

# Kairos

January 18, 2012 Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church



**Our Mission:** Guided by reason and sustained by love, we are a liberal religious community inspiring people to transform our world.

**February 5, 2012**

**9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## ***Sacred Sound & the Inner Divine***

### **Ragani**

Ragani will join us this Sunday from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is an award-winning, world-renowned kirtan artist and mind-body practitioner from the Himalayan Tradition of yoga and acupuncture. At age eight, Ragani met the legendary yoga master, Sri Swami Rama (former Shankaracharya of India), and was personally trained in the yoga sciences, meditation, and eastern music. The story of her journey into kirtan will be featured in the forthcoming documentary movie, *Sutra*. Named in OnMilwaukee.com's "100 Milwaukeeans You Need to Know," Ragani has also been featured on FOX 6, in numerous publications including *Recording Magazine*, *Ode*, *On Tour With Shure*, and *Yoga: Mastering the Basics* book & videos. Her songs have been heard on The Oprah Winfrey Show and they have topped the iTunes World Music charts.

**February 12, 2012**

**9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## ***We Dream a World***

### **The Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson-Doyle**

The choral anthem and the sermon for this day is based on the poem, "I Dream a World" by Langston Hughes. He dreams a world where "love will bless the earth" and "whatever race you be, [we] will share the bounties of the earth." How do those of who share in this dream help it come to pass?

## **Sunday Helpers**

**February 12, 2012, 9:15 a.m.**

Ushers ..... Dick & Myrna Lake  
Greeter ..... **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Coffee ..... Mike and Cindy Barge  
Guest Table. Wendy Bennett & **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Sound Tech.....Bob Arevalo

## **Sunday Helpers**

**February 5, 2012, 9:15 a.m.**

Ushers..... Jim & Jackie Dehler  
Greeter..... Linda Sandquist  
Coffee.....Sunday Evening Covenant Group  
Guest Table..... **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (2)**  
Worship Associate .....Gale Ketteler  
Sound Tech ..... Allen Penticoff

## **Sunday Helpers**

**February 12, 2012, 11:00 a.m.**

Usher..... Dale Dunnigan  
Greeters..... Carly & Kim Vollmer  
Coffee .....Phil Hjembøe  
Guest Table... Judy Johnson & **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Children's Community Time ..... Shannon Doyle  
Sound Tech.....Bob Arevalo

## **Sunday Helpers**

**February 5, 2012, 11:00 a.m.**

Usher ..... **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Greeter..... Mary Caskey  
Coffee.....Sunday Evening Covenant Group  
Guest Table..... Shari Smallwood & **VOLUNTEER**  
Children's Community Time ..... Jerri Jones  
Worship Associate .....Gale Ketteler  
Sound Tech ..... Leah Krippner

## Church Family News

**Gretta Anderson** passed away on the morning of Tuesday, January 31. Please keep **Paul Anderson** in your thoughts and prayers. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 11—visitation from 11:45 until 12:30, service at 1pm.

**Bob Von der Ohe** will be beginning both daily radiation and weekly chemo therapy in Rockford for throat cancer. Treatments are expected to last approximately 8 weeks.

**Allen Penticoff** recently completed his goal of visiting all forty-one Winnebago County Forest Preserves.

**Tom Lichtenheld's** "Good Night, Good Night Construction Site" has been #1 on the New York Times best seller list for children's books for several weeks. Tom's parents are **Jack & Scotti** and he attended our church school when growing up in Rockford.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to: **Marty Zinn** (2/2), **Camden Stear** (who turns nine on 2/3), **Ruth Little** (2/4), **Don Freund** (2/5), **Autumn Wasilewski** (who turns fifteen on 2/6), **Susan Barnes** (2/6), **Pete Giolitto** (2/9), **Colleen McDonald** (2/9), **Dick Johnson** (2/10), **Dave Schubert** (2/10), **Sam Spilmon** (2/11), **Jim Dehler** (2/11), **Janna Bailey** (2/11), **Christopher Sims** (2/14), **Ann Haub** (2/16), **Cindy Barge** (2/17), and **Nicholas Hengels-Chinn** (who turns eighteen on 2/17)!

**Say it with Flowers!** Celebrating a birth, anniversary, or retirement? Remembering a loved one? Consider honoring the person or event with flowers for our sanctuary. You name the date and occasion, and Jamie will take care of the ordering and delivery.

