



THE FIRST Unitarian

To be a humanist is to affirm the sufficiency of human experience, and a commitment to learning to live with greater human dignity in this world, in pursuit of meaning and joy.

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From the Minister

How wonderful it was to end the Assembly on September 26 with the poignant choral benediction, followed by silence! Both Barb Brooks and I were delighted that we had succeeded in creating a feeling that invited thoughtfulness, rather than applause. We both realize that the applause that normally follows the postlude on Sunday mornings is a very sincere expression of the congregation's appreciation, and we value that impulse. Many days, our time together ends on an up-beat note that makes enthusiastic clapping the most natural, and welcome, response. Yet both of us, as artists, sometimes seek to evoke a mood that we hope will stay with people after the hour is over, and it can be disappointing to see that feeling tone end abruptly in a round of applause.

There is a fascinating connection among music, religion, and theater, going back to the earliest history of humanity. Whereas when we go to a play, we are willingly entering into a fictional situation in order to explore the meaning of our own humanity, the Sunday morning experience seeks to use the realities of our individual and common lives to illuminate what it means to be human. At the theater, when the lights go up at the end of the drama, we move out of the invented world, and back into reality. The applause that expresses our admiration for the performers also serves to separate our experience in the two different realms. In religious community, the goal is to more effectively integrate our 'ordinary' lives with the expression of our highest hopes and deepest values and that is the goal in our Assembly. Routine applause can actually work against that effort. It is as if the members of the congregation were to say, "Well, now that that's over with, we can go back to being exactly who we were before we came in here this morning," and the possibility for transformation is lost.

Those of us who are concert-goers are aware of the convention that discourages applause in between the movements of a whole piece of music, even though the players have paused and there is a lull - perhaps even some sense of completion. In part this is to prevent breaking the concentration of the performers, but I think it is also because we want to hear the piece as a whole, with connections from one movement to another, not as a random collection of components. Barbara and I work very hard - together with readers, chalice lighters, and other contributors - to craft an hour-long experience that has integrity, in which the various components relate to one another as the movements of a symphony do. When every piece of music in the Assembly is followed by applause, it not only distracts us as presenters, it also disconnects the elements from one another, and makes the experience less coherent.

It is significant for what we are trying to do on Sunday morning that one of the functions of applause is to dissipate energy. To be left with a sense of

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*See you
at
Retreat
to the
Woods!*



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Forum & Assembly Previews

Forums are at 9:30 a.m. in the Lower Assembly Hall. Assemblies are at 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Assembly Hall.

November 7

FORUM— *How about that election?!*

Speaking: **Some or All FUS Members**

Have something to say about the election? Here is your chance to share your thoughts about the campaign, the election and our future. All FUS members will be invited to speak (not all at once, please). Don't miss this free flowing, loosely moderated debate with lots of issues to vent about!

ASSEMBLY— *It's Time to Heal*

Speaking: **Peggy Leppik and Gene Martinez**

This service occurs just five days after a presidential campaign that was sullied and divisive. Whatever one's political beliefs there is antagonism on all sides. Many issues remain to be resolved: the war, the environment, health care, and housing. This Assembly will help us begin the process of healing. Peggy Leppik is a member of the Metropolitan Council. She served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1991 to 2003. Gene Martinez is the Senior Public Policy Advocate for Arc Hennepin-Carver. During the past campaign, he organized candidate forums and was involved in directing voter registration efforts for Arc. They are both longstanding members of FUS.

November 14

FORUM — *HUUMANISM & the UUA*

Speaking: **Sarah Oelberg, Vice Pres., HUUMANISTS**

Rev. Sarah Oelberg is a fifth generation humanist and UU. She attended Antioch College, and has a B.S. in Geology and Special Education from the University of Illinois and an MA from Yeshiva University. She taught elementary special education before changing careers to become a UU minister. She received her D.Min. from Meadville Lombard Theological School and served fellowships and churches in Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota before retiring in 2004.

ASSEMBLY — *Singing for Our Lives*

Speaking: **Kendyl Gibbons**

Public singing is a disappearing cultural phenomenon. Early societies were deeply structured by rituals of dance and song in which all were expected to participate, because they passed on the collective memory and the history and values of the community. Printed books made it possible to transmit intellectual knowledge silently, and for over a century now, sound recordings have freed us from the necessity of making and listening to music in real time. What does this mean for our essential humanity? Does being humanists mean that we no longer want to, or should, or can sing? The FUS chorus will be on hand to help us with songs old and new.

