

# Our Outlook

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## Sunday Services | December 2012

**December 2** | *In the Quiet Stillness*

A contemplative service of readings and song, a place of peace in a harried month.  
-- Rev. Martha Munson

**December 9** | *Religious Freedom*

Hanukkah marks the first recorded battle for religious liberty. It is a good time for religious liberals to consider the freedom we claim. Free from what? Free for what?  
-- Rev. Martha Munson

**December 16** | *Music Sunday*

On Sunday, December 16, during the regular service time, the First Universalist Choir will present a special Music Sunday. This year's theme is "Songs of Winter," featuring "Cantique de Jean Racine," by Gabriel Fauré, and "Snowfall," as made popular by the Manhattan Transfer, as well as other special solo and ensemble pieces performed by members of the congregation.

**December 23** | *If Jesus Was Born Today*

A special holiday service for all ages featuring UUs Dan Duggan and Peggy Lynn, combining instrumental and vocal renditions of both original and traditional seasonal pieces on the hammered dulcimer, concertina, guitar and piano. Dan and Peggy have performed with the 100 piece Oneida Chorale, the Alfred University concert choir, and numerous church choirs throughout the northeast. Dan has recorded three CD's of instrumental traditional holiday music "Christmas Morn", "Winters Eve", and "All Through the Night" and together Dan and Peggy have released two CD's of original and traditional seasonal songs and tunes: "Keeping Christmas" and "Be the Light". This is a service not to be missed! -- Rev. Martha Munson

**December 24** | *Christmas Eve*

7 p.m. A service of story, song, and candlelight, suitable for all ages. Bring your family, friends, neighbors. -- Rev. Martha Munson and friends

**December 30** | *Auld Lang Syne*

A potpourri of rhyme, rhythm and remembrances to usher out the old year and welcome in the new. We shall recall our favorite poems, stories, and music of yesteryear and celebrate the new poems, stories and music of today.  
-- Dolores Delomba

Our regular morning service as well as Religious Education classes begin at 10:30am.





## Walking With You

*Message from the Interim Minister*

All holidays, all the time! Or so it seems in December. From Advent through Kwanzaa, encompassing Hanukkah, Yule, Christmas, and a host of other celebrations, there is no shortage of holidays and holy days in December. Some are home-centered, others take place in congregations. Some are quietly reflective, others most joy-filled. Some are major events within various traditions, others are minor.

When I was a child, I remember having an “Advent Calendar”, a colorful one-sheet paperboard calendar with small “doors” that could be opened, one each day, from early December right up to Christmas. There were pictures behind the doors, as I recall, and sometimes a cut out which could be removed from the page. It helped to mark the time, and to see how it was passing in the slow way it seemed to me as a child, until Christmas came. Now, as an adult, the time seems anything but slow in passing. So much to do, so little time! And I also know that the grand rush is part of the anticipation, and the grand rush needs me to slow it down, on every day I can manage to do so. I need to stop, if only for a moment or two, to pay attention, to pause, to notice. For all holidays, all the time, is more than rushing, it is appreciating the wonder and the joy, the poignancy and the sadness sometimes too, as 2012 draws to a close, and new vistas await.

There are wonderful services and activities at First Universalist in December. I encourage you to invite your friends, bring your family, and join in our seasonal celebrations. ❖

Faithfully,  
*Martha*



## Gleanings

*from Religious Growth & Learning*

*Submitted by Rev. Lori Staubitz, Consulting Religious Educator*

Can you hear it? The stillness beneath the bustle? The woodlands and fields have fallen into a deep rest. City parks and streets are more quiet as the hush of winter blankets the whole of the land. This is the season of regeneration. Who would know with all the busyness of the holiday season? So much buying and getting, so much going on!

One of the hallmarks of Unitarian Universalism is our ongoing search for religious growth and meaning. As adults, we continue to recognize our own need for spiritual deepening while recognizing that we also serve as teachers and models for the children in our midst. What are we learning to do during the winter holiday celebrations? What do we really yearn for in this season of giving and getting?

What if we were to rest into this natural time of calm and quiet? Can we find additional ways to celebrate? I believe we can.

So let there be walks in the parks and woods. Let there be silence under the dark, star filled sky. May the light of a candle in the darkness open our minds and hearts. Let us remember to give thanks around our table. Let this be our time to pause, to reflect and rejoice as we join with the Earth in this time of rest and renewal.

