

UU NEWS

NORTHEAST IOWA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2009



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

Historic Bethania Lutheran Church
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Decorah, Iowa 52101
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FEBRUARY REMINDER!

Please be reminded that all services in the month of February will begin at 10:00am followed by a coffee hour at 11:00am. We will begin at 10:00am sharp, so please make every effort to be there on time!

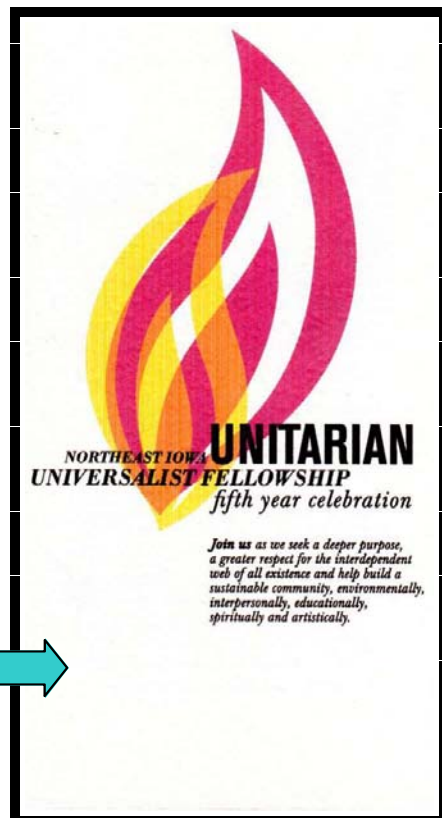


Ellen MacDonald presents a \$500 donation from the NEIUUF to Joan Nelson at Northeast Iowa Community Action for the area's home heating fuel assistance program.

Be sure to check out the new NEIUUF informational brochure put together by the Membership Committee to help celebrate our 5th year as a congregation!

It details education, social justice, programming, and principles along with a statement on our mission and goals that were set at our recent retreat. It will advance membership efforts. Pick one up and see what you think!

If you have other ideas about how we could celebrate our 5th Anniversary, please share them!!



NEIUUF CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8

Sustainable Future
Network - Project
Discussion w/fellowship

Sunday, February 15

Defining Happiness

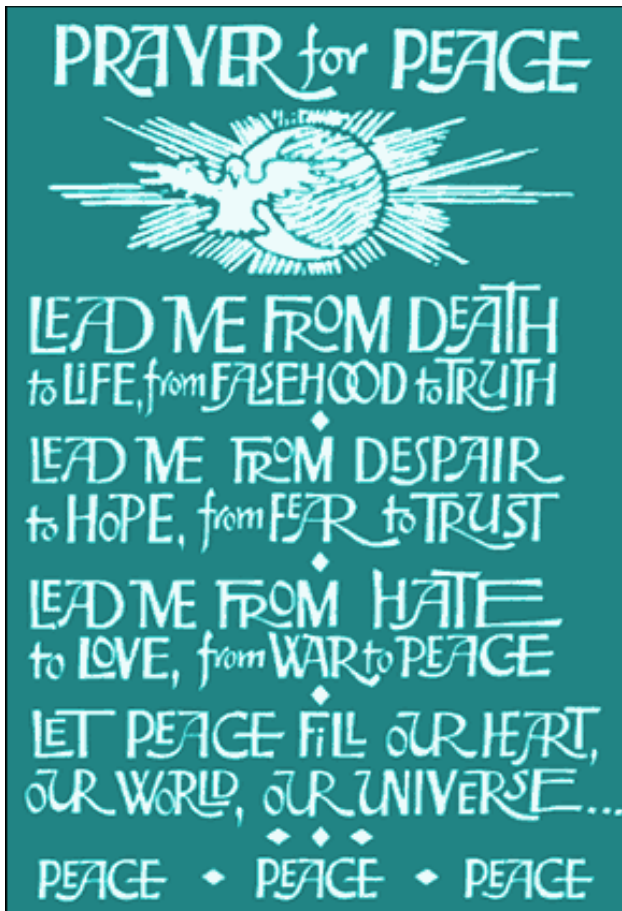
Sunday, February 22

Part II - "Blessed Unrest"
discussion

Sunday, March 1

UU Principle Discussion -
"Free and Open Mind"

*Some of the services
coming your way!*



Sunday, March 8

TBA

Sunday, March 15

Conflict and Resolution
in Northern Ireland

Sunday, March 22

Immigration Stories

REMINDER

All
February
Services
Begin
at
10:00am
Coffee
Hour
to follow
at
11:00am

Childcare
is available
at all
NEIUUF
Sunday
Services

Services
held
every
Sunday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One more reminder!