November 21

FORUM — *A Gift for a Lifetime*

Speaking: **RE Class to be determined**

Depending on who's ready first, we'll be enjoying a play from either the Senior High Youth Group or the 5th through 7th Graders. The other class will present theirs in December. Come and support our Religious Education program, and let our children and youth see that we are there for them!

ASSEMBLY — *The Perils of Abundance*

Speaking: **Kendyl Gibbons**

Thanksgiving is traditionally thought of as a season for appreciating the profusion of resources and choices that characterizes our lives; we are so well provided for, and have so many options, compared to the rest of humankind throughout the ages and around the world. But the interesting question is, are we actually happier, living amongst this welter of possibilities? Recent research suggests that at a certain point, increasing choices creates tension and anxiety rather than satisfaction. How does this dynamic affect our lives, and what are the spiritually mature ways of responding to it? At this assembly we will recognize the newest members of our Chalice Lighters club.

November 28

FORUM— *Hyde Park Corner*

Moderating: **Bruce Nelson**

Here is another opportunity to speak your mind at an FUS Forum. All FUS members are invited to speak for 5 minutes on an issue of concern to them and engage in discussion with the audience. Subsequent speakers may address a topic of their choice, a topic brought up in earlier discussion or engage in dialog with the audience. Bring your issue and let's thrash it out!

ASSEMBLY — *Back to the Basics*

Speaking: **Kendyl Gibbons**

Before we head into the seductive glamour of the holiday season, a quick review of the foundational principles of a humanist perspective on life, truth, and the world around us. What is it that makes us unique, and how does that translate into good news that we have to share with others? How would the world be better if our values were more widely shared? What do we want our lives to look like by the time we are done with them? If someone you know doesn't quite 'get' how humanism can work as a spiritual path, this might be a good Sunday to invite them to explore it with you

Membership News

News of Members

Yleen Joselyn has had a second total knee replacement and is at home recovering.

Farewell to **Lola Gomsrud**, who passed away suddenly on September 30, 2004. Her Memorial Service was 10/9/04 at Becketwood.

Bruce Nelson's e-mail address has changed to bruce-nelson@twincitizen.net.

Anton Markwart has been laid off. He writes "Any correspondence will be cheerfully received (job offers especially cheerfully!) at my home address:" He can be reached at 215 Oak Grove St Apt 1803, Minneapolis MN 55403, 612-879-5182

Bill Cramer informed us that **□Graef Whitney** former associate and RE teacher, died recently at age 78. Condolences may be sent to his partner Jan Shoff, 4313 Anaconda Dr., Newport Richey, FL 34655.

Two members of our congregation traveled to Nicaragua to provide needed health care to a village far from any city. **Colleen Curran** and **Peter D'Ascoli** will be gone for two weeks. Welcome them home next time you see them.

Continuing FUS's long and dignified relationship of support with Planned Parenthood, **Todd Melby** and **Peter D'Ascoli**, retreat co-facilitator, were a driving force behind this fall's Planned Parenthood parent/child retreats, particularly the Father/Son retreat. We thank them for their role in

helping us to responsibly educate and share information with our children around the heated topic of sex and sexuality.

Growing Together

We are not afraid of those whose stories we know. Whose story did you find out this past month? Did you share yours with another? As we have our Wednesday evening dinners and once-a-month Soup Lunches, you will have more chances to greet and meet while eating with other FUS members, friends, and visitors. All the food has been very strongly acclaimed - come and try it!

New Members

Please welcome these new members, who joined FUS on fall New Member Sunday, October 24:

Ken Martinez & Becca Long

Jerry & Lois Edwards

Troy Linck & Joel Pollos

John & Ginny Groos

Terry Erickson & Raghavan Iyer

Jane Jacobs

Jodi Horne

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Growth Discussion Begins

Chris Bubser, Libby Starling and Kendyl Gibbons recently attended a meeting with UUA President Bill Sinkford, Prairie Star District Executive Nancy Heege and other metro UU leaders and discussed possible growth initiatives. Stay tuned for further info.