Unitarian Universalist singer and songwriter Shelley Jackson Denham offers these words in a hymn from our Hymnal entitled “Dark of Winter”. This hymn reminds me that we are all a part of a much larger cycle of renewal.

“Dark of winter, soft and still, your quiet calm surrounds me. Let my thoughts go where they will, ease my mind profoundly. And then my soul will sing a song, a blessed song of love eternal. Gentle darkness soft and still, bring your quiet to me.” ❖

*May this time be a time for such peace & blessing for all.*

Peace, Shalom and Happy Holidays! Lori



## Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling

*Submitted by Michael Scott*

The Unitarian Universalist Association (and the Universalist Church of America and the American Unitarian Association before it) has a long tradition of issuing statements on issues of public policy. Under the current rules, these statements can be of two kinds: major “Statements of Conscience” developed over a period of several years, and briefer “Actions of Immediate Witness” that respond to current events. The most recent Statement of Conscience, on “Ethical Eating,” was adopted this past June. You can find a copy online (at [www.uua.org/environment/eating/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/environment/eating/index.shtml)).

Each Statement of Conscience begins as a “Study/Action Issue” proposed by a congregation like ours in the fall of an odd-numbered year. Last spring, congregations were able to vote on the most recent set of proposals. The five that garnered the most support were placed on the agenda of last summer’s UUA General Assembly (GA), and one, on “Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling,” was selected for two years of study. This past month, the UUA Commission on

Social Witness (CSW) released a detailed study guide on the issue, and invited congregations like ours to organize a study group and submit input (by March 1) for workshops at next year’s GA. After one more year of study and congregational input, the CSW will release a draft Statement of Conscience in November of 2014. We will then have one last chance to submit comments and suggestions (by February 1, 2015) before the General Assembly votes on final adoption.

Certainly 2015 seems like a very long way away. But new Study/Action Issues begin the process every two years, and this means that the *previous* Statement of Conscience, on “Immigration as a Moral Issue,” will be available for comment (at [www.uua.org/immigration/re/moral/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/immigration/re/moral/index.shtml)) before this newsletter reaches your mailbox. Judging from past experience, the statement will raise difficult moral questions not only for society at large, but for Unitarian Universalist individuals and congregations.

Will our congregation have input on these questions, or will we leave it to others to speak on our behalf? Let me know if you’d like to organize our participation!

And if you’re interested in issues of reproductive rights, consider becoming involved in the current Study/Action issue. Further information is available online (at [www.uua.org/reproductive/calling/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/reproductive/calling/index.shtml)). ❖

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## Transition Team: Sharing our News, Shaping Our Work Together

*Submitted by Ann Rhody*

WOW! 83 church members and friends participated in one of our PEP (*People Engaging People*) rallies this fall! We are encouraged by the engagement of the congregation, as well as the candid discussions of our perceived strengths and limitations. It was indeed good to be together!

A summary of these sessions has been compiled and shared in person with the Board and leadership. Now it’s your turn! The transition team will hold two sessions during which our summary of results will be shared and discussed with the wider congregation:

- Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 AM
  - Sunday, December 2 after the service (& some coffee!)
- Both sessions will be held at church.

The summary of PEP rally results will not be distributed via e-mail or printed for wide distribution to the congregation. Why? Because the real value in sharing the results is in the dialogue with the Transition Team and the conversations you will have with one another. Only then can we get a good sense of how we might best plan our work together.

If you cannot attend one of the sessions above, please contact a transition team member. We will consider adding an additional session or meeting with you in some capacity to share the results and get your impressions. As with the PEP rallies, we want everyone to be included! Ann Rhody for the Interim Transition Team: Karl Abbott, chair; Bill Elwell, Mary Louise Gerek, Santosha Kuykendall ❖

# Drop-In Discussion, December Schedule

Submitted by Phil Ebersole

Drop-in discussions are held each Sunday in the adult lounge on the second floor of our church. Sometimes our discussions are based on certain books or articles, but you don't have to read anything or do any advance preparation to participate. Just drop in. People of all viewpoints are welcome to make presentations or join in the discussions. Our discussions are held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., preceding the Sunday service. Here is the schedule.

## December 2 | *Genetically Modified Foods*

Janine Casillo will introduce the topic of genetically modified animals, and show pictures of foods that are being modified. Then we'll discuss the pros and cons.

## December 9 | *What Is the Christmas Spirit?*

Do you have to be Christian to get in on it? Janet Rothbeind will facilitate a discussion.

