

## Storm Lake Area UU News – December 31, 2007

So much has been written about winter -- its special character and challenges. In the Midwest, winter becomes a test of our ability to manage the demands that our unpredictable weather patterns place on us. I can't recall chipping away at so much ice as I have this year, or dodging as many patches of slick spots as I walk. Ice or no ice, those of us living in NW Iowa can be thankful we escaped more difficult conditions in surrounding states and on the East coast. For anyone who has been wielding a snow shovel lately, remember what Sinclair Lewis once said: "Winter is not a season, it's an occupation." May we all see beyond the occupation to the beauty and the promise that the winter season offers us.

### **Worship Calendar**

UU's have a proud, rich history. Welcome in the New Year as JoAnn and Ed Lanning share more of their wonderful, professionally produced video, which will bring to light the proud history and contributions of our Unitarian Universalist faith.

#### Sunday, January 6, 2008

10:30 Service, 11:30 Coffee Hour  
Room 5, Siebens Forum, BVU  
"Our Unitarian Universalist Roots – Part II"  
Ed and JoAnn Lanning, Lay Leaders

#### Sunday, January 20, 2008

10:30 Service, 11:30 Coffee Hour  
Room 5, Siebens Forum, BVU  
The Paulson Family, Lay Leaders

#### Sunday, February 3, 2008

10:30 Service, 11:30 Coffee Hour  
Room 5, Siebens Forum, BVU  
"Evolution Sunday"  
Ginger Walker, Lay Leader

### **Friday Night Discussion**

Save the date: Friday, January 11, 2008

Home of Carol Lytle  
One S. Windsor Circle, Storm Lake  
RSVP would be appreciated: [cjlytle@iw.net](mailto:cjlytle@iw.net)  
Topic: To be announced, soon  
"If" question: If you could suddenly possess an extraordinary talent in one of the arts, what would you like it to be?

### **Congregation Notes**

Congratulations to Maureen and Ron Christensen, who became grandparents of a baby girl born to their son and daughter-in-law Clayton and Kristin Christensen earlier in December.

Do you have milestones, stepping stones, concerns, and other news to share in our e-newsletter? Please email me a reply note anytime. Let us use this electronic venue to stay in touch and support one another.

**Board Notes**

Next board meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2008, 5:30 p.m. at Coffee Plus. All are welcome.

**A New Year's Thought**

".....Yet also we stand at a threshold, the New Year something truly new, still unformed, leaving a stunning power in our hands. What shall we do with this great gift of Time, this year?"

-- From our Hymnal's responsive reading #544

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