The First Unitarian is published once a month (except July). The deadline for submission of items is the **10th** of the previous month. Items submitted may be edited to fit the space available. Submissions may be left with Diana or Greg in the FUS office, or made by mail, fax (612-377-2151) or e-mail to newsletter@firstunitariansociety.org

Religious Education: A Gift of a Lifetime

Karns, Carlson, Sundeen and Brackett Complete Unity Summer Program

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Hannah Karns, Maureen Carlson, Kathy Sundeen and Andrew Brackett for completing the Unity Summer Program last summer. This year's program focused on youth as change agents and our Wed. afternoon curriculum was developed specifically to meet that goal. These youth completed the 9 week course serving as interns in social justice agencies in the Twin Cities. WE ARE PROUD OF THEM!

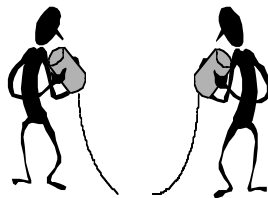
Address Updates Needed to Continue Communication with College Kids

Got a youth in college? Help the youth office at the UUA keep track of them by submitting their email and snail mail addresses to www.uua.org/connect.

RE Program Grateful for Adults

Our thanks go to Helen Anthony, Bill Karns and advisor Pamela Wolfe who took the Coming of Age class on a wonderful Ropes Course Retreat with the First Universalist Coming of Age Class. This seems like a wonderful partnership and we will be doing Urban Immersion with these same kids on Valentine's Weekend.

Also thanks to Peter D'Ascoli who chaperoned for the IcoGawhan Retreat in Wisconsin and to Jack Harris who spent the weekend at the Spirituality Retreat in St. Paul with Bryant Harris and Corwin Diamond. Elizabeth Bendtsen, Linnea Asp, and Susan Diamond chaperoned many of our youth who went to BagelCon. It takes adults to help our youth have the experiences that will keep them interested and active in our program and become UU's for a lifetime!



FUS Launches Parenting List-Serve

Parenting is a tough gig. It is made up of so many decisions that you have to make for your child and your family. It is always agonizing to think that you have to know the "right" answer to situations that are constantly coming up. Each time you think you've got it figured out, it changes!

Last month in this column there was an announcement about a new parenting resource, the class *Parenting As Resident Theologians*, and again this month we are offering a tool to help parents. It is a new service called the First Unitarian Society Parenting List Serve. This will be an on-line place where you can go to pose a question or share a comment or experience and have other FUS parents respond with information, comments and ideas. It is the modern "It takes a village" method to childrearing! Simply go to <http://lists.Firstunitariansociety.org/mailman/listinfo/parenting> to join what we expect will be a lively e-mail discussion list. You'll be prompted for your name, email address, a password, and how you want to receive listserve messages (i.e. as individual emails or batched as a daily digest). Once you subscribe, you can send parenting-related messages to other subscribed parents using the following address: parenting@list.firstunitariansociety.org. If you have any technical questions about the list or have difficulty getting on, please contact Diana Allen at membership@firstunitariansociety.org. For any other questions, see Jan Devor. The Religious Education Committee thanks Fred Olsen and Keren Price for spearheading this project.

Day of the Dead

And, speaking of fun projects, on Sunday Oct. 31, children could wear their Halloween costumes to church and participate in a wonderful Day of the Dead Celebration that Kay Slack again organized. All children and youth 1st-12th grades could decorate skeletons, eat Day of the Dead special foods and could do other art projects. All children and youth are encouraged to bring a picture of a relative or beloved pet that had died that they put on the altar for that day. Thanks to the team that put on this wonderful event for the second year.

Clay Bowls Project to Begin

Beginning on November 28th and going for three Sundays, the Northern Clay company will be coming in to make clay bowls with the first through the twelfth grades. These bowls will be sold on December 19th to benefit Heifer Project International. Use yours for the soup luncheon that day! These bowls make great holiday season gifts filled with goodies. There is a wonder card that comes with the purchase of a bowl explaining the Heifer project..

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To Be a Chalice Lighter...

On Oct. 29 and Nov. 19 in the evening, (6:00 until 7:30 with pizza included!) Kendyl and Jan will be doing the Chalice Lighters Club for any child grade 3 and up that wants to be trained to do the chalice lighting in service. They will be initiated into the club on Nov. 21 during the service. See Jan Devor to sign up for this fun and educational club!



Adult Religious Education

How to Talk about Unitarian Universalism and Humanism

Have you ever wished that you could be more articulate about your religious identity when people ask what you believe? Have you ever wanted to respond with greater confidence to your neighbor, co-worker, or brother-in-law when they question you about your church? Do you think that the idea of having an 'elevator speech', so that you can answer 'What is a UU anyway?' by the time the elevator reaches the ground floor, is a good idea?