For the month of February we will be starting services at 10:00am, in order to have the coffee and conversation after the service. This is a trial to give people the chance to see how they respond to it. The programming and ministry committee looks forward to hearing people's reactions. Contact Nancy Barry with your thoughts as the month progresses (email Nancy at barrynan@luther.edu or call 563/387-1591.) Beginning on March 1, we will return to the coffee and fellowship held before the service, with the service starting at 10:30.am. Thank you!

BECOME A MEMBER!

Interested in becoming a member of the NEIUUF? We have some friendly and helpful people to answer your questions: Bruce Jordan (382-1780) LouAnn Hall (735-5311) and Bill Jurs (382-5525)

Joys and Sorrows

The time for joys and sorrows is an essential part of our weekly gathering. The sharing of thoughts and feelings is most welcome during this time. Since much of the service still remains, however, please be brief, if possible, out of courtesy for the day's program and for presenters. Thank you!

Ministerial Outreach

Unforeseen troubles come our way from time to time. If you, or someone you know in the fellowship, could use some help, please contact Sue Otte at 382-3137. We may be able to provide support, or short term monetary assistance.

Our Blue Boat Home: Living the Seventh Principle

Prairie Star District Annual Conference, April 3-5, 2009, Duluth, MN. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.psduua.org>. Now is the time to register to attend this weekend of workshops and fellowship! If you think you may be interested by have more questions about it, you could talk to one of these NEIUUF members who have attended the workshop in past years: LouAnn Hall 563/735-5311, Beth Wahlberg 563/382-3798, or Darryl and Ardith Hoff 563/562-3778 .

MEMBERSHIP

Five easy things you can do that will help our fellowship grow!

1. Invite friends to UU services. Indeed, there are people out there looking for something more or trying to find a better spiritual connection. Help them out!
2. Forward to friends our email alerts of upcoming services or guide them to our website, www.neiuuf.org.
3. Go ahead and brag! It really is okay to tell people about our wonderful services, RE for our youth, social justice actions and our future plans.
4. Carry with you the wallet-sized card outlining our principles. As you talk about Unitarian Universalism offer it to those who want to know more.
5. Show your best hospitality. Remember to welcome everyone to our services, be engaging and be sure to ask visitors to come again!



New Member Recognition - Melanie!

We want to announce a welcome to Melanie Heindl! Melanie is originally from Appleton, Wisconsin area and graduated from Lawrence university in 2008. She is currently a Hall Director in Ylvisaker Hall at Luther College. She will be moving in the summer, however, to Milwaukee to pursue a master's degree in Ardith Therapy. Her free time is spent volunteering, reading, painting, and learning how to knit! Melanie can be reached at 920-574-8371. We appreciate her kind spirits, talents and desire to be active in the congregation and the community. **WELCOME MELANIE!**



“Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair”

Kahlil Gibran

Important Announcement on Member Pledges . . .

We almost have completed more than half of the pledge year here at the Fellowship. The NEIUUF Finance Committee just finished its review of the congregation's financial picture for the final half of the pledge year, you should have received a pledge update statement recently from Tom Wahlberg, the NEIUUF treasurer. If you have not yet received your 2008 giving statement, contact Tom at 382-3798 or wahlbergs@netins.net. If you expect any changes to what you have pledged for the remainder of this fiscal year, January 1 - June 30, please send a note ASAP to Tom Wahlberg, UU Treasurer (wahlbergs@netins.net), so that we may plan accordingly.

Thank you, *J. Hall*

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

DATE

SNACKS & CLEAN UP

GREETER

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ONLY, COFFEE/SOCIAL TIME WILL BE AT 11:00am, FOLLOWING THE 10:00am SERVICES. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY DURING THIS MONTH. THANK YOU!

