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## UPCOMING SERVICES

**January 3 - Kathy Roberson, Bettina Caluori, Paul Caluori**

### MEANING AND EXPECTATIONS IN LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS

This service will explore the social, political and personal dimensions of long-term, committed relationships. How have perspectives changed historically and within our own lives? Join us for reflections and music -- no definitive answers, just some humble exploration.

**January 10 - Rev. Tracy Sprowls-Jenks**

### HEART TO HEART

There are many reasons to come to church, including intimacy - making connections at a deep level and ultimacy - making meaning at a deep level. One popular, effective way to get both is through small group ministry, also called covenant groups or Chalice Circles.

**January 17 - Mr. Jeff Hitchcock and the Racial Justice Committee**

### RACE, LOVE, AND JUSTICE

Our annual Journey Toward Wholeness service honors the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and explores how unawareness of multiculturalism and the differing goals of People of Color and White People poses hurdles to effective interracial cooperation and achievement of our First Principle: the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Mr. Hitchcock, a social psychologist, is Executive Director of the Center for The Study of White American Culture. A member of the Quaker Meeting in Plainfield, he is author of the book "Lifting the White Veil: An Exploration of White American Culture in a Multiracial Context".

**January 24th - Rev. Tracy Sprowls-Jenks**

### WHY IS IT DIFFICULT TO TALK ABOUT SEX?

This is the sermon for which you all have been waiting, an open conversation about human sexuality! Often sex and sexuality is a topic we avoid as public discourse. More open, healthy conversation around sex leads to healthier and more wholesome relationships. Sexuality and spirituality are closer than you think. Let's talk!

# **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

## **WORSHIP SERVICES CONTINUED**

**January 31 - Rev. Tracy Sprowls-Jenks and members of the Board**

### **Promises**

Back in September, the Leadership Council, the Board of Trustees and Rev. Tracy Sprowls-Jenks met with Doug Zelinski, Program Consultant for Leadership Development for the Metro District for a “start-up” meeting. Lots of good things came out of this weekend and it is time we shared what we learned. One long-timer at FUSP who was there that weekend said it was the best meeting he has ever participated in here. Wow!

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Usual office hours for Rev. Tracy Sprowls-Jenks are Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10:00 AM until 3:30 PM. but it is best to call for an appointment to see her. Thursdays she works from home. Fridays she writes her sermons. Monday is her day off. Feel free to call Rev. Tracy at the office or to e-mail her at [revtsj@fusp.org](mailto:revtsj@fusp.org). In an emergency, the office administrator (M-Th, 9AM-3PM) will be able to reach her.

### **GET TO KNOW SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

Save the day, Wednesday, January 27th . Have dinner in the Parish Hall with members of the Small Group Ministry and find out what these groups are all about. Contact Alice Logie, Pat Heath or Carl Heath for more information.

### **SUNDAY FLOWERS**

Do you enjoy seeing the lovely bouquets of fresh flowers in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning? Then take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate someone's birthday (even your own) or an anniversary or commemorate a special occasion. The cost is only \$32.50 (very reasonable by today's standards) and Doris Lange will make all the arrangements for you. Do give her a call! Thank you.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHARLIE**

Charlie Neiss has been working with film most of his life, but recently switched to digital cameras. His works in the sanctuary attempt to capture quiet places in our busy world. January 24 - February 28

# WORSHIP MINISTRY

## BEYOND THE PULPIT — REV. TRACY SPROWLS-JENKS

I am thinking about all the things going on around us as I prepare to write a column for our first newsletter of the New Year. Will marriage equality happen in New Jersey? Is the public option in or out? Will 30,000 more troops in Afghanistan really make a difference? Nationally, there is a lot to keep up with. In our community, too, there are things we should all know about. The Path to Membership class takes place in January. We also kick off a new and revitalized small group ministry. New adult religious education classes will begin as well as new discussion groups on some Sundays (details to come). I also will want some opportunities to share with you the things I learned at the Parliament of World Religions. There is so much to be thinking about these last days of December; so much to look forward to in the New Year.

I did learn a couple of things at the Parliament that might be helpful at this point in time given all that is going on in our lives. Even as we celebrate the holidays and look forward to a New Year, there is much on our minds. Plus there is the stress and busyness of the holidays to add on top of all of this.

