



THE WEEKLY REMINDER

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, NY
A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY OF HOPE, HEALING AND OCCASIONAL HERESY

EVENTS FROM MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

- VIPASSANA MEDITATION** Monday, May 12th, 7:30pm Room 200
From the Buddhist tradition, Vipassana is a simple form of mindfulness and breath awareness practiced by many in the West. You do not have to be familiar with Buddhism or sit on the floor! Participants take part in a 40-minute sit. The cost is \$2 per session. Led by church members on a rotating basis.
- PEACE ADVOCATES VIGIL** Tuesday, May 13th, 4:30pm *Corner of Fitzhugh and Broad Streets & Sidewalk in front of First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road*
The goal is to bring an awareness of the war into our daily lives, to call for our troops to come home and to witness for another approach to healing in Iraq. Pre-made signs will be handed out as people arrive. Contact Rev. Scott Tayler (scott@rochesterunitarian.org 271-9070 or Marilyn Lambert-Fisher (uupeaceadvocates@hotmail.com) with questions or concerns.
- COFFEEHOUSE MEETING** Tuesday, May 13th, 5:30pm Room 110
- MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP** Wednesday, May 14th, 11am Room 110
This will be the last meeting of the year for the Morning Discussion Group. Coffee and conversation begin at 10:30am. Attendees should feel free to bring a post-discussion bag lunch. Lew Ward-Baker will review the book, *The Death of Sigmund Freud* by Mark Edmundson. This tells the story of Freud's last minute escape from the Nazis in Vienna and of his brief remaining time in London. This book also gives an account of Freud's life and ideas, including his final work, *Moses and Monotheism*. After the review, there will be a sign-up of reviewers for next year, with book titles if available.
- UU/SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP** Thursday, May 15th, 5:00pm Williams Gallery/SBA
The annual Teacher/Volunteer Supper for all School No.15, School No. 22, and Saturday Academy volunteers will be held, starting with hors d'oeuvres at 5pm in the Williams Gallery (with the students' art show), supper to follow in the Susan B. Anthony Lounge. Contact: Stuart Burke.
- CAFE VERITAS** Friday, May 16th, 8pm Gilbert Hall
Enthusiasm is running high for the three artists who will be performing at our coffeehouse (doors open at 7pm). Our guest artists were voted the performers "Most Wanted to Return" by the audience of the 2007 *Falcon Ridge Folk Festival*. Donation: \$15.00 for early reservations; \$18.00 at the door. Half price for ages 13-18, and free to ages 12 and under.
LINDSAY MAC is a classically-trained cellist who studied at the Royal College of Music in London. She has opened for k.d. lang, as well as other famous singers. As a singer/songwriter, Lindsay Mac is characterized by her unique style of playing the cello, at times, holding it like a guitar. See www.lindsayamac.com
JOE CROOKSTON was recently awarded a songwriting grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. His 2004 release, *Fall Down as the Rain* was chosen by *Performing Songwriter Magazine* as a "TOP-12-DO-IT-YOURSELF" independent recording. The song was also featured on National Public Radio's, *All Song's Considered*. "...This guy is flat out good", said Roger Nichols of the *Dalles Oregon Chronicle*. See www.joecrookston.com.
RANDALL WILLIAMS has performed in thirty-five countries, and he is as much at home in a Senegalese village as he is at the Kennedy Center, or at a house-concert in New Jersey. Randall Williams is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Mons, Belgium, and he has been a finalist in the Founders' Title, The Mid-Atlantic Song Contests, and other competitions. For more information, visit www.wherisrandall.com. Volunteers from the Honduras Project will be serving at the refreshment table. Contact 585-309-2196, www.cafeveritas.com.
- UU101: INTRODUCTION TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM** Sunday, May 18th, 10:45 only Room 209
New to First Unitarian this spring? Please join us for an overview of First Unitarian Church, our UU faith, and ways to explore us further. This informal session lasts about an hour. So plan to attend the 9:30 service! Child care available in Room 120.
- VOTER REGISTRATION/ VOLUNTEERS** Sunday, May 18th Williams Gallery
We need volunteers to register voters this summer. Please stop by our table and add your name to our volunteer list. You will be contacted to see if you are available as we get venues, dates, and times. Also, if you are not registered to vote or have moved since you last voted, you will be able to register at our table. For more information, contact Jack Maniloff (jkmf@mail.rochester.edu).
- KIDS' ART SHOW CONTINUES** Now through May 19th Williams Gallery
Art work by students at School No. 22 and the Children's School is now on display through May 19th in our Williams Gallery. Stop in to see this colorful show and to celebrate the partnership our church has had with the Rochester City Schools for twenty years.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