## Church Meetings and Events

### SAVE THE DATE! - STEWARDSHIP DINNER

Please mark your calendars right now for the date of our Stewardship Dinner. It will be held on Saturday **April 14th** at Franchesco's restaurant in Rockford. Watch *Kairos* for more details as the date approaches.

*Submitted by Bob Arevalo*

### Guest at Your Table Update

Thanks to folks who participated in the Guest at Our Table Boxes over the holiday season. We were able to send the [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#) \$850!

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT-FEBRUARY 3

February is Black History month. Food for Thought plans its own observance with a presentation about "The Black Rockfordians: Their Journey through the Forest City." Our speakers will be Fayrene Muhammad, a Rockford Public librarian, and Joyce Higgins, who is with the local Youth

Services Network. Both worked on the oral history project developed by a local black history group and completed in 2007. Materials from that project are available in the Rockford Public Library. As always, we'll have lunch at noon (reserve, if you are not called, with Mary Ellen Haney, 399-8490). Lunch will be followed by the program in the library. The menu will be a choice of soups, breads and cornbread, coleslaw, and Valentine cheesecake tortes. Lunch is \$7, or you may come for the program at 1p.m. Guests and newcomers are always welcome.

*Submitted by Shari Smallwood and Barb Smith*

## Ideas and Inspiration! Membership Meeting Sunday Feb. 5 10:15-11:15am

Short and Sweet meeting between services this Sunday in the library. WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND STORIES! Please join us in the library for a brainstorming session with our Membership team. We are exploring what is working and how we can grow to welcome and include people in all aspects of membership of our congregation. We need you stories, dreams and wishes to make it happen!

## Hos·pi·tal·i·ty

1. the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers.
  2. the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.
- Synonyms 2. warmth, cordiality, geniality, friendliness.

Coming to Church this Sunday? Can you help out? We could really use your help!

If you are coming to church this Sunday perhaps you can help with some simple & vital jobs that make this congregation a warm and inviting place to be. We have many openings for this Sunday and next and throughout the new year.

We are especially in need of a coffee hosts. Don't be shy, it is time to show off your barista skills! **Coffee Host Training on Feb. 26 with Ann & Bob Bowling!**

Find out when you can help out by going to our [church website](#) and on the front page clicking on the Hospitality Schedule & Sign Up Schedule OR sign up in the Narthex.

## **BUILDING THE WORLD WE DREAM ABOUT**

The Unitarian Universalist Association has published a series of workshops called, "Building the World We Dream About" and our committee\* wants to present the first two sessions. They are titled: Telling Our Story — Multiple Truths and Multiple Realities, Parts 1 and 2. These will be held at church on Sundays, February 26 and March 4. Please sign up for both sessions at the sign-up table. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 with the session starting soon after. You will be out by 3:00.

\*ARAOMC (Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, Multi-Cultural) Committee

## CHALICE CIRCLES

Tuesday, 10:30-Noon. Facilitated by Neita Webster.  
Meets Feb. 28, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, and  
May 8 and 22.

Wednesday, 7-8:30pm. Facilitated by Cindy Barge and  
Carolyn Arevalo. Meets Feb. 29, March 14 and 28, April  
11 and 25, and May 9 and 23.

## CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DRIVE

One of the projects of our Action for Children task force is supporting the children's clothes closet at the Rockford School District Homeless Office. Parents and caregivers for the homeless students come there to select at no cost clean, gently used clothing for their children, as well as new socks and underwear. Right now the bins are sadly in need of donations for children's shirts and pants from sizes 2-16. If you have kids in that age range, please check their closets for outgrown or unused items still in good condition. If you will drop them off at the church office, we will see that they are delivered to the Homeless Office, and from there into the hands of homeless children. Thank you for your help.

*Jackie Dehler  
Action for Children*



## SWEET TREATS FOR YOUR SWEETHEART

Appreciating your generosity and interest in past cookie sales, **The Boston Group** will be holding a Valentine's Day cookie sale on Sunday, February 12, 2012. Large, beautifully decorated cookies will be sold individually in Deale Hall, \$6 each or 2 for \$10. Care to have a special message piped on a cookie? Custom orders (no additional fee) will be taken until Sunday, February 5. Contact Jerri Jones or Karen Freund with your request. Jerri's email is [ujjerri@hotmail.com](mailto:ujjerri@hotmail.com) and her phone number is [815.654.9409](tel:815.654.9409). Karen's phone is [815.298.1360](tel:815.298.1360) (texts are fine) and her email is [KarenFreund@hughes.net](mailto:KarenFreund@hughes.net). Donations are used to support our teen group's trip to Boston in June 2012. *Submitted by Karen Freund*

## RAMBLERS

Nicholas Conservatory  
On February 12th the Ramblers will explore the new Nicholas Conservancy in Sinnissippi Park no matter the weather, but if the weather proves lovely, we will continue our walk on the bike path or wander the gardens surrounding the conservatory. As usual, we will brown bag it in Deale Hall with the added fillip of candy hearts served to the participatory Ramblers.