First, be in a place of listening when people speak. At the Parliament, the focus of a group I worked with was listening powerfully to speakers and participants as they shared. Actually, listening (or hearing) was one of the overarching themes of the Parliament: “Make a World of Difference: Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth.” Really listening to someone is empowering to the speaker and opens up for the listener a new place of understanding. During times of stress or times of change, listening with intention is a powerful tool.

Second, be open to new friends. On the first day in Melbourne, I was sitting in a café drinking coffee and checking my email. I discovered that the people at the next table were Unitarian Universalists from Peoria, Illinois. Rev. Michael Brown and his wife Diane were part of a group of eight people attending the Parliament. How about that?! Throughout the week we met for meals and conversation. On the last evening the group of nine of us enjoyed dinner together at a restaurant specializing in native foods. It was a wonderful evening. I am very thankful to have made new — *continued on next page*

## **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

### **BEYOND THE PULPIT — CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3**

friends in Melbourne and look forward to our continued friendship here. Even when you are busy, make time for friendship.

Finally, take time to be quiet. This is a hard task for people who relish busyness or who need to be around people all the time. However, taking time to slow down and just be quiet for a few minutes a day fortifies a person for the season, the tasks at hand, for stress and worry or simply daily living. I already have this as a daily practice, and was delighted to find this idea was reinforced in the various religions I encountered in Melbourne.

I look forward to sharing more about my trip with you. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be a part of the greater interfaith movement. Happy holidays to you and a happy New Year!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **SECRET PALS SIGN-UPS**

Sign ups for our annual Secret Pal Program will begin on January 17 in the Parish Hall. Sign up to have a Secret Pal (ages 4-11) or to be a Secret Pal sponsor (ages 11-99). The program will begin on February 21 and end March 21 (Celebration Sunday).

### **BIG THANKS TO OUR PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS!**

Our annual Christmas pageant was a huge success this year. Our director, Lisa DeMarco again worked her magic to create a memorable multigenerational service. Denise Soppas helped in numerous ways including; publicity, costumes, and props. Kit Marlowe repaired the camel and donkey. The cast of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the kings, the carolers, and the animals were amazing. Thank you to everyone involved for making the pageant so special. See you next year!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## LOVING BEYOND BELIEF

Last fall I had the privilege of attending the LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators' Association) Fall Conference in Providence, RI. This event is much like the annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in that opportunities for learning and growth abound as well as connecting with other RE professionals. This year music was a "big" component of the conference and we sang and danced during our first gathering Friday evening. The theme speakers included; Dr. Peter Steinke, a renowned expert on congregational dynamics and Rev. Dr. Thandeka, a prominent educator, author, and Unitarian Universalist minister.

I would like to share with you some of Dr. Thandeka's thoughts on "loving beyond belief". She used the analogy of a driver using a GPS (global positioning system) to navigate their way to a particular destination. We can think of our own GPS as a kind of internal and spiritual guide. Dr. Thandeka sites three reference points for us to program into our GPS; a change of heart experience, a community of caring and compassion that helps to sustain that change of heart experience, and "doctrinal freedom". The first two points are shared by all faith communities; the last one "doctrinal freedom" is unique to Unitarian Universalism. According to Dr. Thandeka "doctrinal freedom" brings personal experience into the faith paradigm for Unitarian Universalists. It is that "doctrinal freedom" that allows us to draw on many sources of revelation that embrace a wide range of people, places and times.

With this freedom comes the responsibility to "love beyond belief", to sustain and re-create deep change of heart experiences within a covenanted religious community.

I invite you to discover for yourself your own GPS that will enable you to locate the change of heart experience, a community of caring and compassion, and "doctrinal freedom". These will help guide you to a place of "loving beyond belief" and allow for a deeper and more sustained sense of spiritual growth.

Blessed Be,

Sue Fertig, Director of Religious Education

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE

Our healing thoughts go out to **Jeanine Sieber** as she fights the cancer for which she had her kidney removed.

Healing thoughts also to **Bernie Mellies** who underwent another surgery to implant a metal plate to protect his brain. May he continue to improve. Our best wishes and thoughts of strength also to Sarah & Max as they go through this difficult time.

Congratulations to **Emma Reading** who turned 20 in December.

