

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2010
FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY, CENTRAL SQUARE**

Thursday, March 11 – 8:30 a.m., Worship Committee.

Friday, March 12 – 6 until about 8 p.m., Drum Circle. (See note below.)

Sunday, March 14 – 9:30 a.m., Choir rehearsal. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott, student minister. 10:50 a.m., Religious education. Noon, Stewardship Luncheon. (See note below.) This is also the once-a-month Sunday on which everyone is asked by the Social Justice Committee to donate food items for the Downstairs Scotty, which later will be taken to the Food Bank at St. Michael's Church.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Please remember that Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. next Sunday, March 14, so be sure to set your watches and clocks ahead an hour.

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to attend the Stewardship Luncheon in the church dining room at noon on Sunday, March 14.

Arne Hook will prepare food for the luncheon, as he did last year. Janie Garlow and others will make desserts.

Janie will also serve as master of ceremonies for the luncheon. Executive Board members will present an original musical segment.

Chet Perkins will speak about church finances.

He points out that the luncheon "will give everyone a chance to discuss the plans for next year and how we will meet the needs of the congregation."

Everyone is reminded of the article Janie wrote for the March church newsletter:

"My Dear Friends,

"We are preparing our Annual Stewardship Campaign. It is that time of year when we ask you to support your church through your generous giving. The concept of stewardship speaks to 'how' and 'why' we support our church. Our giving reflects our values and what is important in our lives. This year our theme is 'Light the Flame'.

"The UU Circle has been our fundraising engine, having planned many successful fundraising events over the years. At a recent UU Circle meeting we decided to do less fundraising; yes, that is correct, less. It is not that we don't need fundraising money to support the church but that the constant fundraising took the FUN out of fundraising. It became apparent to rethink fundraising. One family stated in an exit interview: 'the constant fundraising was tiresome'. I know many of us felt the same way.

We will still do fundraising but less of it. How then can we support the church??? We are hoping to pick up the slack with pledges. When you pledge you will be given a paper chalice to post on the wall. Let's fill that wall with paper chalices. We can do it!

"When the whole congregation becomes motivated to improve its annual budget, great things are possible. Let's light the flame. We will kick off our stewardship campaign with a free luncheon on March 14 immediately after the Sunday service. Arne Hook will be the chef. You are warmly invited and all are welcome.

"The energy in church is very positive with good attendance. We are blessed to have the Reverends Tanya Atwood-Adams and David Weissbard in the pulpit and, of course, our student minister, Andrea Abbott. Each Sunday is one not to miss. Let's keep this momentum going! It is too important not to do so!"

DRUM CIRCLE

The next Drum Circle will be held from 6 until about 8 p.m. on Friday, March 12. If you cannot make it at 6 o'clock, just drop in when you can.

If you don't have a drum, but are curious about the experience of a Drum Circle, there are drums, rattles, rhythm sticks and maracas available.

Drum Circles are meant for people of all ages. That means that kids are welcome.

Our plan is to schedule the Drum Circle for the second Friday of each month.
– Ann Peterson, Adult Religious Education

SAVE FORT ONTARIO!

A public rally to support the Fort Ontario State Historic Site will be conducted at 12 noon on Sunday, March 14. If you can make it, please do! Please come at least one hour early.

For more information, you may contact Paul Lear at:

Paul.Lear@oprhp.state.ny.us

Thank you all,

– Reily Mumpton

CHANTING AND MEDITATION

People who are interested in chanting and meditation may call Timothy Hart at 439-2541.

A PROGRAM ABOUT TORTURE

You are warmly invited
to join your friends and neighbors
to view the following video,
followed by a discussion:
“Ending U.S.-Sponsored
Torture Forever”

A Study for People of Faith

Produced by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)

At the First Baptist Church in Central Square

at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 20.

Refreshments will be served.

This is free and open to the public.

All are WELCOME.

For more information, contact:

Nancy Hallock at 675-8357

IF IT'S SNOWING ...

To find out if church services will be held on a Sunday morning when winter weather is raging, you may call Janie Garlow at 436-2238 or Chester Perkins at 668-6719. The decision as to whether services will be conducted will be made by 8:30 a.m.

Ann Peterson has made arrangements for any cancellations to be broadcast over WSYR television, News 10 Now television and WSYR radio.

REMINDERS

If you have an announcement you would like included in the weekly e-mail announcements, please send it to Bob Haskell at rhaskell@twcny.rr.com by 5 p.m. on Sundays. Earlier submissions would be appreciated.

Don't forget to send your articles for the April newsletter to Bob Haskell at rhaskell@twcny.rr.com by noon on Saturday, March 27. Earlier submissions would be appreciated.