## December 16 | *Thriving as a Highly Sensitive Person.*

Janet Perregaux will continue her discussion of the Highly Sensitive Person, the one in five Americans with heightened and sometimes overwhelming sensitivity to

sights, sounds and feelings. We'll talk about thriving in our environments in our school, work and everyday personal lives. We'll see that healing deeper wounds is a different process for HSPs, and we'll talk about where true treasure lies in soul and spirit. Janet suggests reading *The Highly Sensitive Person* by Elaine Aron, which is available at most or all Monroe County libraries.

## December 23 | *Family, Relatives & Possible Aliens in Your Life*

Okay, it's holiday time and you're bound to spend some time with family or relatives. Is this something you cherish or do you feel like you're surrounded by people who've been taken over by the invasion of the body snatchers? What types of personalities do you find most interesting/annoying at holiday gatherings? David Damico will facilitate.

## December 30 | *Open forum discussion* or to be announced.

Topics are subject to change. For updates, check the bulletin board in First Universalist Church's Clara Barton lounge or the Schedule of Drop-In Discussions on <<http://philebersole.wordpress.com>>. ❖

## Library News

Submitted by Keith Stott

Who gave the only first person description of the first Thanksgiving? Was there much gratitude expressed - or just partying? To find out, read *Pilgrim Winslow* in Jane Ranney Rzepka's meditation manual, *A Small Heaven*. Call number is **242 R**.

## Missing: Valuable set of old library books

Earl Morse Wilbur's massive two-volume *History of Unitarianism* has gone missing from the First Universalist Church library. It's of interest primarily to scholars, but it is considered a classic and it is out of print. If you happen to know its whereabouts, please tell Phil Ebersole or one of the other members of the Library Committee, or leave it on the library desk in the Clara Barton lounge. Philip Ebersole ❖

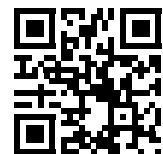
## UU house at Chautauqua

Submitted by Joyce Gilbert

Thinking of going to Chautauqua in summer 2013? The UU house there is fully booked right now, but openings always come up. Best possibilities on the wait list are for weeks 2, 3, 5, and 6. More information at [uudhchaut@gmail.com](mailto:uudhchaut@gmail.com). For program information, go to [www.ciweb.org/calendar/](http://www.ciweb.org/calendar/)

The denominational house provides reasonably-priced accommodation at the Chautauqua Institution.

Rental is by the week during the Chautauqua season. The price *does not* include the Chautauqua Institution gate pass. Information about the programs of the Chautauqua Institution is available at [ciweb.org](http://ciweb.org) (see QR code on right). ❖



# RAIHN

(Rochester Interfaith Hospitality Network\*)

Submitted by Sarah Singal



Did you know that on October 31, a flower, a good witch, and a 1920's flapper were out and about at night knocking on doors at First Universalist and St Mary's? The flower and the witch and a few grownups walked out the parking lot door, armed with flashing pumpkin lights, and made their way to the Court St door. Before the bell could even be pressed the flower said "twick or tweat" to the massive wooden door. Then the bell was rung and the doors opened to reveal a stunning flapper who had goodies to give out. Next the whole procession made it to the Clilnton Avenue door, and again the flower said "twick or tweat" to the door. And the same flapper answered the knock, gave out more goodies, and stepped out to join the crowd. The flapper and the witch held hands, and chit chatted across the street and down the way to St Mary's rectory. The flower and her mother did the same. The door was appropriately greeted "twick or tweat" and this time the whole crowd was invited into the foyer of the warm and welcoming house. Here there were goodie bags full of treats, and books and coloring books. On the way back to First Universalist people in cars stopped at the traffic lights called out "Happy Halloween!"

Next training dates for RAIHN: Volunteer training will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 4115 Dewey Avenue, on Dec 11th at 7:00. Next host week begins January 13.

The ever popular event *Shop Till You Drop* will be held on Monday, November 26. One World Goods is a favorite store for finding Christmas gifts; proceeds help RAIHN close the budget deficit, and One World Goods purchases also help artisans around the world. Other participating stores can be found on the RAIHN Facebook page.