Warm healing thoughts to Sally Young who has three friends seriously ill. May they all see complete and speedy recovery.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Debbie Gordon's** son, Eban, who suffered a severe concussion in a freak accident.

Healing thoughts for **Sylvia Walker** as she recuperates from a bout with sciatica.

Many good vibes towards **Gerry Heinzer** who is now back home after spending time in several hospitals.

## LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

### GOOD NEWS FOR FUSP AND PLANET EARTH!

After much consideration, the board has voted to begin electronic delivery of our monthly newsletter. While we wish to be considerate of our members and friends who prefer a "hard copy" of the newsletter, we must weigh the financial and environmental impact of our choices. Due to the rising costs associated with postage, the large quantity of paper used for printing and the need to travel to a more distant post office to mail the newsletters, we will soon be emailing them to our members and friends. In order to ensure a smooth transition, the newsletter will be delivered both electronically and by post for a two-month period. A few of our members who have no or limited computer access may still opt to have the newsletter delivered by first class mail (we will not be eligible for bulk rate) and we will make copies available for pick-up at FUSP. The transition is expected to begin in February. Our Communications Committee is working on the logistics of our transition and will share more with you in the future.

# LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

## SOMETHING IN THE AIR

Can you see it? Your breath that is! There's "Something in the Air" alright, and it's called old man winter. But don't worry, we Unitarians have a great way to keep cozy, whether it's just huddling around a lit chalice or perhaps seeking comfort through "the warmth of community and the fire of commitment."

Can you smell it? It's your breath again! It was garlic bread and pesto in the air as our second spaghetti dinner called out to those intrepid FUSP'ers, unafraid of the cold windy weather and eager to share a fun Friday evening meal with friends and family.

Can you hear it? The music that is! Holiday hymns and songs filled the air as Gail Slater and the FUSP choir treated us to a musical service that proved to be a good old-fashioned Christmas "Hodie Down"!

Can you feel it! There's energy in the air and all around our church community. The Holiday Craft Fair had the Parish Hall absolutely bubbling with activity, while turning a tidy profit and reaching out to neighborhood businesses as well. It seems our church is always astir with something and the lights are almost always on until 10:00 pm.

Are you a source of some of that energy? Do you want to be? I'm sure there's a program or activity at FUSP that could prove to be a perfect vehicle for you to share your vigor, and express your artistic side. Perhaps you could step up into a leadership role and pour your passions into the organization and implementation of some of our vital and essential committee work.

Service is proving to be a major aspect of my own spiritual journey, and I feel the nature of UUism compels me to earn my spiritual fulfillment and not just somehow stumble upon it. By taking on responsibilities that help to ensure the present and future of our own humble church, and that further the cause of UUism in general as well, I feel a sense of accomplishment and worth to myself and to our church community.

So I hope you are asking yourself, "Gee, that sounds great! I've got a bunch of free time on my hands, the kids practically take care of themselves, I can always take a day off from work to help out at FUSP, I like driving

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## SOMETHING IN THE AIR — FROM PAGE 7

to church at night after a full day's work, so..... where do I sign up!?"

I hoped you were asking yourself all that, but the realities of life keep us occupied with our own family's day-to-day challenges, and we all have to delegate our free time more efficiently than perhaps our parents, or the previous generation had to. But there's a big payoff for time well spent at FUSP and when I figure it out, I'll write another newsletter article about it. In the meantime I'll stick to the same old reliable clichés:

- You reap what you sow
- There but for the grace of god goes someone who actually cares
- No good deed goes unpunished
- You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometime, you might get arrested.

Now those are all very compelling reasons to perhaps find a new church that has a sane president, or perhaps justification for you to get nominated on next year's ballot to be Board president and make sure that this prestigious page in the monthly newsletter is never again smattered with such trite and infantile attempts at humor!

The truth is I actually take my role as president seriously, and although I try to lighten the message with a chuckle or two, I believe we all need to sometimes be reminded that our volunteer organization relies heavily upon..... You guessed it!, volunteers.

Lately, as president I've had the pleasure of attending a variety of committee meetings and I'm beginning to recognize a consistent theme that permeates all of the efforts and goals of all these different church affairs. It's a concept many of us are somewhat familiar with and it is instrumental in our ability to convey our Society's message to our own members and to those beyond our doors. It's called Marketing, and while we're very close to the end zone, we need to bring this effort across the goal line.

