

## Storm Lake Area UU News – January 31, 2008

Religion vs. science? Evolution Sunday is a national ecumenical organization comprised of more than 11,000 clergy, including many UU's, who have signed on to the idea that religion and science can be compatible and that this is a false dichotomy. This Sunday, our own Ginger Walker, Cherokee County conservationist, will bring us her special expertise on the place of evolution in conversations about religious beliefs.

### Worship Calendar

#### Sunday, February 3, 2008

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

#### Sunday, February 17, 2008

10:30 Service, 11:30 Coffee Hour  
Room 5, Siebens Forum, BVU  
"Prayer: Who, What, Why, When and How"  
Karen Swinger, Lay Leader  
Greeter: Dave Brueck

### Congregation Notes

Also this Sunday, there is an Omelet Breakfast going on at the Knights of Columbus Hall on E. Lakeshore Drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. BVU students are sponsoring this breakfast to help fund their Spring Break service trip to Mexico. Adult tickets are \$5.00, 12 and under just \$2.50. There's plenty of time either before or after the service to lend support to this worthy project.

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.

### Friday Night Discussion

The Friday night group will meet on Friday, February 8, 7 p.m. at 1 S. Windsor Circle. Topic will be "Movies that Inspire Us." After sharing personally life-changing events at our last meeting, we decided to continue in this vein by sharing our favorite movie moments. Feel free [read: not required] to bring and cue up a short scene from a movie that has made a significant impression on you. I'd appreciate knowing a day or two ahead if you're coming – it promises to be fun and interesting!

### Board Notes

I've just received materials from [UUSC](#) (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) about their annually-sponsored Justice Sunday. This year's topic: The Cost of Iraq: Who Pays the Price? There is also attention given to the challenges of rebuilding the Gulf Coast. Read about it [here](#). If you're on deck to lead a service in the upcoming months and are looking for a topic, this would make a good service, and there is a lot of material available.

### Prairie Star District Annual Meeting April 11 - 13

Here's info directly from the [Prairie Star District web page](#): << This year the conference will be April 11–13, in Omaha, Nebraska. The weather in Omaha will be warmly welcoming. The forecast calls for a weekend blessed with fellowship, spiritual growth, learning opportunities, and sharing.

A weekend full of events and workshops on the theme “Rebuilding a Faithful Democracy” will introduce you to new information, help you hone your skills, and allow you to connect with fellow UUs. Charlie Clements, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) will be the keynote speaker. The Judy Lecture will be provided by Rev. Meg Riley, Director of Advocacy and Witness at the UUA.

The Embassy Suites Hotel in Omaha’s Old Market entertainment area is a great site for our meeting. Rooms are large and provide the space for an active family weekend. The two-room suites make it easy for attendees to share the space and the cost. Both parking and breakfast are included in the hotel’s special conference rate.

Be sure to bring your significant other and your children. There is something for everyone in Omaha and the children’s options are especially attractive this year. First through sixth graders will be heading off to the world-class Henry Doorly Zoo in the morning and then spending the afternoon at the Children’s Museum.

Registration will open early in February. More information and registration material can be found at [Annual Conference](#) on our PSD website. The members of both First and Second Unitarian Churches are looking forward to hosting your visit. >>

#### **Quotable Quote**

“A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching a spiritual death. “

-- Martin Luther King Jr., “Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence,” delivered April 4, 1967, Riverside Church, New York City

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