

## STEVENS POINT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

November 2004

Unless indicated otherwise all services and religious school begin at 10:00 am on Sundays in the Odd Fellows Hall, 2854 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI.

### Calendar

#### 2004

- November 7 Tom Overholt, "Stories of Creation"  
Soup Sunday
- November 14 Dan Barker, Separation of church and state issues
- November 21 Intergenerational Service: Thanksgiving & Social Justice
- November 28 Larry Craig, peace issues, personal experiences in VietNam
- December 5 Liz Liebenstein, Freedom from the perspective of a Prison Chaplain"  
Soup Sunday
- December 12 to be announced
- December 19 Intergenerational Service: Winter holidays

### Other upcoming events and activities

- November 1 Violin recital by Steve Bjella, Michelson Hall, 7:30 pm.  
Cost is \$6 for adults, \$2 for students. Proceeds to UWSP Music Scholarships
- November 13 & 14 Holiday Festival Crafts Show, St. Paul's Methodist Church  
Vince Heig will be selling pottery.
- November 27 Art Stevenson and High Water, Clark Place, 8pm
- December 4 & 5 Tomorrow River Christmas sale, Jensen Center, Amherst  
Vince and Arlene Heig will sell pottery, water colors, knit items

Deadline for December newsletter is November 28. Please submit articles and announcements to Julia Weiser at [weiserj@charter.net](mailto:weiserj@charter.net) or send to 616 Sunset Blvd. Stevens Point, WI 54481

This coming Sunday, November 7 is Soup Sunday. We still need two more volunteers to make and bring some soup, otherwise there will be a shortage if we have a large attendance. We are also collecting nonperishable items for donation to local food pantries. Some suggestions are peanut butter, rice, noodles, spaghetti sauce, laundry and dish detergent, and paper items. The latter products are things that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Thanks to all of you who have brought, purchased, or made items to decorate our worship space and the nursery. The flowers are really appreciated. We still need volunteers to sign up to open the building, make coffee, bring a snack, and clean and close the building on Sundays. These chores have been falling on a few individuals. Remember that these jobs are the responsibility of all of us. Non members who attend regularly are encouraged to bring snacks, help with clean up etc. The sign up sheets are on the screen at the far end of the meeting space.

Our Sunday School is off to a good start thanks to Dorothy Ginnett, Marcia Johnson, Michele Bjella and the RE Committee. The children seem to be enthusiastic and eager to participate in the activities. Volunteers to teach and assist are always welcome. We are using a curriculum titled "The Rainbow Path" which teaches the seven UU principles in a way that is understandable by young children. We are trying to respect the many traditions from which we all come and to learn from them. We live in a society greatly influenced by Judeo Christian beliefs, and our children are exposed to these and a variety of religious views in school and elsewhere. The curriculum we are using tries to deal with the questions and concerns our children have from our UU perspective. There was a wonderful article in Saturday's Stevens Point Journal written by Karen Oleson about this program.

Second quarter pledge payments for the operating budget are due; the fiscal year began July 1. **A little over one half of the pledges have been paid for the capital fund/building campaign. The balance is due December 1.** Please send payments to Julia Weiser, Treasurer, 616 Sunset Blvd, Stevens Point. If you are unsure what you still owe and/or have paid, contact her by mail or email at [weiserj@charter.net](mailto:weiserj@charter.net). Statements will be sent in November to all who have pledged. If you have bills for expenses incurred, send or give them to Julia. Even if you wish to donate what you purchased or spent, please let the Treasurer know so that we can list them as in kind contributions; it helps to write the budget when we know our total expenditures and obligations.

We are creating a new distribution list for the official mailings from the Fellowship. This will be separate from the list serve so that it will be easier to add and delete names. We will be updating the mailing and email list also. If we have not heard from or seen you in the past year, your name will be removed from the mailing list unless we hear from you that you wish to keep receiving the newsletter and postal reminders.

If you would like to order a copy of our UU hymnal entitled "Singing the Living Tradition" to add to our supply or for personal use go to the UUA Bookstore website at [www.uua.org/bookstore](http://www.uua.org/bookstore) and click on the music category, screen 2. The item number is #7203 and the cost is \$28 plus shipping. We do not have any funds budgeted for hymnals this year as a fellowship. If you want to contribute funds to the treasury to obtain more hymnals we could send in an order for the number desired, and you would get a tax deduction for your donation.

We wish congratulations and goodbye to former SPUUF members Renee Martell, Mike Fahey, and Megan. They will be moving to Madison where Mike will be Director of State Relations for the UW Madison Alumni Association. They contributed a great deal of time and talent to our fellowship. Our loss is Madison's gain.

Congratulations to Corey, Kate, and Maggie Searles on the birth of Gillian on October 6. We understand all are doing well.

Thanks to:

Carol Weston and Bill Hettler for making and donating the handsome window inserts that make our service area look like what it is.

Karen Oleson for writing the article in the newspaper about our RE curriculum.

Karen and Eric Swegles for making and installing the window and glass case coverings in the child care room.

Julia Weiser for organizing the intergenerational memorial service for the Day of the Dead.

Dorothy Ginnett and all the RE volunteers who have gotten the children off to a great start.

The volunteers who have opened and cleaned up the building on Sundays and brought the snacks.

Corey and Maggie Searles for sharing all the wonderful cranberries with us.

Nicole Stanke for organizing the highway cleanup.

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