Membership is taking bold steps to provide new and potential members with informational literature, and useful gifts that also double to a certain degree as advertising tools. The Building Restoration Committee is dusting off —

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## SOMETHING IN THE AIR — FROM PAGE 8

the Case Statement for the Capital Campaign and beginning to explore ways to attract monies from grant agencies and other public institutions to help supplement the funding of our building restoration. The Building-Use Task Force is contemplating strategies to make our facilities more available to potential renters. A group of FUSP members are participating in the “New Partners for New Dollars” program funded by our NY METRO district, that will help us to attach dollar values to our social programming and thereby convey a sense of worth to potential donors or supporters.

All these efforts speak to our ability to consider ourselves and ultimately present ourselves as a professionally operated institution, one that is easily recognizable and has cohesive strategies to project itself. We need help pulling this together and while we have great talent and an abundance of enthusiasm already on the job, we need you too.

There are positions available on the Building Restoration Committee, Canvass, New Dollars, and Marketing; Membership probably wouldn't mind an extra mind as well! The choir could use a few new angels and the faithful organizers of the spaghetti dinners need relief with a clean up crew. Wherever your passion lies, there's an opportunity for you to offer your talents during this season of giving and I hope you think seriously about putting in a few more hours at FUSP.

I'm hoping there's one more thing “in the Air” these next few months and that's your hand up volunteering to service in our church home. I want to smell the smoke in the air too as I watch the “fire of commitment” blaze brightly in all of us this holiday season and beyond, as we all share in and enjoy “the warmth of Our Community”.

Guy J Mastroianni, Board President

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Congratulations to our youthful members celebrating a birthday in January

**Forest Hinds-Brown**

**Daria Monti**

**Annie Reading**

**Sean Langley**

**Robert Reading**

**Devin Schultz**



## **LEADERSHIP MINISTRY**

### **INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. TRACY**

An installation service is a great moment in the life of a congregation. It is a public recognition of our new minister's call to serve our congregation, a lifting up of the covenant between minister and congregation, and a time to invite our communities to celebrate with us.

We will be installing Rev. Tracy Sprowls-Jenks as our settled minister on Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 5pm in our sanctuary. Attendees will include the members of our congregation; District ministers, religious educators, and leaders; friends; family; children and youth; and community leaders. Because of Tracy's standing and popularity and the support for our congregation in the UUA and our Metro District, we expect an enthusiastic turnout for this celebration – likely upwards of 200 people.

This is an opportunity for our congregation to shine. There is a great likelihood that our sanctuary will be well into the renovation process, but that is also an opportunity. We can show that we are a congregation dedicated to rebuilding and renewing itself, with a great new minister whom we love and welcome.

To make this installation ceremony a great success, we need your support. Over the next several months, we will be planning the installation service and reception, arranging hospitality for participants, sending out invitations, planning publicity, and working hard to make this event a success. Please let us know how you can help.

You can also make a financial contribution towards our installation service. We estimate that we will need at least \$2000 to cover the cost of the installation service; but with more we can go beyond the bare necessities! You can contribute by writing a check to The First Unitarian Society of Plainfield with "installation" in the Notes line.

Our installation planning committee is led by Joanne Macaluso, and also includes Angela Goldman, Breda May, and John Hawkins. Please talk to any one of us if you have questions or would like to help.

## **FINANCE MINISTRY**

### **CRAFT FAIR SUCCESS**

Thanks to everyone who worked on the FUSP Holiday Craft Fair and everyone who shopped. The fair raised \$399. Barbara Rall

# **FINANCE MINISTRY**

## **CELEBRATION SUNDAY & CANVASS MINUTES**

Celebration Sunday, also known as **Canvass Sunday, is February 7, 2010**. Rev. Tracy Sprowls-Jenks will deliver an inspiring sermon and a lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Traditionally this is the Sunday we hope everyone will pledge generously for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Things are looking up!!!. Attendance at Sunday services is up and there are a lot of younger faces in the audience.

January is the build up to Celebration Sunday. Someone speak briefly during the Sunday services, telling us why they support FUSP. We ask some members to pledge in January. If you would like to make a pledge in January, please see Fred Lange.