These are abilities that can easily be learned! Join Rev. Kendyl Gibbons and others for three Sunday evenings in November -- the 14th, 21st, and 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. -- for information, discussion, and practice in talking about Unitarian Universalism and Humanism to others. Become an effective representative of our faith, and discover how rewarding it can be to share these ideas with those who haven't heard of us -- yet!

Humanist Center Asks "What in God's Name has Happened to Humanism?"

The Humanist Center has begun its new year. Four of the six new Sunday programs for 2004-05 remain, including the next exciting speaker:

November 14
What in God's Name has
Happened to Humanism?
Sarah Oelberg
Vice-President, HUUmanists

The remaining presentations are December 5, "**A Humanist Looks at the Holidays**" by Kendyl Gibbons; May 1, "**Is the AHA a Religious Humanist Organization?** What Does the Humanist Manifesto III Mean?" by Mel Lipman, President of the American Humanist Association (AHA); and June 5, "**How Pluralistic Should Humanism Be?**" by Robert B. Tapp, professor emeritus of Humanities, Religious Studies South Asian Studies at the University of Minnesota.

Presentations take place here at FUS. They evening includes a 6:30 social time, the program at 7:00, a question period at 8:00, social time again at 8:30 and a 9:00 adjournment. For further information, please contact Matt Stark at 612 377-2211. Free and open to the public!

From the Minister (cont'd)

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gratitude or admiration that has not been expressed is to be in a state of tension, and that can feel uncomfortable. Yet that very discomfort can serve to heighten the intensity of what follows; clapping is a form of relief, and even when that is your impulse, it may not be what helps you get the most out of the experience in the long run. Like an unresolved chord, the discipline of suppressing applause may function to create a more transcendent sensation, and a more welcome harmony in the end. The biologist Lewis Thomas speaks of thinking when he listens to the symphonies of Beethoven, "Whatever else may be happening in the world, at least I am a member of the same human race which has produced that exquisite beauty." This is the direction our thoughts can take when we do not immediately release the energy of our appreciation by clapping.

There are also moments when applause serves the experience well, and helps us to feel connected with each other and with our own bodies; it is not the case that clapping is never appropriate in a religious gathering. The key is discernment, an attention to the unfolding of the moment and the feelings of others. When there is that breathless instant at the end of something exquisite, whether words or music or anything else, consider whether it contributes more to the richness of our collective experience to hold the silence, or to give way to applause. And please know that Barb and I will understand your appreciation either way; we take to heart the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson; "The silence that accepts merit as the most natural thing in the world is the highest applause."

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It's become a monthly event!

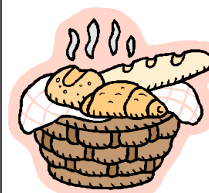
Is there anything better
than hot soup
on a fall day?

Yes! Eating delicious warm soup
with your fellow FUS members!

Bring your
lunch money
\$7 (suggested
donation) for

all you can eat soup and bread!

Sunday, November 14 hosted by the
Membership Committee whose func-
tion is to support FUS Community,
Outreach, Leadership Development
and membership processes.



Service Auction



Last Call! Be Part of this Year's Service Auction

There's a new moon both outside and inside on November 13! Celebrate the beauty and promise of our rising new moon by attending the Service Auction Saturday November 13, from

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Light dinner and childcare are provided, the company and auctioneer are terrific fun, and there are lots of fun items and events to buy, so why wouldn't you go?

Watch for the Catalogue

The complete catalogue of auction items and events will be arriving in your mailbox soon.

Service Auction Tickets on Sale Now!

Buy your tickets during social hour any Sunday before the Auction at the Social Action table, lower assembly hall. Tickets may be available in the FUS Office during week-day hours as well; call ahead to confirm (377-6608).

Adults: \$10.00 in advance \$15.00 at the door

Kids \$5.00 (12 years and under)

Childcare Provided...Including Dinner and Activities

We can plan better childcare if we know how many kids of what ages you'll be bringing. Please give a call to Madalyn Cioci at 612-926-5249, or let us know your kid-count when you buy your tickets.

"Moonlighters" (Volunteers) Welcome

Getting involved behind the scenes is a fun way to participate if bidding isn't your thing. We need servers, cashiers, and other help too. Call Barbara Weatherhead for details, 612-781-0418.

