **Saturday November 1**, from **10 A.M.** to **6 P.M.** UUI is a partner, along with Susurrus Artists Inc. and Stutz Artists. See the September 24 *Eye* for more information. Facilitators and panelists include UUI members **Sally Childs-Helton, Stephanie Robertson**, and **Amy Kindred**. For more information, see the Spirit & Place booklet, website www.spiritandplace.org or call Sally at **251-8099** for information or to register for a workshop.

Create an Ethical Will

An ethical will offers a narrative for your family and friends that recounts your beliefs, blessings, and life lessons as well as your hopes and dreams. Learn how to develop this legacy of love on **Saturday, November 8, 2008**, from **1 to 3 P.M.** at UUI as part of this year's Spirit & Place Festival. The workshop will be led by **Susanne Gaudin**, a trained board member of Compassion and Choices of Indiana. The program is free; pre-registration is requested so that there will be a packet of information for each participant. For questions and registration please contact **Susan Pratt** at **253-7061** or pratt8460@gmail.com.

Arty Bash

The Arty Bash will be a little earlier this year. Put **Saturday, April 4, 6 to 9 P.M.**, on your calendar. The Arty Bash is the entertainment event of the year, brought to you by the Fine Arts Committee and the Music Committee. The artwork for the Arty Bash will be collected on **Friday, March 13 (6 to 8 P.M.)**, and **Friday, March 14 (10 to noon)**.

Art for the *Imagination* Exhibit

The next all-church exhibit, *Imagination*, will go up **Sunday, October 26**, at **2 P.M.**, after the Halloween party. If you are interested in participating in this exhibit, please contact **Wendy Dougherty** (Wdougherty@indy.rr.com or **255-7039**) with the label information ahead of time (your name, title, medium, and any explanation you want to have on a label). Send label information by **October 24**. The artwork needs to be at the church following the service on Sunday, October 26. Photographs, paintings, prints, fabric work, sculpture, and any other medium or technique qualify.

Please write your name and phone number on the **back** of your artwork. Write your name and title on a Post-it and put it on the **front** of your artwork to help us match the label to the artwork.

Worship and Arts Committee

The Breakthrough Worship and Arts Committee will meet in the Cottage on **Wednesday, October 29**, from **7 to 8:30 P.M.**

Happy Birthday in November

- 1 David Oesterreich
- 1 Mike Wendel
- 1 Mary Jia Ying Bassett
- 4 Alaina Babbar-Sebens
- 4 Alex Stroup
- 4 Matt Wendel
- 5 Emma Rose Socey
- 5 Meredith Eastwood
- 6 Bill Marsh
- 6 Helarn Mauro (born 1914)
- 8 Joanne Smiddie-Brush
- 8 Judith Ann Roland
- 9 Lucy Blystone
- 9 Robin Riebsomer
- 9 Candy Mooney
- 10 Bette Maybury
- 10 Colleen Kelly
- 11 Spencer Smith Bures

- 13 Rebecca Bushong
- 14 William Raccoli Harvey
- 14 Aaron Copland (1900-1990)
- 14 Eylie Cassis Maybury
- 15 Jill Chambers
- 15 Steve Peck
- 16 Anna Elizabeth Dougherty
- 16 Ann Pleiss
- 17 Caroline Zemlin
- 17 Ellen Zemlin
- 17 Arabella Fee
- 18 Carol Killen
- 18 Kinzua LeSuer
- 19 Ginny Hays-Bennett
- 20 Mary Lou Moriarty
- 20 Carla Remenschneider
- 20 Scott Jackoway
- 22 Janet McCabe
- 22 Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1982)
- 23 Angie Luessow
- 23 Erin Jackson
- 23 Susan Cassada
- 24 Stephen Beck
- 27 Myrna DeAgostino
- 27 Bill Watts
- 29 Ambria Carpenter
- 30 Mac Sutphin
- 30 Rebecca Dworschack

Happy Anniversary

- 25 Jane and John Richert (1978)
- 27 Graham Brinklow and Matt Keller (2004)

Welcome To Our Visitors

- Sunday, October 12, 2008
 - Stefanie Barley & Cheryl Rins
 - Carole Rust
 - Bob Rust
- Sunday, October 19, 2008
 - Audrey Carson
 - Jason & Aleia Frazee
 - Dave Lynch

From the Editor—*Susan Raccoli*

Do you spend all day at the computer? Believe me, many of us could do that, and never lack for anything to read. One of these days we will evolve back to fish and find our legs have turned into clamps to hold us to the computer chair.

