

September Newsletter

For questions or details regarding any activities listed below, please send an email to church@lcuuc.org or call our church office at 262-369-1703

Get Involved/Things to Do

October's *Movie that Matters*

In conjunction with Interfaith Power and Light, LCUUC is excited to present a *free* showing of the award winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* on October 7th at 7:00 pm. This extremely important movie won rare recognition with the Humanitas Prize, which honors screenwriting that helps “liberate, enrich and unify society.” Donations will be collected to support global climate research and education. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided and a discussion will follow. This is an open event; we want to encourage anyone who has not seen this movie to attend so please invite all your friends, co-workers and neighbors. In September we will have fliers available for you to post.

Third-Sunday Canoe Outing a Sparkling Success

Six watercraft, eight ebullient adults, six chattering children and 100+ turtles: just a few of the sights from August's LCUUC Third-Sunday Outing. The sky was blue, and the Bark River provided a perfect thoroughfare for our paddlers. Most of us stayed dry, and all of us had fun.

Note: Third Sunday Outings will continue with the beginning of the church year and will be planned to accommodate our service time – some prior to church for our early birds and others immediately following our social time.

Choral Notes

What a wonderful way to begin a day...with singing!

Our first choir rehearsal this year will be Sunday, Sept. 10th at 8:30 a.m. We welcome new singers both young and old (min. 11yrs.) to join us; no experience necessary, just a desire to sing and have some fun. If you would like to give it a try, please contact Karen H at the church office.

The UU Mindfulness Meditation Group is moving to Lake Country UU Church!

Beginning in October, the meditation group will meet the second Monday of the month. As before, Paul Norton from the Mindfulness Community of Milwaukee will be the facilitator. The regular meditation and discussion session will be from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Paul will also be available at 6:30 pm to give brief instruction in meditation to newcomers or folks who would like a refresher. Joanne N will be happy to answer any questions you might have. After the first of the year, we hope to schedule Paul's class on “Mindfulness in Everyday Life.” Look for more information on that later!

2006-2007 Book Group Season Begins

Better late than never (and not quite the end of the world ☺), we'll be meeting to discuss the recently released English translation of *The Gospel of Judas*. This long lost document, much like the *Gnostic Gospels* or *Dead Sea Scrolls*, sheds new light on the early Christian community and literature, and proves to challenge some of the commonly-held assumptions and mythologies about one of the Christian Bible's most controversial figures, Judas Iscariot. The discussion will include a comparative and multi-media approach. We'll meet at Joe M's house on Friday, September 22, at 6 pm for a light potluck and refreshments. Check with Joe if you need more information on the book.

Additionally, the gathering will kick off the 2006-2007 Book Group season. We'll be reading a couple stimulating books addressing the contemporary issues of world religions, fundamentalism and politics: *The Battle for God* (by Karen Armstrong) and *Reading Lolita in Tehran* (not by Armstrong). We'll probably meet one day each month throughout the year for discussion. If you would like to be a part of these book groups, but don't plan on attending the Judas discussion, please contact Joanne N to sign up.

Other Announcements:

LCUUC Welcomes LifeWays Childcare

Submitted by Lynne S

Beginning September 1st, you may notice changes to our building. LifeWays Child Care will begin the preparation needed to open their doors to families on September 25th. Among the changes will be some painted walls, sinks, rocking chairs, and play kitchen sets that will be added to a few classrooms. Additionally, a fenced in play yard will be installed. The day care will be open Monday through Friday, from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. If you or someone you know is in need of childcare, please contact the LifeWays Director, Mary O'Connell, at 414-562-0818. We look forward to sharing our space with LifeWays!

Social Action

Summer Update: Social Action donations for 2005-2006 were made to Repairers of the Breach, Interfaith, Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha County, the Peace Education Project of Peace Action, Wisconsin, and the Women's Center of Waukesha.

The books that were donated to the rummage sale for the New Orleans Public Library ended up being donated to Jerusalem Presbyterian's book sale to raise money for Grandmothers Without Borders, a group helping grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren left orphans due to AIDS. We were told that New Orleans had received more books than they could handle. Thanks to all who donated.

Food Pantry Collection: Our monthly food pantry collection will take place on Sunday, September 10th, and will go to the Kettle Moraine food pantry. Monetary donations as well as non-perishable food donations are appreciated.

Repairers of the Breach: This year we will make a return trip to Repairers of the Breach in Milwaukee, combining the forces of our teen youth and adults. We will be holding a clothing/household goods drive in advance of the trip.

We are looking for adult men's and women's clothing (size 10 or above), shoes, winter boots, coats, hats, and long underwear. *All items should be in good condition.* Especially needed are large men's shoes, caps, hats, and boots.

We will also collect basic toiletries as well as basic "starter" household items such as radios, microwaves, TV's, computers—all in working condition, of course. Drop-off boxes will be located in our church (location to be announced). Call Janica Y at the church office with any questions regarding items.

Movies that Matter: Grab your popcorn and get ready for LCUUC's monthly movie night. The first Saturday of the month will now be reserved for *Movies that Matter*. Topical movies, documentaries and films of interest will be shown in the social hall at 7:00 p.m. There will not be an admission fee, although we may occasionally have a donation bucket to collect money for organizations that sponsor the theme of the movie. Popcorn, lemonade and water will be served. No childcare will be provided. A discussion will generally follow the showings. An outing to a local watering hole may potentially follow...

The first two movies are: *An Inconvenient Truth*, October 7, and *The Future of Food*, November 4. Suggestions for other films may be submitted to Liz K at the church office

September Calendar of Events

Children's Religious Education for 2006-2007

We're looking forward to another great season of learning together at LCUUC! **Please note** several changes for the coming year below. **Many thanks** to Mike G, Phil S and Jason W for leading outdoor activities for children and youth during the summer worship services. **Thanks also** to Robin R for producing a colorful handout listing our RE offerings. It's available on the guest table for visitors. You are welcome to take a few copies to give to families you know who may be interested in our RE program.

Important notes for RE: As always, parents are responsible for their children (inside and outside the church building) at 11:15 when RE and the worship service end.

September 10th: Registration begins

September 10th:Teacher meeting from noon-2:00

September 17th: First day of class, with all the teachers

***New* LifeWays play yard:** Our tenant, LifeWays Preschool, will establish a fenced play yard near the church front entrance. LCUUC kids are welcome to play inside, but **please note:** Parental supervision is required. *Parents are responsible for supervising their children while inside the play yard.*

Leadership opportunities are available, through working with younger children in the congregation and as active participants in worship services. The DRE will keep this group up-to-date on **Youth Cons** and other opportunities inside and outside church for learning and community-building with other UUs. Early in the year, planning will begin for a trip to **Boston**—the “American Birthplace” of Unitarianism—for summer 2007. Students in their last year of High School may choose to complete **Transitions**—an independent, yearlong exploration of personal UU faith.

Our Whole Lives (OWL)—is a faith-based program designed to help youth make informed and responsible decisions about sexual health and behavior. It is open to **10th-12th graders**. Parent orientation (required) is scheduled for **January 7, 2007**. OWL will begin with an overnight retreat on **February 3-4**. The sessions will run **Sunday evenings in February and March**.

Director of Religious Education:

Christi E can be contacted at the church office