Warning: There is a \$6.00 fee for walking the Conservatory.

## GREAT DECISIONS

Please plan on joining us for the Great Decisions Discussion Program, the longest-running, civic-education series on U.S. foreign policy and global affairs of its kind. We will meet on Monday evenings between 7 and 8:30pm in the church library starting on March 5th for eight weeks (except not on March 19th due to Trash & Treasures) and ending on April 30th. The great topics this year are:

Middle East realignment \* Promoting democracy \* Mexico \* Cybersecurity \* Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq \* State of the oceans \* Indonesia \* Energy geopolitics

The cost for this program is only \$25 which includes a briefing book (This program costs \$50 through Rock Valley College). There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex and/or sign up with Jamie in the office. *Call Bob Arevalo at 332-3343 if you have any questions.*

## CONVERSATING 101

What's a bucket list?

What's not?

And do you have one?

Join us for our usual discussion and debate on Sunday, February 5 from 10:30-11:25 a.m. in the Caskey Conference Room.

## CONTEMPORARY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST THEOLOGY

**Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson-Doyle**

This five-session class explores current trends in Unitarian Universalist Theology, including our responses to post-modernity, religious naturalism, Christian Renewal, and multi-faith engagement. Based on a popular set of lectures I delivered last year at Leadership School, with a bit more time for discussion. Whether you are new to us or have long been a UU, this class will bring you up to date on current ideas and movements in our thinking about humanity, the universe, and how to be religious.

**Tuesday evenings, Feb. 21 - March 20, 7pm - 8:30pm.**

## PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

**MARCH 8 (6:30PM-8:30PM) AND MARCH 15 (6PM-8:30PM)**

This opportunity is for newcomers, visitors, and friends who are interested in getting more involved with our congregation.

Please join us to learn about Unitarian Universalism, the history of our church, activities & benefits of this faith community. The class will be lead by The Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson Doyle and church members.

Attendance both nights is required for membership and March 15 we will have a potluck at 6pm. Childcare Provided on Request.

Please R.S.V.P. to Kimberlee by calling or e-mailing. [pd@uurockford.org](mailto:pd@uurockford.org) / (815)398-6322 EXT. 15



## Matthew's Memo

Recently, I've been talking with a variety of people about racism, and, in particular, about anti-racism. Some of these conversations have been really exciting, as folks share ideas for building an anti-racist, multicultural society. Others of these conversations have been disappointing, as people resist even engaging the idea of racism and what must be done to challenge it.

In this column, then, I want to offer an argument: "Why we must say Anti-Racism." I know this idea makes people uncomfortable. Some white folks are uncomfortable with the word because they think that it means that someone is going to call them racist. Some people of color are uncomfortable with the word because it makes white folks reactive. And some people don't like the word because they think our problem is class, not race, or that we should all be colorblind and not talk about race.

I understand these concerns. I've been there – I've been in the reactive space, where I thought anti-racism was a personal attack about me. I've also been in the place where I said, no, we should talk about class. But if you keep at the work, you move past those stopping places and move towards a more anti-racist life and view.

We spent 500 years in this country when power, opportunity, and freedom was distributed unequally on the basis of race. This inequality was enforced by law, by violence, by genocide, by custom and culture, by segregation, and by economics. Movements for freedom were suppressed, often with overwhelming force. Eventually, the law changed. Violence still exists, but is on the decline. Some segregation has faded, but some still remains. Culture is changing, but has a long way to go.

If a racist society is a society where power, opportunity, and freedom is distributed unequally on the basis of race, then we still live in a racist society. (We also live in a classist society, a sexist society, and a homophobic society – and these oppressions interact with each other, often multiplying their effects). Our society isn't this way because a few select white supremacists want it this way; it is this way because, over 500 years, it was built that way. Things don't change overnight.

