

NORTHEAST IOWA
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
Alternate Sundays
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. SERVICE BEGINS
Senior Center, 806 River St. Decorah

**NORTHEAST
IOWA**

UUF

**April/May
2006**



Service Dates:

April 9

**Experiencing the Real
Mexico**

Mary and Peter Jorgensen and
Luther students will present a
program based on their January
'06 travels.

April 23

**Flower Communion
Sunday**

In this traditional UU service, we
will welcome new members,
recognize the unique qualities
that all of our members bring to
our fellowship, and reflect upon
the wonders of our world on this
Earth Day Weekend.

May 7

**Unitarian Universalists
Defined: Annual Meeting
Potluck Brunch!**

At this service preceding our
annual meeting, we will look at a
little history of our denomination.

May 21

Why "Small is Beautiful"

It's been all of thirty years now since I
read E.F. Schumacher's book *Small is
Beautiful*. All I can recall of it is that the
author was a proponent of sustainable,
localized, small scale, labor-intensive
economies rather than monolithic capital-
intensive systems. More than any of the
content, the title of that book has stuck
with me through the years as a reminder
that bigger is not necessarily better, that
interdependence, intimacy, and personal
accountability/responsibility are beautiful
things that ought to be sought out and
celebrated.

Although our Fellowship has been
growing quickly, we are still small enough
to know each other, to greet each other
on the street or the grocery store, to
share a little of our lives with other UU

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Northeast Iowa UU Fellowship will be co-sponsoring a public forum on **“Making Our Schools Safe for GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender) Students”** on Thursday, April 6, at the Decorah High School Auditorium, from 7-9 p.m. The Fellowship joins several co-sponsors in support of this forum, which is one of several taking place across the state of Iowa.

The **Prairie Star District of the UUA** will be holding its **annual conference April 28-30 in Iowa City**. Registration for the full conference is \$130, the “early bird” rate offered until March 28. Rooms are \$99/night and have the capacity to sleep four persons. If you are interested in attending (and those who went last year recommend it highly!), please call Bill Musser at 382-3458 to coordinate your registration and accommodations with those of others planning to attend. If the price tag is the only thing that keeps you from attending, the Fellowship will find a way to assist you.

WE RECEIVED THE GRANT!!

The Northeast Iowa UU Fellowship has just been informed that we will receive the **Chalice Lighters grant from the Prairie Star District for the full amount requested, \$7,000**, for the coming fiscal year! The grant is for developing educational and child-related programs and also for publicity and advertising (we need to get the work out about all we have to offer!)

A huge thanks goes to Bill Musser for preparing the proposal for that grant!!

friends and members, knowing they do in fact, care. The intimacy of our Fellowship is what makes the “joys, concerns, and milestone” portion of our service so important and so relevant to our community life. What affects one can affect all, however indirectly. We need to always acknowledge the fact of our interdependence. We need to let everyone know s/he is significant, accountable, responsible, and beautiful, that each person matters, that every individual can make a difference in our journey together, in our common quest for truth.

We are at a turning point in our Fellowship. Those of us who initiated this little experiment in spiritual community are beginning to step backstage and encourage others to come to the front, to join a new generation of leadership. We are asking individuals to step forward by serving on the board of trustees and participating in committee work. We are seeking volunteers to continue making this small community a beautiful one.

Can you make the time in your busy schedule to donate a few hours a month in service to the Northeast Iowa UU Fellowship? Please consider your time, your particular gifts, your interests, and your ability to follow through with concrete action to make a difference for our Fellowship. Every person counts. Every person is important. We all share responsibility for being the future we desire. Please say “yes” to our common future by saying “yes” to serving the Fellowship in the coming year.

Thank you for being part of this community. Help keep it going!

Bill Musser, Board Chair