

# First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis • 612-377-6608

## A Guide to Kendyl Gibbons' Radical Sabbatical December 2005 - April 2006

After eight years of superior service to our congregation, our minister, Kendyl Gibbons, will take her first sabbatical from December 2005 - April 2006.

The Sabbatical Committee has worked since Fall 2004 to ensure that Sunday services continue to be of the highest quality with stimulating pulpit guests, that excellent pastoral care continues to be provided, that services celebrating rites of passage are available, and that the administrative operations will continue to run smoothly.

### WHY A SABBATICAL?

The sabbatical leave is a tradition for Unitarian Universalist clergy. It offers an extended time for study, reflection, rest, and renewal—all ingredients for effective ministry. A sabbatical leave is part of the congregation's covenant agreement with Kendyl as our minister. Just as importantly, the congregation will benefit as Kendyl returns refreshed, filled with new ideas and with rekindled energy. Further, it offers the staff and congregation the opportunity to step up to fill some of Kendyl's responsibilities while being exposed to some great speakers.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

During the sabbatical, Sunday services will prove to be very stimulating! To fill the pulpit each Sunday, the Sabbatical Committee has invited an outstanding roster of guest speakers (see reverse side for the schedule of guest speakers). Sunday Services will be managed by our own Wendy Jerome with the help of the FUS staff.

### CHURCH OPERATIONS

The Sabbatical Committee, Kendyl, and the staff have been working together to assure that church operations will continue to function smoothly in Kendyl's absence. Questions about the church office or operations should be directed to Congregational Administrator Diana Allen.

### PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care and support will continue to be provided by the Caring Circles, with Wendy Jerome serving as liaison.

### rites of passage

Please contact Congregational Administrator Diana Allen for a list of Unitarian Universalist ministers who are qualified to perform weddings and Union ceremonies for both members and non-members. She can also make referrals for funerals or memorial services for non-members.

We hope that there will be no member memorial services during the sabbatical period. If this occurs, Wendy Jerome will consult with Kendyl about her ability to participate.

The next Dedication service for children and families will be held on Sunday, March 12 when Father Michael O'Connell is here as a special Sunday for which Kendyl will return.

### HOW CAN I CONTACT KENDYL?

Sorry, but Kendyl's sabbatical is a time for a complete break from her duties as our minister. The network described in this brochure will deal with all routine matters, and almost every emergency matter, that might arise. Therefore, the only people authorized to contact her are Diana Allen, Wendy Jerome, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the congregation.

### SABBATICAL COMMITTEE

If you have comments or questions about the sabbatical, please contact any member of the Sabbatical Committee, listed below:

Susan Barton, Roger Clemence, Jenna Hutchinson, Linnea Asp, Scott Eller, Steve Anthony

### Whom do I contact...?

<u>Question Regarding:</u>	<u>Staff Member:</u>
Adult Religious Education	Jan Devor
Annual Report	Diana Allen
Budget	Bill Scattergood
Building Hours	Jim Stroebel
Children's Religious Education	Jan Devor
Church Calendar	Diana Allen
Custodial Services	Jim Stroebel
Event Planning	Jim Stroebel
Fund Raisers	Bill Scattergood
Meeting Space	Jim or Diana
Newsletter	Diana Allen
Orders of Service	Diana Allen
Printed Announcements	Diana Allen
Pledge Payment Status	Bill Scattergood

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## **Sunday Assembly Speaker Schedule**

- Dec 11, 2005...**Kendyl Gibbons** (final Sunday before sabbatical) *"A Time Apart"*
- Dec 18, 2005...**Arnold Walker/Roger Clemence** (SAPC) *"A Humanist looks at the Holidays"*
- Dec 24, 2005...**Jan Devor** (FUS Director of Religious Education) *Christmas Eve Celebration*
- Dec 25, 2005...**Diana Allen** (FUS Congregational Administrator) *"Christmas and The Hydrologic Cycle"*
- Jan 1, 2006...**Barbara Kellett** (former FUS intern) *Beginning the New Year with the Labyrinth*
- Jan 8, 2006...**John Jensen** (Music Director at First Universalist) *Playing and discussing jazz*
- Jan 15, 2006...**Meg Riley** (UUA Director of Advocacy and Witness) *Discussing social justice*
- Jan 22, 2006...**Colleen Rowley** (FBI whistle blower, now retired) *Discussing ethics*
- Jan 29, 2006...**Rob Eller-Isaacs** (Co-Minister, Unity Unitarian St. Paul)
- Feb 5, 2006...**Maria Cheng** (former FUS member, martial artist/dancer) *Discussing artistic expression*
- Feb 12, 2006...**Victoria Safford** (Minister, UU Church of White Bear)
- Feb 19, 2006...**Tom Fisher** (FUS Member and Dean of CALA) *Discussing architecture and creativity*
- Feb 26, 2006...**Marcia Zimmerman** (Rabbi, Temple Israel)
- Mar 5, 2006...**Music Sunday** (FUS Chorus and Orchestra, Barbara Brooks and Gabriela Diaz-Alatriste)
- Mar 12, 2006...**Michael O'Connell** (Priest, Basilica of St Mary and Ascension Parish)
- Mar 19, 2006...**Jim Gertmanian** (Minister, Plymouth Congregational Church)
- Mar 26, 2006...**Michelle Hensley** (10,000 Things Theatre) *Discussing theater and creativity*
- Apr 2, 2006...**Doug Bruce/Ken Meter** (sponsored by FUS Lunch Bunch) *Discussing labor movement*
- Apr 9, 2006...**Khoren Arisian** (FUS Minister Emeritus)
- Apr 16, 2006...**Wendy Jerome** (life-long FUS member, and UU Minister) *Easter*
- Apr 23, 2006...**Kendyl Gibbons** returns!