Saturday, November 13, 5 - 9 p.m.

2004 Winter Solstice Celebration Planning Begins



On the evening of December 21st, once again FUS will host an earth centered, humanist celebration of the Winter Solstice. It will include a light dinner, midwinter revels, caroling, and dancing. But this intergenerational, participatory event requires a lot of help to make it happen. Please come to our first planning meeting on **Sunday, November 14 at 9:30am** in the Deitrich Room if you can help coordinate some aspect of this FUS tradition. Or contact Audrey Kingstrom at akingstrom@mn.rr.com or 952-924-1039 to see how you can be involved.

Events & Announcements

Celebrate Thanksgiving with Your Friends at FUS

Our sixth annual Thanksgiving Celebration will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, here at FUS. Bring a holiday dish to share and your favorite activity or board game for after-dinner fun and socializing.

Mark Gibbons will again roast the big turkey. A suggested \$5 contribution (towards the turkey and decorations) will be collected at the door. Sign up at the turkey table during the social hour November 14 and 21.

If you have questions, want to help with planning, or want to sign up ASAP, please contact Jean Toll (612-338-4524 or jeangtoll@aol.com) or Gary Blegstad (612-339-7660 or garyblegstad@earthlink.net).



Retreat to the Woods Promises Relaxation and Fellowship

Just a 30 minute drive from the Twin Cities, Camp St. Croix once again hosts FUS Retreat to the Woods. The retreat, in its 11th year, is an opportunity to build community with others through workshops, music, dance and conversation.

The retreat includes two overnights in heated cabins, and the registration includes five meals between arrival on Friday November 7th at 5:00 and departure Sunday the 9th after breakfast. You can also choose to not stay overnight, or just come for Saturday!

For those of you joining this grand sleepover, here is a reminder of what to bring: sleeping bag and pillow, towel toiletries, flashlight, warm clothes and a t-shirt to silk screen.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP ST. CROIX:

Head east on I-94 from St. Paul. After crossing the St. Croix River into Wisconsin, take exit 2 (Co. Rd. F and Carmichael Road). Turn right (south) on Carmichael Road and travel 1.5 miles. Camp St. Croix is on the right shortly after Co. Rd. FF.

It's not too late to register! Contact the FUS Office.

FUS Alliance November Meetings

Wednesday, November 3

9:30 AM Board Meeting

11:00 AM Program: "The Patriot Act" with Teresa Nelson, Legal Counsel for the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union. Followed by: 12:00 Noon Luncheon.

Wednesday, November 17

10:30 AM Discussion on Issues of the Day, followed by Bag Lunch Break, with dessert provided.

Events and Announcements (cont'd)

Book Project Seeks Editor to Capture UU Quest for Multiculturalism

Skinner House Books is searching for an editor or editors of a new book about Unitarian Universalism's progress toward racial justice and multicultural diversity. At the 1997 General Assembly Unitarian Universalist delegates voted to become an anti-racist multicultural association; this vote was the culmination of a five-year process that began with the passage of a 1992 Calgary GA resolution.

As currently envisioned, this book will tell the story that begins in Calgary and moves into the present. We hope to capture history of this important anti-racism work, including stories of transformation from people who have been involved at every level. Our hope is to include not only the successes but also the stories of struggle and failure.

The project stipend is \$10,000 plus expenses; proposals are due in Dec 2004. FFI: Patricia Frevert at 617-948-5605 or pfrevert@uua.org.

S.W.I.M. Offers Opportunity for Winter Vacation with Fellow UUs in Florida

S.W.I.M., the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Winter Institute in Miami, is all about having fun in the Miami sunshine! S.W.I.M.'s annual retreat for UUs and like-minded children of all ages happens yearly from Dec. 26th through Jan. 1st.

S.W.I.M. offers south Florida hospitality, outdoor adventures (including tours, boating and sailing), workshops (including spirituality and personal growth), special programs for youth, teens, and young adults, fantastic food, and a new community of friends.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at S.W.I.M.! Join UUs from all across the continent for a week of fun in the sun! FFI: visit us online at www.swimuu.org.

S.W.I.M. is a member in good standing of CU2C2, the Council of Unitarian Universalist Camps & Conferences, an affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

Next WAG Meeting November 8

Women's Awareness Group is open to all the women of FUS. We gather for potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by discussion on the second Monday of the month. The November meeting will be Monday Nov. 8 at the home of Wanda McCaa, 1235 Yale Place #402 Minneapolis, (612)378-0660. Discussion topic will be "What makes community happen?"