Volunteers are needed to have a successful campaign. If you can help canvass or help with a luncheon after the Canvass Sunday sermon Feb. 7th, it would be appreciated. We hope everyone will pledge before or on February 7th. We will also need some people to provide a dessert reception at their home to members. Anyway you can help would be appreciated. See Fred Lange - Canvass Chairperson.

## **HISTORIC BUILDING PRESERVATION PROJECT**

We are a church in the right location. I have heard from members of the Plainfield community that everyone feels safe in coming to events in the central corridor of Plainfield so fixing and maintaining our building is the right thing to do. Thank you to all of you who have recently made payments on your building pledges. We received almost \$22,000 in November & December receipts will be even more. Over half of the pledges have now been paid. We still need new pledges and you will hear about this soon. Alice Logie, CFO Building Project

## **CHILI COOK OFF**

Calling all chili experts – is yours the best? We are going to have a “Chili Cook Off” on January 31st, right after coffee hour (11:30). Let me know if you want to be a contestant. The grand prize is Bragging Rights. Tasters will pay \$7.00 (\$20 per family), for all the chili you can eat, just be careful!! Then they’ll vote Contestants – please make enough for the crowd we expect.

Let me know as soon as possible if you’ll enter. The more the merrier. We already have several commitments, including two vegetarian chilis. Sandy Kaplan

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

## **TIME TO COLLECT YOUR GUEST AT YOUR TABLE!**

On January 10, we'll close our Guest at Your Table program during our worship service. Please bring your boxes with you to the service on that day. In recent weeks, our Guest at Your Table boxes and Stories of Hope have taught us about real people engaged in the struggle for justice in the United States and around the world. It has also taught us about our power to change the world when we support our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the many amazing people they partner with. Before bringing back your Guest at Your Table box, be sure to complete the form on the box. And please convert your cash and coins to a check made out to "UUSC". We'll announce the results of our Guest at Your Table program as soon as we are able. On behalf of UUSC, we thank and commend every person who has chosen to share their blessings. If you miss bringing back your Guest at Your Table box on January 10, you can pass it to Heather Brown, our UUSC local representative, at any time.

## **RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Having piloted the new UUA seminar series on race and ethnicity, "Building the World We Dream About," our Racial Justice Committee is moving rapidly to address a major issue in the city and schools of Plainfield, youth violence. We have joined together with other congregations: Grace Episcopal, United Church of Christ, Shiloh Baptist, the Quakers, Covenant Methodist, Faith Tabernacle, The Greater Central Jersey Clergy, and Watchung Avenue Presbyterian and organizations: Angels in Action, and Peoples Organization for Progress. Our group's first objective will probably be to support and work with The Youth Council Teen Center to deter and reduce the trend of gang involvement and gang criminal activities and redirect youth that are at-risk of becoming or whom are already gang members or career criminals toward becoming constructive and productive citizens. They are currently working with 18 young people in after-school programs providing counseling, recreation, and community service. They need a larger facility, equipment and volunteers to deal with the larger need. Longer term we are gathering information from local government and educational authorities to bring about a city-wide conference of government and educational leaders, experts, young people and African-American and Latino families to take effective action. Our Committee welcomes members and friends to join us. Speak to Carl Heath.

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, including representatives from all the subgroups: Homefirst, Food Pantry, Welcoming Congregation, Racial Justice, and UUSC, on **Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30 in the Stevens Room**. The agenda will be sharing of progress toward the goals that were set at the beginning of the year, as well as any new problems or projects that may have arisen. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Heather Brown.

## **JANUARY FILM NIGHT: FOOD, INC.**

On **Friday, January 22 at 7:00** we will be holding this month's night at the movies in the **Stevens Room**. Food, Inc. is an excellent documentary that exposes America's industrialized food system and it's effect on our environment, health, economy and worker's rights. " Food Inc. should be required viewing. One of the year's most important films." said one reviewer. This film is being shown due to the interest shown in Bonnie Rowan's message entitled "We Really Are What We Eat" delivered on the weekend after Thanksgiving. This film will give us more information about where our food comes from, how it gets to us, and how our diet affects our world. And it will be fodder for continuing our conversation about how our food choices reflect our deeper values.