Don't think we still live in a racist society? Politicians and panderers (see Gingrich, Newt) use racial codes to appeal to voters, stoking and taking advantage of the fear among many whites that "America as we know it" is ending. In just the last few weeks, police departments in Maricopa County, AZ and East Haven, CT were shown to engage in racially-biased policing. Texas Republicans conspired to make three of their new four house seats Republican-leaning, even though all the population growth was among Democratic-leaning Latino/as (the Texas GOP is about to lose a federal suit on the matter). These things are not

ancient history, they are now.

Moreover, even if you control for wealth and income, African-Americans and Latino/as in this country have disproportionately higher rates of poverty, unemployment, hunger, incarceration, illness, premature death, and educational attainment. The reasons for these outcomes are many, and can be debated at length. But the reality of 500 years of brutal, violent, and clever oppression can not be denied.

And if we live in a racist society, then those who value equality, freedom, and justice must actively oppose the racist parts of the society. Howard Zinn said "you cannot be neutral on a moving train" – and this is the reason you must say "anti-racism." You can't be passive about it. You have to actively oppose the structures and systems of racism. Claiming an identity as an anti-racist can make others anxious, reactive, and distant. It isn't easy. But it is, I believe, what our values call us to.

I'll be talking more about this in some upcoming sermons and in our social justice work, and I hope that you won't shy away, but will join the conversation.

In faith,  
Matthew ☺

## L R P

Our current Long Range Plan will end this June. As a result of this, **yourBOT** has established a team to gather information and formulate a new LRP. Rest assured that this is not a "paperwork exercise". Under the current LRP – 2009-2012 – we have: new mission and vision statements; worship associates; ministerial intern (as part of the budget); two Sunday services; Chalice Circles; a new charter and focus for the Social Justice Team; Pastoral Care Associates; and several others. So now you can start to envision what you'd like the future of this church to look like so that when the Long Range Plan Team asks you on Feb 19, you will already have thought about it and will have a quick and ready response. As always, any questions – or ideas - are welcomed by **yourBOT**.

President: Jan Dunham, Vice president: Ruth Little  
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## **Religious Education: In Our Kids** **Classroom Feb. 5 & 12, 2012**

Dear Parents,

Worship starts at 9:15am in the sanctuary and children will come to RE at 9:30am through to 10:30am. Nursery Care & Children Community time for kids under 7 is available through 12:15pm in the Nursery and Kindergarten rooms.

**Youth Conference Registration Forms are due this Sunday!!** I am looking for one or two adults to help chaperone Saturday night of Youth Con March 10, please let me know if you are interested.

In faith,  
Kimberlee

### **Pre-K & Kindergarten: We Are Many, We Are One**

**2/5 Lead by Christy Thompson & Dianne Stenerson**

Our children will be learning about the celebrations and traditions of Chinese New Year. Children will be making their own Chinese Dragon and having a mini-Dragon Parade.

**2/12 Lead by Shiraz Tata & Lynn Liston**

**LOVE means Saying and Doing:** This week we are celebrating Valentine's Day, a time to share love and affection. Children will be making Valentine's for our loved ones.

### **1-2 Grade: Picture Book World Religions**

**2/5 Lead by Jan Juric & Amber Veigel**

This week we continue exploring Buddhism, reading The Brave Little Parrot, about one of Buddha's past lives. We will then be making our own parrot puppet to remind us to: "Do the little thing that comes from your heart and everything might change in ways not one could imagine."

**2/12 Lead by Debra Harmon & Karen Diamond**

In Tibetan Buddhism, a mandala is an imaginary palace that is contemplated during meditation. Each object in the palace has significance, representing some aspect of wisdom. This week we will be making our own mandalas and reading the book, I Belong to the Buddhist Faith.

### **3-5 Grade Love Connects**

**2/5 Lead by Randy Pellman & Cindy/Scott Stear**

This lesson explores the individual's quest for truth and meaning, a Unitarian Universalist value stated in

our fourth Principle. We will explore how truth is rarely absolute, and always shaped by individuals' life experiences and perspectives.

**2/12 Lead by Randy Pellman**

Through the story of Elizabeth Blackwell, games and role playing we will be highlighting our Unitarian Universalist heritage of persisting through obstacles to help others when we are called to do so. This lesson also demonstrates how working together cooperatively can produce better results than working alone.

