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Ingathering Reception Planned to Welcome the Rev. Dawn Cooley

Please join the members and friends of First Unitarian Church after **Ingathering Sunday, Sunday, September 13**, for a reception to welcome our new settled minister, the Rev. Dawn Cooley. After the service we will have refreshments and fellowship. An installation is being planned for later in the Church year.

The Transition Team members are coordinating this event. Members include: Jill Sampson, Kathy Thackeray, Kay Woodworth, and Doug Taylor.



Sign Up for Circle Suppers— Circle Suppers are a fun way to get to know one another. They are usually held in the host's home on the last Sunday of the month. The host selects the main dish and asks the assigned guests to bring the other parts of the meal. If you are interested in joining other members and friends of the church for an occasional meal at each other's house, sign up at the Membership Ministry kiosk in the Social Hall. A few individuals have expressed an interest in hosting with another single. You may also sign up as a substitute if you are unable to host but would like to participate on occasion. Contact Holly Hogue (holly@intent.net or 454-4967) for more information.

**Please be aware - On Sunday September 13
the Celebration of Life starting time returns
to the regular schedule.**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Round Table (SMART) 9:30 -10:45 am**
- **Celebration of Life Services will start 10:55 am.**
- **Children and Youth Religious Education - Starts September 20 at 10:55 am**



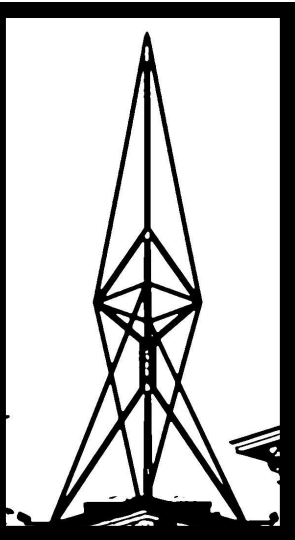
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FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

STEEPLETALK



Minister's Musings

Joy. Do we get enough of it in our lives? It seems to me that the more I look for opportunities to be joyful, the more I find them. I was having an overwhelming day soon after starting here (not surprising, really!). As I went to the last meeting of the day, I was tired and grumpy. But soon after the meeting started, my energy started to rise. We all cared about what was going on in the church, we were invested in making good things happen. I think everyone's energy level rose as we brainstormed and made some concrete plans. It was a good meeting.



As I was driving home, it struck. Joy. I felt so good about the meeting: the people, the love for the church that I felt from them, combined with a feeling of personal accomplishment. I started singing the closing song from *High School Musical* in the car: We're all in this together! It was probably quite a scene.

The joy is carrying me through these early weeks as your new minister. There has been so much that has been waiting for my arrival that it could easily become too much. But the people here: the talent, the dedication, the love, the commitment, the *hope*; all of these are avenues for joy to find a way through. I feel so blessed to be here with you.

May you find avenues for joy in your own life, and may it sustain you.

-Dawn

Calling all Websters!

No, not the dictionary! The web people – graphic artists, podcasters, bloggers, programmers, and even folks who just like to *use* the web. Join the Rev. Dawn Cooley during **Chalice Night on September 9** for a discussion of how to effectively use our website as an outreach tool.

Red, White and Blue Pie Sale

Just in time for your Labor Day gatherings, homemade red, white and blue pies will be for sale in the Social Hall after the Service on **Sunday, September 6**.

These pies are made by the women of the First U Women's Alliance. We use the funds from this sale for our programs. Just this past year we gave a donation to the Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) and to FINCA, a non profit organization that has established micro financing groups/banks to give loans to poor women in a number of countries around the world and we have started a Women's Conference Fund, that women can apply to attend events such as The UU International Women's Convocation or General Assembly.



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Supplement Hymnals - Singing the Journey

The first thing I do when I am using a Hymnal at First U is look at the book plate on the inside front cover. To me it is a source of comfort and gives me a feeling of enduring memories and community.