\*RAIHN is a non-profit organization of faith communities assisting homeless families in achieving sustainable independence. This is done by supporting them with resources of food, shelter, personalized case management, and a broad network of caring volunteers. Every fifteen weeks, a faith community hosts RAIHN guests in their place of worship for one week. ❖

# We put the FUN in FUNdraising!

Submitted by Ann Rhody

Why be boring? Finance CAN be fun!! We are having a great time planning for the financial support of First Universalist, and no one is more important than YOU. Whether you are well-heeled or in pauper-land at the moment, there is a way to support the church that fits your style and budget- all while building fellowship & fun:

- Our change drive netted over \$750- great total! Even if you brought in a few coins, YOU were part of our success.
- Our Holiday Shoppe is going strong! Baked goods, scarves of all kinds, beautiful holiday cards..... there's something for everyone. Why fight the crowds at the Mall? Our gifts are personal and special. While you're at it, get a little something for yourself! Shop early and often! The Holiday Shoppe will be held after church through December 16.
- And coming soon..... our biggest and craziest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Service Auction! Save the date: it's scheduled for Sunday, February 3, right after church. You can help by donating a service or item; bringing food for our luncheon or assisting the auction folks (we always need a "Vanna"), and of course bidding on auction items! Watch for more information about how and what to donate and how to participate. Most important, plan to show up! We always have a great time!

We have a crack staff of Finance Committee people (Bill Jones, Lauretta Young, Dave VanArsdale, Alain Perregaux, Cathie Grisley, Paula Marchese, and Ann Rhody), but we are always looking for more participants. Please see one of us if you'd like to get in on the fun.

Have a great idea for a fundraiser? Contact Paula Marchese, or any member of the Finance team. And THANKS for supporting our church fundraisers! ❖





## Introduction: Director of Music Bryan Holten

Bryan Holten, of Wilmington, Ohio, is a Doctor of Musical Arts student at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York. He began piano studies at age eight, and a keen interest in sacred music led Bryan in his early teens to begin learning to play the organ. However, it was not until nearly age twenty, during his four years at Northern Kentucky University, that he began devoting full-time study to the instrument. A particularly important part of this transitional process was his work as Organ Scholar of *St. Timothy's Episcopal Church*, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was able to explore many aspects of church music and organ playing, from planning to performance. Bryan has held several other church positions: Pianist, *St. Anthony's Episcopal Church*, Wilmington; Organist, *Wilmington United Methodist Church*; and Music Intern, *Downtown United Presbyterian Church*, Rochester. His teachers have included Barbara Dennis (piano and organ), Sergei Polusmiak (piano), Nina Key (organ), and David Higgs (organ), Chair of Eastman's *Department of Organ and Historical Keyboards*. He also studies organ improvisation and harpsichord with William Porter. In the next few years, Bryan plans to travel to France to learn more about its wonderful instruments and to experience its rich culture.

Bryan has played for numerous seasons of the Wilmington College-Community Summer Theatre, including the summer 2009 production of *Sondheim's Sunday in the Park with George*. He lives in Rochester, where he enjoys commuting by bicycle, even in the dead of winter, and bowling in a league with his friends. ❖

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

*Submitted by Carol Williams*

Carol Williams, our nursery care provider, is in need of volunteers to assist in the nursery on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 12:15. If you are able to assist and would like to sign up for a rotating schedule, or a one time slot, please contact Carol at 663-4362.

## Board Bio's: Michael Scott

*Written by Michael Scott*

I'm a 6th-generation Universalist, and the son, grandson, and grand-nephew of Universalist ministers. As a Sunday school student in the '60's, I was never given the "elevator speech" that my 10-year-old self really needed, but I got a very strong sense that Unitarian Universalism was central to my outlook on life, and as a teenager I was able to consolidate that into a personal theology that has remained remarkably stable ever since (I describe myself as a Natural Theist). I can't imagine my life without the church I love.

My wife, Kelly, and I moved here from Wisconsin in 1985, when I took a position at the University of Rochester (I teach in the Computer Science Department). We visited both local churches, but it was clear from the moment we stepped in the door that this was where we belonged. We were welcomed incredibly warmly by the ministers and the congregation. We joined the choir, Kelly joined the music committee, and I quickly became enmeshed in building issues. (Among other things, I led the team that lowered, cleaned, and rewired the chandeliers in the sanctuary. To this day I still serve as chief light bulb changer :-). I've been on the Board of Trustees a couple times before (I was Clerk from 1986-92 and again from 1999-2000). I've also been active in the New York State Convention of Universalists (Secretary 1991-99, President 2001-2005, Webmaster 2003-present), and I frequently attend denominational meetings. I'm also a Worship Associate and a past member of the Committee on Ministry.