### **6-8 Grade Neighboring Faiths**

**2/5 Lead by Misha Lentz & Susan Caravello**

This week the middle school kids will continue their learning about Buddhism.

They will be preparing for their field trip to the Buddhist Temple on Feb. 10 at 5:30pm.

**2/12 Lead by Misha Lentz & Steve Hall**

The students will be discussing their visit to the Buddhist Temple and finishing up their lessons on Buddhism.

### **Youth Group: A Place of Wholeness**

**2/5 Lead by Paul Goddard & Susan Fumo**

The Story of Stuff: From its extraction through sale, use and disposal, all the stuff in our lives affects communities at home and abroad, yet most of this is hidden from view. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.

Want to watch it? Click [HERE!](http://www.storyofstuff.org)

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**2/12 Lead by Ross & Nikki Ticknor**

To be announced: A field trip to the farm or The Story of Bottled Water.

### **Future Dates to Know:**

Feb. 5 Youth Conference Forms Due

Feb. 10 Middle School Field Trip to Buddhist Temple 5:30pm

Feb. 12 Valentine's Day cookie sale

March 9-11 Spring District Youth Conference

March 17 Multi-Generational Food Bank Work Day

March 23 & 24 Trash or Treasure



## *In Their Shoes*

The other day, I was in the library at school making copies for one of my classes when I noticed someone standing behind me. As I turned to smile and nod, I noticed that the other copy machine was available, which made me wonder why the student behind me

was waiting to use the machine I was using. After a couple of moments, I heard someone say, “Excuse me. How do you do that?” I turned to find the student was talking to me. The copy machines in the library use copy cards, so I naturally assumed that the student was asking me how he could get a card and put credit on it. I pointed to the service desk in the library, where they provide cards, and then pointed at the card reader to show him where to put the card to get the machine to work. Satisfied that I had answered his question, I turned my attention back to my own copies, only to hear the same voice ask me, “Okay, then what?”

It took me a second to realize that this student was asking me how to make copies: where to place the material to be copied, what button to press, where to look for the copied material. I was quite taken aback. How could someone make it to college without ever having used a copy machine? Good grief! I showed the student how to make copies and sent him off to the service desk to purchase a card. I gathered up my copies and headed back to my office to finish preparing for my class, shaking my head while mulling over what I had just witnessed.

It wasn’t long before an image popped into my head – a perfectly clear image of me as an eighteen-year-old college freshman standing at a gas pump at the corner of Alpine and Highcrest. I grew up on a farm that had its own gas tank that the local DX dealer filled every month, so I had never pumped gas at a gas station before. At home, all I ever had to do was move the lever to let the gas flow out of our tank and then move it back when I was done. But there I was, miles away from home, and I needed to put gas in my car for the first time since going away to college. I literally had no idea what to do. The fact that I still maintain a clear image of that moment in my memory after nearly thirty years speaks to the trepidation I was feeling in confronting something completely foreign to me. Fortunately, I was accompanied by a friend from California who showed me what to do. Of course, I never gave filling up at a gas station a second thought after that. Yet clearly I still remember that day and the feeling of being completely lost when confronted with a simple task merely because I had never done it before.

By the time I reached my office, I was seeing my interaction with that student in a completely different way. Remembering my own similar plight as a young college

student made me empathize with him and appreciate the courage it took for him to ask for help. I’m glad that he perceived me as someone who wouldn’t ridicule him for needing help with such a simple task, and I have no doubt that his copies turned out fine that morning.

All too often, we make assumptions about what people know or should know. Things that seem obvious to us are sometimes new territory for others. We all would be better served if before dismissing or passing judgment on others, we stop for a moment to put ourselves in their shoes to consider how their experiences might differ from our own. Doing so will surely make us more empathic people and better companions for our fellow travelers.

Peace, Tim

## **COMMITTEES AND TEAMS!**

Please come join us in doing the shared ministry of our congregation. These are the “major” ones, there are many more sub-committees, task forces, and projects.

