

## STEVENS POINT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

September 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

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| September 12 | Potluck Picnic, Pfiffner Park, 11 am   |
| September 19 | Dave Johnson, "Third World Reflections" and Mingling of the Waters Service             |
| September 26 | Speaker and Program to be announced  |
| October 3    | Chris Walsh, "A World of Beauty" folk and ethnic music<br>Soup Sunday                  |
| October 10   | Lawrence Leviton, topic to be announced  |
| October 17   | Lisa Neuenfeldt (USDA) prairie restoration & land ethic                                |
| October 24   | Reverend Don Wheat   |
| October 31   | Speaker and Program to be announced  |
| November 7   | Tom Overholt, "Stories of Creation"<br>Soup Sunday                                     |
| November 14  | Dan Barker, "Separation of Church and State"   |
| November 21  | Intergenerational Service for Thanksgiving   |
| November 28  | Larry Craig, peace issues, personal experiences in VietNam                             |
| December 5   | Liz Liebenstein, "Freedom from the Perspective of a<br>Prison Chaplain"<br>Soup Sunday |

If you have other announcements of events please forward them to Julia Weiser at [weiserj@charter.net](mailto:weiserj@charter.net) or send to 616 Sunset Blvd. Stevens Point, WI 54481. **Deadline for October newsletter is September 26.**

The first official gathering of the fall will be **our** picnic potluck at Pfiffner Park on September 12 at 11 am. Bring a dish to share. We will meet at the gazebo between the band shell and the buildings. The program committee will meet after lunch. Be prepared to sign up for opening and closing and hospitality. Regular services and programs will begin on September 19. Dave Johnson will talk with us about some of his experiences in “Third World” countries. We will also have a Mingling of the Waters ceremony. Bring a container of water from a lake, river, pool, where **ever** you spent time over the summer. If you neglected to collect any (as did I) bring water from the tap and let it represent a place you traveled or didn’t.

The big news is that we have moved. We will be meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall, 2854 Church Street (Business 51), Stevens Point. It is a stone building between Matilda Street and Whiting Avenue across from the car dealer parking lot. The services and program room and the childcare rooms are upstairs, the Sunday School groups will meet downstairs. Coffee and snacks will be available immediately after the service in the kitchen downstairs. We hope to have a banner outside. Enter the parking lot from Church Street in the front or Henrietta Street on the back; you can also park on the street in back.

What a great turnout for cleaning our new “home”, the Odd Fellows Hall. There were buckets, rags, mops, cleaning potions, and vacuums that were put to immediate use. Thanks to all of you who volunteered. A big thanks to Bill Hettler for providing his trailer to move out the unneeded furniture and for constructing the wonderful window inserts that will make the upstairs space so attractive. We are still accepting suggestions for decorating the space; we will develop a “wish list”, estimate the cost, and decide what we can afford. If anyone wants to make donations for the décor, they are accepted willingly.

Thanks to Jane Shoup and the Program Committee for contracting speakers for our fall meetings. We still have some open dates for our members to present programs. The first opening is September 26. Please contact Jane if

you would like to fill this time; all members should be responsible for at least one program each year.

A thank you note from Kel Shoup: “To my good, good friends at the Unitarian Fellowship here in Stevens Point. I realized once again how comforting it is to be surrounded on my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday – by so many rational thinkers. My best thoughts are always with you! Corelli Shoup” We all enjoyed celebrating with her.

The Religious Education Committee (or whatever it is called now) has been working hard to choose a curriculum, obtain materials, and decorate the space for the children. We anticipate 4 students in the K-2 group. Thanks to Dorothy Ginnett who has been working diligently to get everything organized to Jean Rumsey for purchasing the bean bag chairs, to Marcia Johnson who volunteered to teach the first session, and to the rest of the committee for their hard work.

First 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. 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). Thanks to all of you who have made payments over the summer months.

Although we have relocated this year, we are still looking for a building and/or land to purchase. If you know of any places, please contact one of the Board members. Due to the success of our capital campaign we now have sufficient funds to make a down payment. If we all keep our eyes and ears tuned we may find something.

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