

**NORTHEAST IOWA  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:30 a.m. SERVICE BEGINS

Senior Center, 806 River St. Decorah  
Questions? Call 382-3137

**NORTHEAST  
IOWA**

**UUF**

**February/March  
2005**

**February 27  
Finding the Thaw**

A meditation on the nature of being "stuck", stubborn, or frozen in place.

**Nancy Barry  
Luther College  
English Professor**

Nancy Barry is a writer and teacher who has been a member of the Luther College English department for fifteen years.

**March 13  
Relevance &  
Reverence:**

Everyone has a blog. Everyone reads the Note. Anyone, at anytime, can read the front page of the Washington Post. Here's a counter-cultural question: What if being relevant has more to do with reverence and less to do with the noisy, narcissism of activity and technology? What if, in the grand scheme of things, your fellowship became known as that quiet little place, where people slow down to eat, say grace before meals, bow in respect to one another, listen carefully and find lots of opportunities to pray, reflect, meditate, and slow down? Quiet, simple ramblings from a voracious reader of several blogs and washingtonpost.com

**Roger Butts  
Minister,  
Davenport UU  
Fellowship**

**March 27**

**Loyal Rue  
Luther College  
Philosophy/Religion  
Professor**

**April 10  
HIV-AIDS in South**

**Africa: The Governments  
Response and Ours**

**Martin Klammer  
Luther College  
Assitant Professor  
African Studies**

**Joy Conrad  
Luther College  
Instructor in English**

**April 24  
Common Fire:**

**Lighting the Common Fire of  
Justice on the Prairie -**  
Tom LoGuidice will introduce our group to the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the Prairie Star District Justice Network in this service devoted to social justice.

Also:  
*Soren Darling's  
Blessing Ceremony*

**Tom LoGuidice  
Prairie Star District  
Social Justice Network**

**Beginnings!**

This is a time for celebration! We, the Northeast Iowa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, are now officially a part of the national body, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). We give thanks for all the caring and dedicated people who have worked together for these last two years, guided by a vision of a new spiritual community. Although the birthing process can be a challenging time, it also offers an exciting opportunity to be co-creators. By listening to each other, by allowing our conversations to be "guided by the questions", we have a chance to shape a spiritual community that truly nourishes and sustains all of its members. During our January and February services, we explored the theme of "beginnings" from the grand creation stories, to the personal journeys of individual members. As we grow, let us continue to be inspired by the creative energies that abound in us all. Together we can do marvelous things!

Sue Otte, President NEIUUF Board

## **Unitarian Universalist Association Principles:**

*We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:*

- ? The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- ? Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- ? Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- ? A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- ? The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- ? The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- ? Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

*Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.*

**NE IOWA  
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306 Center Avenue  
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***“Expect, watch for, and  
embrace uncertainty.  
Dance with the madness of  
the cosmos and not against  
it. Leave your door open  
and your heart ready for  
anything.”***

(Venessa Rush Southern,  
“This Piece of Eden”, UUA 2003)

# INVITATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ITEMS OF INTEREST:

## **WANTED! Newsletter Submissions**

If you have anything you'd like to see added to this bi-monthly NEIA UU newsletter, please send submissions to: Shirley Vermace at svermace@alpinecom.net. This can include one or two line classified ads, announcements, invitations, article ideas, famous quotes, meeting notices of interest to UU members, just about anything!

## **CHILD NAMING - BLESSING - WELCOMING**

The NE Iowa UUF can now perform child-naming or new child welcoming ceremonies in our fellowship. If interested, please call a member of the Programs Committee (Bill Musser, Sue Otte, or Betsy Peirce) to reserve a special Sunday for your child's service. Any children, regardless of age, can have part of a service dedicated to the celebration of their existence!



## **MARCH OF DIMES - WALKAMERICA**

Anyone interested in making a donation or walking with a team, please contact Ruth Jenkins-Huinker at 387-1463 or jenkinru@luther.edu. Ruth's son, Rex, was born weighing 1 lb 11 oz. at 25 weeks gestation in 2002 and research funded by March of Dimes helped Rex survive his premature birth. Please consider giving your time or monetary donation to this great organization - Ruth's team goal is \$1000! Get your walking shoes on and join in the fun!

### **NEIA UUF**

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2005**

Sue Otte - Chair  
Bill Musser - Vice-Chair/Chair Elect  
Shirley Vermace - Secretary  
Betsy Peirce - Treasurer  
Janet Lambert - Trustee  
Darrel Hoff - Trustee

### **MARCH TRUSTEES MEETING:**

**Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sue Otte's home, 306 Center Ave.**  
**Ph: 563/382-3137**  
**Anyone is welcome to attend.**

## **NE IOWA UUF Friends & Members:**

Kristin Albertson

Margaret Baird

Nancy Barry

Laura Beard

Harvey Benson

Allard Bergan

Elyse Cohrs

Dennis & Brenda Darling

Parker Deen

Mark & Michelle Eichinger

Darrel & Ardith Hoff

Carol Hagen

John & LouAnn Hall

Tim Hayes

Connie Hvitved

Ruth Jenkins

Pat & Paul Johnson

Mary & Peter Jorgensen

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Annette Laitinen

Janet Lambert

Bill Musser

Sue Otte

Janelle Pavlovec

Betsy Peirce

Mona Quinn

Kathryn Reed-Maxfield

Janis Rockabrand

Liz Rog

Harlan & Sonja Satrom

Thea Satrom

Shirley & Mike Vermace

Jim Wolfe

**THANK YOU** FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING OUR FIRST YEAR  
TOGETHER AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE MANY YEARS TO COME!