Holiday Treats and Gifts

The Alliance will help you prepare for the holidays. As you begin your gift planing, include calendars, notecards, gifts, and treats at the Alliance holiday sales on December 5 and 12.



Opportunities Remain to Enjoy Wednesday Evening UU Eat 'n Meet

Since September, we've all had one more reason to love being a part of FUS: the **Wednesday night UU Eat 'n' Meet!** These gatherings are centered around

*an amazingly good, quick, healthy
DINNER from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.,
which you don't have to cook OR clean up
(though a little help from everyone
makes this go faster!)*

Dinner is provided by the Membership Committee with Mark Gibbons for a suggested donation of \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids, \$10 MAX per family.

The remaining programs are:

- Nov 3 Election Debriefing
- Nov. 10 Culminating Celebration.

Other activities include a parenting group or social gathering at 5:00, An Assembly for All Ages at 6:30, and a lively and informative Program at 7.

All are invited!

Come for FOOD! Stay for fun!



UU SINGLES CALENDAR -- Fall 2004

Sat. Nov. 6 Take a Safari to the **Safari Restaurant** at 1424 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. 612-872-4604. 5 PM. One of the new highly rated Somali restaurants. Many entrees under \$10. Call Judy S at 612-869-6814.

Sat. Nov. 20 **Monthly potluck** at First Universalist, 5 PM. Questions? Call Riley at 612-338-1378. Otherwise, just come!

Sat. Dec.18 **Annual Festive Holiday Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange.** 5 PM at First Universalist Church. Bring a gift: new, used, fun, or funky. The gift should be wrapped or otherwise disguised. **Planning session:** bring your ideas for activities for the next 3 months. Questions? Call Riley at 612-338-1378. Otherwise, just come!

Activities of the Twin Cities Unitarian Universalist Singles Friendship Group, open to singles of all ages.

Visit our website at <http://www.tcuusf.org/>

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November 2004 Events

Tuesday, November 2

Election Day

Wednesday November 3

9:30 AM Alliance Board Mtg
11:00 AM Alliance Luncheon
5:45 PM Eat 'n' Meet Dinner
7:00 PM Eat 'n' Meet Program
7:00 PM Social Action Meeting

Friday November 5

5:00 PM Retreat to the Woods begins

Sunday November 7

9:30 AM Forum
10:30 AM Assembly
4:00 PM Discovery Group Leaders Mtg

Monday November 8

6:30 PM Women's Awareness Group

Tuesday November 9

7:00 PM Stewardship Committee

Wednesday November 10

5:45 PM Eat 'n' Meet Dinner
7:00 PM Eat 'n' Meet Program
7:00 PM Membership Committee

Thursday November 11

9:30 AM Memory & Memoir DG

Friday November 12

6:00 PM Plays & Movies Disc. Grp
7:00 PM Discovering Your Passion
through Arts & Crafts

Saturday November 13

5:00 PM Service Auction

Sunday November 14

9:30 AM Forum
9:30 AM Solstice Planning Meeting
10:30 AM Assembly
6:00 PM Humanist Center
6:30 PM Adult RE (see page 5)

Wednesday November 17

10:30 AM Alliance Issues of the Day
6:00 PM Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday November 18

6:00 PM Humanists of MN

Friday November 19

6:00 PM Chalice Lighters Training
7:00 PM Discovering ... Arts & Crafts

Sunday November 21

9:30 AM Forum
10:30 AM Assembly
2:00 PM Adult RE — Scholars Forum
6:30 PM Adult RE (see page 5)

Wednesday November 24

NO Chorus Rehearsal

Thursday November 25

4:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner
OFFICE CLOSED THURS & FRIDAY

Friday November 26

6:00 PM Plays & Movies Disc. Grp

Sunday November 28

9:30 AM Forum
10:30 AM Assembly
6:30 PM Adult RE (see page 5)

Weekly Meetings:

Sun. 9:30 am Children's Choir
1:00 pm CUUPS Kids 'n' Kin
7:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal
7:00 pm CUUPS Ritual
Mon. 7:30 pm Men's Awareness
Wed. 5:00 pm UU Meet 'n' Eat
7:00 pm AA Big Book
7:15 pm Chorus Rehearsal