9:30am & 11:15 am

Religious Education Sunday

The Worship Services are created and led by our Religious Education Classes as a Celebration of a great year! Come, enjoy, and support our kids. Join us afterwards for our

Teacher Appreciation Reception in Room 110!

(All children and teachers will go directly to the sanctuary, where a row will be reserved for each class.

NEWS AND NOTES

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, May 19th, 9am

The next newsletter deadline is Monday, May 19th at 9am. This covers events from June 1st – June 14th. Please email articles to newsletter@rochesterunitarian.org and include in the subject line which issue you want your article to appear. The newsletter schedule is available on the website at www.rochesterunitarian.org and in the office. The deadline for the Order of Service and the Weekly Reminder is each Thursday at 1pm.

GATHERING PLACE

Wednesday, May 21st, 11:30am

Bill and Liz Trow will show slides from their travels in Switzerland. Bill takes great slides! This can inspire us all to travel more. Be sure to come for this, our last meeting of the season. As always, coffee and tea at 11:30am. Bring a sandwich for lunch at noon. Our program will be promptly at 12:30pm.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Sunday, May 25th

Williams Gallery

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Hear their views, and ask them questions. After each service tables will be set up in the Williams Gallery for all of the candidates.

FRIDAY FUN

Friday, May 30th

Get your dancing shoes ready. We're Square Dancing at First Unitarian. All are welcome. The caller will teach everything you need to know. \$5 per person.

AN EVENING OF STRING TRIOS PLUS

CHAMBER MUSIC

Sunday, June 1st, 7:30pm

Auditorium

This is the final concert of our first season. It is being presented by Juliana Athayde, violin; Melissa Matson, viola; John Haines-Eitzen, cello; and Erik Behr, oboe. The music selections will feature Mozart's quartet for oboe and strings; Beethoven's G Major string trio (Op. 9 No. 1); and other works for oboe and strings. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for students, and \$20 maximum for a family (cash or check only). Tickets will be on sale in the Williams Gallery on Sunday, May 18th, 25th. On June 1st tickets will be available in the Gallery and again at the door in the evening. Proceeds will benefit the 22/UU Schools Partnership. For more information go to www.RochesterUnitarian.org and click on "Chamber Music Series" on the Music & Arts page, or call 271-9070 Ext. 112. Join us for another great musical evening.

HONDURAS PROJECT

First Unitarian member Moritz Wagner has joined the UR Department of Family Medicine's delegation to Honduras (May 10-24). The delegation will also include Barbara Gawinski, co-chair of the Honduras Project. The Honduras Project gratefully thanks church members for generous donations of six boxes of supplies, which were taken to Honduras! We also thank Jenny Cos and Judy Fuller for their diligent work on creating science curriculum lessons on levers and pulleys for the Honduras teachers. Honduras Project members continue to work on curriculum, RE, microfinance, and other projects. On Friday, May 16th, we will be raising funds by selling refreshments at our church's own coffeehouse-- **Café Veritas**. We are still looking for help with a Scholarship Committee to work on policies for disbursing scholarships to middle school students in Honduras. Email Barbara Gawinski (barbara_gawinski@urmc.rochester.edu) to help with scholarships or MJ Curry: (mjcurry@warner.rochester.edu) for information in general.

DO YOU ENJOY BEING IN A GARDEN? Our church has a butterfly garden, woodland gardens, a sunny slope of perennials, container gardens, a memorial garden, a Japanese maple garden, the cairns, and the newest garden--the Hollow, which will be a quiet and restful area with bird-friendly plantings...and more. If you would like to help maintain these very special areas, join a group of church members who help keep the gardens in shape. Just bring your garden gloves and a trowel and we'll supply the rest. You don't have to be an expert. Call Nancy Koch, 624-3958 for information.