The Worship Ministry is inviting donations to First U of a set of the grey-bound hymnal, *Living the Tradition*, and the teal-bound supplement, *Singing the Journey*, with your dedication to a special person, event or group. Donations of single hymnals are also welcome.

Generous donors have already provided First U's Choir with the supplemental hymnal, *Singing the Journey*. We hope now to provide copies for the congregation.

Singing the Journey offers fresh songs in a variety of styles, including jazz, folk, pop, spiritual, call and response, chants, rounds, as well as traditional hymns. *Singing The Journey* highlights both male and female spirituality, earth-centered and non-western theologies, the bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender community, and cultures typically under-represented in our communities.

After the **September 13 Ingathering Service**, visit the "Hymnal Table" in the Social Hall. Join me there to look at *Singing the Journey* and *Living the Tradition* hymnals and listen to some of the songs from *Singing the Journey*. I will have donation forms and examples of the book plates at this table. The Worship Ministry will offer this opportunity through September until Sunday, October 4th: *Singing the Journey* - \$18.00 each *Living the Tradition* \$28.00 each.

Thank you, Kathy Thackeray.

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Religious Education News

First Unitarian Church sent two youth leaders to the first Midwest Youth Leadership School in Beloit, Wisconsin. I asked them to write something about the experience they had there to let you know about the great leaders you can expect to have in the congregation.

One of the things they did was worship planning and the Worship Ministry has asked Zoe Schaver, Calvin Barron and other graduates of the adult Midwest Leadership School to plan and present the service on

September 6. Judging from what each of these youth has written we are in for a real treat!

Carol Uebelboer, Interim Director of Religious Education Contact me at **585-5110** or e-mail me at **cuebel56@yahoo.com**.

Key RE dates:

September 13 – Ingathering – meet the new DRE

September 20 – Religious Education classes begin

My Beloit Leadership School experience can be summed up in one word—magic. By: Calvin Barron

As I walked through campus with other boisterous UU teenagers, I felt I was in a dream. I would never see these people again. I would never be here again. This type of curriculum would never be presented to me again. This is my one and only chance. I could choose to take what I learned from this experience and use it in my real life or not.

It was a meditative experience, where I could take the time to intensely search my beliefs, my values, where I stand in this vast world of people, and how I relate with others. Gathering ideas together and presenting them to a group (with the right intentions for the group as a whole) is a

valued skill.

At many times I was asked to step outside my introverted comfort zone and “step up.” The conversations I had with my credo group (a small, inclusive group where the students share their values and beliefs) were inspirational. I learned more about other people and myself. These all are lessons that people never stop learning, a process that continues throughout life.

What the MWLS curriculum provided me was a chance to better understand these lessons so I can find the enthusiasm to apply them to my life. This is only second in importance to the memories I shared with new friends. Memories I will never forget.

We Don't Stand, We Move Together. by: Zoe Schaver

A few weeks ago, I attended the week-long Midwest Youth Leadership School for Unitarian Universalists, and before I left, I had no idea what to expect. I'd been told it was a wonderful experience for the adults who'd gone to the adult school in past years, but since this year was the first for youth, I was a bit apprehensive. For one, I have always been shy around new people, and this was a camp for leaders, not for people who turned cherry red in the face and felt sick when they had to interact with any type of large crowd. Not only that, but the kids there would be new also, and mostly older than I am (me being almost 14, and the age range being 14-18.) Needless to say, I was slightly terrified.

When I got there, sad to say, my worries came to life. I didn't speak much because I feared I would say something stupid or immature, and because everyone else seemed to connect the minute the camp began, I felt awkward and alone. This feeling lasted a couple of days, during which I even cried once or twice. I was mostly upset because I felt like the people there felt sorry for me, and pity was one thing I did not want.

Around Wednesday, though, things started looking a little bit brighter. We went on a big social action trip to paint

a house for a couple wanting to improve their neighborhood, and during the course of the work I realized that nobody actually thought I was pathetic or little or immature. That's the beautiful thing about UUs- we're always using words like “tolerance” and “acceptance,” and sometimes it takes time, but after a while one discovers that they aren't just words for a UU- we mean it.