<b>Team or Committee</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
Communications Team	Pam Wilson	2/5/12 @10:15 a.m.
Membership Team	Holly Hanson & Carolyn Arevalo	2/5/12 @ 10:15 a.m.
Building and Grounds	Dave Schubert	2/6/12 @ 7 p.m.
Caring Team	Lynn Liston and Judy Johnson	2/12/12 @ 12:30 p.m.
Finance Committee	Susan Caravello	2/16/12 @ 4:30 p.m.
Worship Team	Jon McGinty & Linda Sandquist	3/11/12 @ 12:30 p.m.
Social Justice Team	Wanda Hoover & Carole Fox	3/12/12 @ 7 p.m.
Activities Team	Rhonda Best	TBA
Leadership Development	Paul Goddard	TBA
Religious Growth & Learning Team	Susan Fumo	TBA
Denominational Affairs	Teresa Wilmot	Does not have meetings
Committee on Ministry	Wendy Bennett	Meetings are not open



## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

**Kairos:** The next issue of *Kairos* will be published on Wednesday, February 15. All articles must be submitted to the church office by noon on Monday, February 13. Articles should be submitted to [kairos@uurockford.org](mailto:kairos@uurockford.org).

**Worship Attendance:** January 22: 87 (9:15) and 86 (11:00).  
January 29: 135 (9:15) and 74 (11:00)

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Friday, February 10  
7:00 pm at the Coronado Performing Arts Center

This performance will follow the life and times of iconic singer, songwriter, storyteller, and artist Woody Guthrie. 2012 is his 100th birth anniversary and the concert celebrates his contribution to American culture through music performed by the Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra, Kantorei - The Singing Boys of Rockford, and the Rock Valley Children's Choir. Rockford's singer/actor Tom Mac will portray Guthrie. Don't miss this wonderful tribute to America's balladeer! Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 students and are available on line at [www.rockfordsymphony.com](http://www.rockfordsymphony.com) or at the Rockford Symphony Orchestra office in the Riverfront Museum Park, 711 N. Main St. Open seating.

### Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum

Due to a beautifully mild winter, Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens is reopening on Wednesday, February 1, 2012! Be one of the first to view the changes at Tinker. From the vast collection of Tinker family artifacts, there are many new items on display in the house. If you are a member of Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum- your visit is always free! Call 815-964-2424 for more information or to purchase your tickets.

### Thirst Fursday-Beer and Wine Tasting

On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7-10pm, Neighborhood Network will be hosting a beer and wine tasting at The Olympic Tavern. Cost is \$15/person and proceeds will benefit the work that the Neighborhood Network is doing to work with area neighborhoods to make our community a great place to live, work and play!

If you have questions, please call Cyndie Hall at 815-967-4034.

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#### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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## Church Calendar at a Glance

*(Please keep in mind that the calendar changes on a daily basis and does not show outside rentals.  
To check on the availability of a date please check with the church office.)*

### **Thursday, February 2**

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, HCR

### **Friday, February 3**

12:00 p.m. Food for Thought, DH & CL

Central Midwest District Women in Religion Conference

### **Saturday, February 4**

Central Midwest District Women in Religion Conference

### **Sunday, February 5**

#### **Youth Conference Forms Due!**

8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Childcare, N

9:15 a.m. Worship Service, S

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:15 a.m. Social Hour, DH

10:15 a.m. Membership Team Meeting, CL

10:15 a.m. Communications Team Meeting, OWR

10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, HCR

10:30-11:20 Conversating 101, CCR

11 a.m. Worship Service, S

12:00 p.m. Social Hour, DH

### **Monday, February 6**

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Meeting, OWR

### **Thursday, February 9**

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, HCR

### **Friday, February 10**

9:30 a.m. UU Mom's Group, CL

5:30 p.m. Middle School Field trip to Buddhist Temple

### **Saturday, February 11**

9:30-11:30 a.m. Covenant Group, CL

### **Sunday, February 12**

8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Childcare, N

9:15 a.m. Worship Service, S

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:15 a.m. Social Hour, DH

10:15 a.m. Trash or Treasure Dept. Head Meeting, CL

11 a.m. Worship Service, S

12:00 p.m. Social Hour, DH

### **Monday, February 13**

12:00 p.m. Kairos deadline

### **Wednesday, February 15**

9 a.m. Kairos Crew, OWR

### **Thursday, February 16**

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, HCR

S=Sanctuary, C=Chapel, DH=Deale Hall, HCR=Hotchkiss Choir Room, CCR=Caskey Conference Room, OWR=Office Work Room, CL=Connolly Library, N=Narthex, YL=Youth Lounge, WY=Whitney Young Meeting Room(1), MFMR=Margaret Fuller Meeting Room; CB=Clara Barton Meeting Room(2), EMR=Emerson Meeting Room (21), TBD = To be determined