Our two daughters, Erin and Shannon, grew up in the church and think of it as their extended family. Both became leaders of the UU group at Mt. Holyoke College, where they went to school. We're all devoted to Ferry Beach, the UU camp and conference center in Saco, Maine: we spend a week or two there every summer, and both girls have been members of the summer staff. ❖



# Auld Lang Syne

Submitted by Karen Dau, archivist



WHAT FOLLOWS is a highly personal memoir of Frederick Harlow Lee and his wife Gen. A fourth-generation Universalist, Fred was born into this church community and for his entire 77 years was a vital part of its life. Along with two sisters, he grew up during the hard times of war and depression, and after the death his father Frederick Shirley Lee just before his 13th birthday, his mother, Minnie Norton Lee, became manager of what is now the Rochester Friendly Home. I knew her as the wife of Ernest Colmyer, her second husband. Genevieve Murphy, a local native, met Fred while they were patients in the same hospital. She evolved into Mrs. Lee in 1942 and came to this church with her husband from the Catholic tradition. While there were no children, the couple greatly enriched the lives of Gen's niece and her twin grand-nieces.

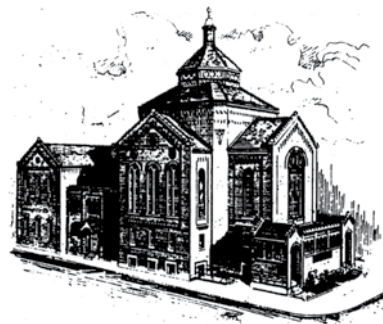
I knew Fred best as church historian. During my earlier years in the church he sometimes would take me to the archive after the service and show me interesting things, and afterward Gen would serve us tea at their home. Fred was especially drawn to 20th century Universalism, which had been part of his entire life and therefore was not history, while I was inclined toward the 19th century, so we complemented each other. And of course I soaked up everything Fred told me about the history of this congregation. He had forgotten more than I had ever learned!

Fred served on the Board of the NY State Convention of Universalists (NYSCU) and in many capacities in this congregation. Gen was also active in church life, most notably in the former Women's Association. For absolutely forever she was in charge of the then-annual

rummage event, and often ruefully referred to herself as "Mrs. Rummage Sale." In their later years the Lees became snowbirds and lived in Fort Myers, Florida during the winter, where they attended the local UU congregation. And around 1986 Fred had quadruple-bypass heart surgery. But they were still active at church when in Rochester.

On October 3, 1993, Fred was serving as usher for the Sunday service. As I entered the sanctuary he asked me about something he had noticed missing from the history collection, and I told him yes, I had it. Gen, standing next to him, told me that some day I would be his successor, and I said that would be an honor. Such a very short time later, Fred placed the offertory envelope in his pocket, sat down next to Gen, and slumped over without a sound. The church organist, seeing a young physician race from his pew to Fred's side, ran to call 911 and the Lees went to a hospital. Our minister Beth Banks delayed the service for several minutes and invited people to come forward and share brief memories of Fred.

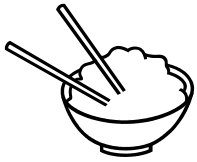
Not too many months afterward I was given permission to name the NYSCU history collection the Lee Universalist Archive, after my cherished friend. ❖



## Singing with the Choir

Submitted by Bryan Holten

Love to sing, but no time for a big commitment? As Director of Music, I wish to extend a special invitation to all of those interested in singing with the First Universalist Choir on a temporary basis, now through December 16, our special *Music Sunday, Songs of Winter*. You are under no obligation to commit to singing with us at the performance. Simply show up 9:30 a.m. each Sunday (except 11/25), and we will spend 30-45 minutes of rehearsal specifically on music for Music Sunday. Rehearsals are held in Room 25. One or two additional rehearsals for Music Sunday will be appointed in early December. We'd love to have you join us! ❖



# LUUnch BUUnch

*Submitted by Connie Valk*

Membership committee has launched a way to enjoy each other's company, and connect with other members, friends, and visitors. Each month, generally on the third Sunday, the LUUnch BUUnch will gather at Dac Hoa, 230 Monroe Avenue at noon after the service. The prices on the menu are modest; the food is yummy. There are also over a dozen vegetarian options.

The next LUUnch BUUnch date is December 16th. All are welcome! ❖

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## Mitten Tree, 2012

*Submitted by Sarah Singal*

A mitten tree will again decorate the sanctuary at Christmas time. Bring in mittens, hats, scarves, handmade or store bought; previously owned is OK if it looks new. In January we will donate these to School 7, so that when children come to school without enough to keep them warm they can go to the parent liaison office and pick out something cozy.