In asking this question we at FUSP are not alone. Delegates at the 2008 General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale, FL selected "Ethical Eating" to be the 2008-2012 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of congregations. The CSAI is an invitation to all member congregations and districts to take a topic of concern and confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it and take action—each in their own way.

So, join us at FUSP and the wider UUA community on January 22 as we begin our exploration into food and question what it means to "eat ethically." Organic popcorn and drinks will be served and a discussion will follow the movie. There is nothing in this movie that I found to be inappropriate for children. Teens ought to especially enjoy it, so feel free to bring the family. Childcare will be provided for children who can't sit through a full length documentary. Questions? Contact Heather Brown.

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

## **WOMEN'S ALLIANCE**

**Saturday, January 16th, 10 AM - Stevens Room** — One of the greatest gifts is that of friendship. Facilitated by Gloria Deodato, a professional psychologist, we will explore this glorious state and revisit the friends of our life and the friends that are present. We will look at the role of friendship and how it changes as we age. Come join us. If you need childcare, please notify Bonnie Rowan several days in advance.

## **WOMEN'S ALLIANCE - NEW BOOK GROUP**

Thursday, January 7th, 7:00 PM - Classroom 1 — The Women's Alliance first book group will meet on Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 in Classroom 1, to discuss "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. Contact Kathy Weldy, 908-322-5116 for further information.

## **BRING-A-DISH DINNER**

The Bring A Dish Dinner for January will be at the **home of Karen and John Hawkins on Saturday, January 23 at 6:30 PM**. We especially welcome new members and friends. It's a great way to get to know others. RSVP to the Hawkins at 908-789-1931 and confirm with them what dish you plan to bring. Please bring your own wine, beer or soda. This is a family friendly dinner. Child care will be available. There will be a small charge to cover expenses.

We still need people to host our dinners in March, April and May. It's an easy way to entertain since everyone else does the cooking. The dinners are usually the fourth Saturday of every month with some adjustments to work around holidays. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Daniel Zucker 908-889-5894.

## **PASSOVER SEDER - SAVE THE DATE! - TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010**

We will once again be having a Passover Seder here at FUSP in the Parish Hall. Sylvia Walker will coordinate it as a guided bring-a-dish (recipes must adhere to traditional foods and include no flour except matzo cake meal, potato starch, or matzo itself and no leavening agents). Recipes will be provided to those who do not have their own Passover recipes. If you would like to help with coordination, set-up, serving or clean up, contact Sylvia at 908-561-6073 or leesyl@verizon.net before Feb. 7. She will begin taking reservations & food offers Monday, March 1. This is definitely a family occasion.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us for our next game night on **Friday, January 8 from 7:30 to 10 in the Steven's Room**. Game night is held on the second Friday of each month and is a great opportunity to meet new friends or get to know some old ones better. Once again, this game night will immediately follow the spaghetti dinner in the parish hall, so join us for dinner and stick around to play some games and socialize a little longer. Friends of all ages are welcome, and a variety of card and board games are played. You can bring a game you love, or just come ready to learn a new one. Contact Heather Brown at for additional information.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

What's your passion? Let's talk about the things that bring joy and purpose into our lives. What hobbies do we have, what are our non-church activities, where do we get satisfaction and inspiration? The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, January 9th, in the Stevens Room**. Fred Lange will lead the discussion, ably joined by someone who hasn't volunteered yet. All male members and friends are welcome.

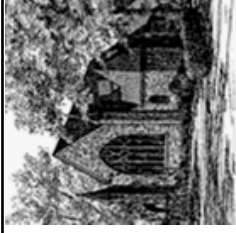
## BOOK TABLE

Business has been booming at the Book Table with new books coming in every month. It is usually cheaper to order books through the Book Table as we get a discount and some of the money benefits our own congregation. Dozens of copies of "A Chosen Faith" were sold to accompany Rev. Tracy's course on the Sources. Most books are from the UUA Bookstore or Amazon via the church's website.

Newest books are "Love and Death" by Forrest Church and "Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson. Rev. Tracy mentioned this book in one of her recent sermons and it will be discussed at the book discussion group, Wednesday, January 27 at 1:30 pm in the Stevens Room.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES FOR FEBRUARY

**Print/Advertising: Noon, Jan. 11                      Electronic:                      5 PM, Jan. 15**  
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to be included on the website & in the newsletter. —Priscilla



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