This is just a sampling of the newsletters that I receive online—some monthly, some weekly, and some more often than that: ACLU, Arts Council of Indianapolis, Broad Ripple Farmers Market, Doctors Without Borders, Heartline On-Line, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, International Violin Competition, IU Jacobs School of Music, MoveOn.org, National Religious Campaign Against Torture, Peace/Justice Feature, Traders Point Farm Organics, UUCS newsletter, UUSC, WFYI, and various other arts and political organizations, my professional organist, church music and Catholic newsletters, plus the usual commercial newsletters, our bank and credit card, and all the spam and junk, which I delete. In addition, I like to start the day reading *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post*. Throw in personal e-mails from our sons, my cousins, out-of-town friends, various websites for friends who are seriously ill, and forwardings of jokes, political commentary, sentimental stories, and the inevitable hoaxes.

The result of all this online communication can be glazed eyes and a recurring desire to return to the real world of actual conversation. Online communication is fast and cheap, and allows us to reach many more people than we can through the post office. Thus, as a Green Sanctuary church, we now offer the *Eye* online, and we encourage people to utilize this service to save costs and natural resources. But sometimes we have to step back and ask ourselves: what is the purpose of a newsletter? To communicate. But are we really communicating when we go online?

The techies tell us to start files for important newsletters so we can read them later. But when is later? And if we wait until later, even more newsletters will have arrived. Do we really want to return to something from last week? Because everyone gets so much e-mail, some organizations, including UUI, now send out e-mail reminders. Our E-Newsletter on Oct. 15 contained 13 items and two attachments. And if you are reading this, you have the Oct. 23 *Eye*. Will you remember everything printed? Would you be more likely to check back to the *Eye* in print or online?

A few folks have told me that they print the online version at home. If you do this, you might as well order the official print version, which is printed on both sides. I can't tell you how many trees are involved but I can quote you prices: we pay 5.5 cents to copy each page of the *Eye*. Postage to mail 261 copies of the Oct. 8 issue was \$32.47.

I know—I sound like a Luddite. And I really don't want to get my Smith-Corona typewriter out of the crawl space to produce the *Eye*. However, a mere mention of typewriters calls to mind that **Jody Webb** produced the *Eye* that way for a long time. At this point, we must regard her heroic service with awe.

My point is that at UUI we do have a choice. I may be going against current philosophy, but if you want to receive the *Eye* in print, don't be ashamed to admit that. A newsletter should communicate, and that is more important than how you receive it. *Susan*

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 23, Nov. 13 (Thursday) at 7 P.M.—UUI Wisdom Circle, Cottage.

October 23 (Thursday) at 7 P.M.—CUUPs.

October 26 and every Sunday—Canned food drive to benefit the Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-Service Center in UUI's neighborhood.

October 26 (Sunday) at 9:30 A.M.—Children's Choir rehearsals.

October 26 (Sunday) at noon—All-church Halloween party, Social Hall and Sanctuary.

October 28, November 25, December 30 (Tuesday) at 7 P.M.—UUI Knitters, Cottage Library.

October 29 (Wednesday) at 7 P.M.—Breakthrough Worship and Arts Committee, Cottage.

November 1 (Saturday) at 10 A.M.—But Is It Art?, UUI.

November 2 (Sunday) at 9:15 A.M.—Credo Forum, Cottage.

November 2 (Sunday) after church—Fall Congregational meeting, UUI.

November 2 (Sunday) at 6 P.M.—Board Games, Commons.

Nov. 3 (Monday), Nov. 18 (Tuesday) at 6:30 P.M.—UU Buddhist Fellowship, Sanctuary.

November 3, December 1 (Monday) at 12:30 P.M.—BULBs luncheons, Just Judy's.

November 4, December 2 (Tuesday) at 7 P.M.—Drumming Circle, Social Hall.

November 5 (Wednesday) at 6 P.M.—UUI Women's Dinner, Salvatore's Restaurant.

November 5, 12, 19, December 3 (Wednesday) at 7 P.M.—Creating a Beloved Community Right Here, Right Now, Social Hall.

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