In addition to this, we would also like to collect new stuffed animals or other new toys. Bring them in and place them under the tree during December, and we will pick them up after each service, and bring them to the School so that children who might not be getting much for Christmas will have something special from Santa. Sunday December 16th will be the last day your gifts will get to the school before Christmas. Let's give some children happy surprises! ❖



## Introduction to Urban Forest Gardening

(otherwise known as Permaculture)

### When

Wednesday Evenings  
Feb. 13, 20, 27th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Who

Facilitator: Patty Love; Rochester Permaculture Institute

### Sponsor

First Universalist Church of Rochester;  
Adult Religious Education Committee

### Cost

*No charge*; free to all members of the community

### Where

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### Registration

*Reserve your spot*  
Sign-up by February 1, 2013

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# House Report Highlights - December 2012

*Submitted by Alain Perregaux*

## Sanctuary Renovation

Ever so slowly, progress is happening. The sound system was upgraded in the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are three main differences to notice:

- The sound system has been extended to the lounge.
- 4 new speakers have been added to the sanctuary to provide sound above and below the balconies.
- The amount of power going into the hearing loop has been doubled, thus making the loop more immune to random electromagnetic noise.

We are now in the painstaking process of fine tuning. After each Sunday service, some members of the renovation committee listen to comments, compare notes and make the appropriate tweaks. Since it took five years to stabilize the old system, we can expect these tweaks to proceed for a few more months.

As for the other renovation plans, they remain essentially unchanged except for some minor reshuffling. The idea at the moment is to take care of the fire detection, of the lighting and of some electrical work this winter.

The big job of restoring the pews and refinishing the floor should take place in the spring. The board remains informed and has not discovered any reason to delay.

The missing pane in the SW stained glass window of the sanctuary would be ready to be re-installed, were it not for a missing piece of green glass (a very unique shade of green) that had to be special ordered.

## Routine Repairs and Maintenance.

The bulk of the repair of the exterior sill of the stained glass window facing North, off the choir loft, is now done. Ted Robertson of Kirkwall Construction still needs to do the priming and painting. At this time of year, the weather will dictate when this task can be completed. In the process, we were reminded of two weaknesses in the trap door that gives access to the attic from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor: it allows significant quantities of warm air to escape from the building into the attic; it is also borderline unsafe for people who chose to use this passage to go to the roof. Ted will give us a cost estimate and we can decide if and when this repair should be done.

John Morgan and Marty Vyverberg have replaced the burned bulb in one of the parking lot lights. Thank you gentlemen!

Much was accomplished during our last Clean-up Day on October 20. In spite of a belated announcement, 12 people showed up and 95% of the planned tasks were completed. Most notably a new light switch in the volunteer office which, not only is in the right location, but is actually working (courtesy Michael Scott). Also, a new glitch was discovered: the fact that, out of 5 emergency lights scattered through the building, only 2 are working. We have not figured out yet if these things can be repaired or if they must be replaced.

The snaking of the drain traps under the floor of the basement remains an unfinished task. ❖

## Cozy Friday Night Suppers

### Small Group Ministry for All

*Submitted by Connie Valk*

Here's a brand new way to spend an evening out with big kids, little kids and grandkids

**What:** Small Group Ministry multi-generational sessions,

**Sponsored by:** Religious Education

**Where:** Clara Barton Lounge

**When:** Friday nights, 5:30pm ending promptly at 7:30 pm.

December 28 | **"Reflections on the Holidays"**

January 25 | **"Beginnings"**

February 22 | **"Love"**

March 29 | **"Renewal"**

**What:** Each session will begin with a supper provided by the Religious Education Committee and some help from others in the church. Children will join adults in discussion that are sure to inspire.

Come to one or all sessions. For children under age six, childcare is available. Let Connie Valk know one week in advance. The more the merrier.

Sign up on bulletin board in the Clara Barton Lounge, or sign up on the website: <http://uuroc.org>. or call Connie at 585-467-3191. We look forward to some good times. Let 'em roll. ❖

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# **First Universalist Church of Rochester, NY**

*Nurture the spirit and serve the community*

First Universalist Church is a member of the Unitarian-Universalist Association, a liberal religion with historical roots from the Jewish and Christian traditions.

**Worship services and Religious Education classes begin at 10:30am Sundays**

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