February 8	Janelle Pavlovec / Carol Hagen	Michelle Eichinger
February 15	Daryl and Ardith Hoff	Brenda Burke
February 22	John Snyder / Laura Beard	Bruce Jordan

BACK TO REGULAR SOCIAL TIME AT 10:00am

March 1	Lane Schwarz / Amy Chicos	Nancy Barry
March 8	Tim Hayes / Kristin Albertson	Dale Tregoning
March 15	The Darlings	Jenna Haug
March 22	Bill Musser / Otter Dreaming	Mike Vermace
March 29	Amy Chicos / Brita Carbonell	Rob Carbonell
April 5	Bill Pardee / Cathy Rawitt	Ellen Macdonald
April 12	Nancy Barry/Parker Deen	Shirley Vermace
April 19	Brenda Burke / Betsy Peirce	Mathew Johnson
April 26	Mark and Michelle Eichinger	Carolyn Corbin

R E M I N D E R

YOU NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN DISH TOWELS and DISH RAGS! All dishes, coffee pots, karafes, and countertops need to be wiped clean. All garbage needs to be taken home and disposed of by you. Return all UU supplies back to the storage closet under the stairs.

***Please be sure to sweep the floors
and wash off the tables!***

Check with the previous weeks volunteers to see if you need to pick up more coffee, creamer, napkins, etc. It varies from week to week.

PLEASE LOOK AT THIS SCHEDULE CLOSELY and MARK YOUR CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY. Remember, if you cannot work on the days you have been assigned, find a replacement! You can always check with Betsy Peirce at 382-5274 if you are not sure when you are scheduled. *Put this on the inside of your cupboard door as a reminder!*

HOSPITALITY DETAILS

Snacks:

Please bring enough snacks to serve at least 50-60 people. Suggestions include: coffee cakes, bars, apple slices, cheese/crackers, muffins, pastries, cookies, fresh fruit. You also need to provide juice options, we usually go through about 1/2 gallon of juice. Please bring coffee creamer, too!

Coffee and Tea:

Reminder: Bring your own dish towels!

Check ahead of time to see if there is enough coffee and tea either by calling last week's volunteers or making arrangements with Vesterheim to get in the kitchen during the week and check. Or you can just bring some from home just in case and take it back home if it wasn't needed.

Make at least three pots of coffee, put them in carafes and then be prepared to make one more pot. First batch of coffee should be ready by 9:50a.m. Use the coffee maker marked for the UU on the countertop. The coffee bag/box/supplies are located in the UU storage closet under the stairs. There should be ground coffee, sugar, napkins, and coffee filters in that bag. You may use the Vesterheim coffee mugs, located in the cupboard below the snack counter, but they must all be washed and put back away when finished that morning.

Tea water is boiled in a pan on the stove and then transferred to a carafe, located in the "carafe" cupboard in the kitchen. Selection of tea bags in the UU tea/coffee bag.

Greeter:

The greeter should arrive by 9:45 a.m. and be wearing their nametag. Greet everyone that attends the services. Make a special effort to welcome and guide any new visitors to the coffee hour in the basement. There are white "visitor" cards in the supplies upstairs, you should hand one of those to new visitors as well.

If any supplies are low, please notify:

Betsy Peirce at 382-5274 or b_peirce17@yahoo.com

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

BOARD NOTES

NEIUUF Board of Directors 2009



Officers:

Chair - John Hall
Chair-elect - Nancy Barry
Treasurer - Tom
Wahlberg
Secretary - Bruce Jordan

General trustees:

Carolyn Corbin
Cathy Rawitt
Pat Brockett

**The NEIUUF
Board of Trustees**
meets the first
Tuesday of
every month.
You are always
welcome!

To know exact time
and location of the
meeting call or email
Chair John Hall
(563/735-5311)
chimrock@mabeltel.com

NEIUUF's ROAD MAP:

FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY

- Focus the NEIUUF mission and ally its 'brand' in pursuit of sustainability in its many forms and places. NEIUUF should adopt a clear leadership role locally helping build a sustainable community— socially, environmentally, interpersonally, educationally, spiritually and artistically. Our actions must visibly reflect our purpose and UU values
- Integrate sustainability theme into UU services
- Sponsor or co-sponsor events and forums that buttress sustainability in any of its forms. Explore a UU "Signature Project"
- Strongly connect with audiences on sustainability issues through internal communications and external media

BUILDING COMMUNITY

- Move forward in ways that sustain current membership. Expand and improve opportunities for interaction and participation.
- Continue to improve our youth educational programs
- Make our actions and our message visible. Will help attract new members of all ages who have interests in common with our own
- Strengthen our financial position and develop a long-range plan for a multi-use building with seating in the round

In support of this agenda, the Board of Trustees is asking for individual action plans from each NIEUUF committee. By focusing on sustainability and nourishing the idea of a healthy community in all its complexity, one can only believe that the NEIUUF congregation will have a powerful effect.

John K. Hall, Board Chair