

Storm Lake Area UU News – April 17, 2008

Christina Baldwin's book *Calling the Circle* describes the importance of forming circles – circles of people who come together for any number of reasons, many times to support or help one another, but also to quilt, to read the same book, to do philanthropy or service, to play games, to learn, and in our case, to grow spiritually.

She describes a circle as not just a meeting with the chairs rearranged. A circle is a way of doing things differently than we are accustomed to. By calling the circle, we rediscover an ancient process of consultation and communion that, for tens of thousands of years, held the human community together and shaped its course.

On Sunday May 4th we call the circle for our annual congregational meeting in which we will reflect together about the past 12 months, to appreciate our progress, name our challenges, and speak our minds about what we want for the future. Whether you are a member of the church, a regular or sometime attendee, or joining us for the very first time, you are welcome. You have been called.

Worship Calendar

Sunday, April 20, 2008

10:30 Service, 11:30 Coffee Hour
Room 5, Siebens Forum, BVU
“Demystifying UU”
Rita Lyman, Lay Leader
Marlene Sturdevant, Special Speaker

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Annual Congregational Meeting

10:30 a.m., 11:30 Coffee Hour
Room 5, Siebens Forum, BVU
Led by your Board of Trustees

Sunday, May 18, 2008

10:30 Service 11:30 pot luck
Spring Lake Park, west shelter, Cherokee
Karen Swinger, Lay Leader

Congregation Notes

Carol Lytle is the proud grandmother of Nora Grace King, born to her daughter and son-in-law, Amber and Jason, in Des Moines on April 10.

We send our condolences to Marlene Sturdevant, our Prairie Star District liaison, whose father-in-law passed away recently.

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

If there is a topic you would like to have discussed at the Congregational Meeting on May 4, please reply to this message by April 28, in order to add it to the agenda. A tentative agenda will be sent out to all members and friends around April 29.

Quotable Quotes

Rita Lyman gave a sermon on UU “sins” at our March 16th service that included these thoughts:

“We believe that children are not born in sin, but born as limited, unrepeatable incarnations of life itself.” And, from the book, Articulating Your UU Faith by Jaco ten Hove and Barbara Wells ten Hove: “At its core, Unitarian Universalism places an emphasis on the worth and value of every person and the interconnectedness of all things. UU's are encouraged to give life to their values, demonstrating compassion and respect, and justice, working together to make the world a better place to pass along to our children.”



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