After this “epiphany moment,” I began saying what was on my mind instead of holding back, fighting my fear of rejection, and it wasn't as painful as I'd thought. I made friends, and it felt good to be a part of such a loving and amazing community. It was fun! We danced in the rain a few times, and once we even laid upside down on our backs on chairs and couches, and since everything looked upside down, we could pretend we were flying. At the end, there were so many tears and so many hugs that I was depressed the entire ride home. I'm still wearing the bracelet I was given with the tiny, symbolic Earth pendant. You see, this is what I think leadership is all about. Working to overcome that inherent fear that exists in all of us, the fear that no one will like or accept you, and then help others to overcome it for themselves and build a community, even if only for a week, because those ties can last forever.



BOARD BIZ

The board met August 11th, welcoming the new minister, Dawn Cooley and saying good bye to the interim DRE, Carol Uebelhoer. By the time this goes to print, the Board will have held a retreat with other church leaders to lay the groundwork for things to come. This will be an excellent opportunity for the board and ministry leaders to review their roles and set goals for 2010 and discuss longer term plans. In addition, the district is providing a facilitator to host a start up workshop with the new minister, the board and congregational leaders that will be held on October 24th. Our Treasurer will continue to advise the congregation on pledging status, seek ways to avoid unnecessary expenses, and apprise all of us, not just the Board, on the ongoing financial struggles. You will start to see more information coming your way in Steepletalk, Orders of Service and other announcements about stewardship.

- Jill Sampson, Board Secretary

UU Christian Fellowship

The Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship will be meeting on **Saturday the 12th of September at 6:30 p.m.** at the church. The UU Christian Fellowship meetings are open to anyone who is interested: seekers, doubters, skeptics, critical thinkers, former Christians, current Christians, questioning Christians, Christian-curious, believers, agnostics, atheists, and followers of other faith traditions. For questions call Geneva Fry at (812) 948-1367.

Worship Ministry Survey on Summer Service Time Change

The Worship Ministry Team and the Rev. Dawn Cooley would like to hear from you to assess your responses to this summer's Celebrations of Life. Please participate in the survey, which will be available on-line and announced via list serve and in the FYI section of the Order of Service during September. Paper copies will be made available for those without Internet. Please watch for upcoming announcements.

KROGER Bucks

FREE MONEY!!

Yes, every time you use your First U gift card at Kroger's our church gets FREE MONEY (and the cards are rechargeable too!). To get a card or learn more contact Gary Drehmel.

Calling all readers!

Join fellow UU's in reading and discussing books. All meetings will be held in the parlor and begin at 6:00 pm.

Sep 14 - Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness by Simon Wiesenthal

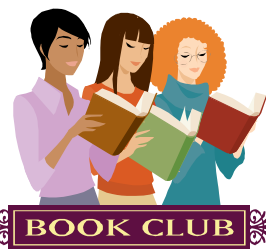
Oct 12 - Bee Season by Myla Goldberg

Nov 9 - Out of the Flames: The Remarkable Story of a Fearless Scholar, a Fatal Heresy, and One of the Rarest Books in the World by Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone

Dec 14 - The Giver by Lois Lowry

Jan 11, 2010 - Ms. Cahill for Congress: One Fearless Teacher, Her Sixth-Grade Class, and the Election That Changed Their Lives Forever by Tierney Cahill and Linden Gross

We would love for you to join us!



Sunday Morning Adult Round Table— Please Join Us!

Church Library

Gather at 9:30am

Program until 10:45am

Please join the Sunday Morning Adult Round Table at 9:30am each Sunday for programs on a variety of topics. Youth are invited to participate. For more information or to suggest a program, Jasmine Walston at jasminegld@aol.com. For information about child care, contact Rebecca Dimon at 585-5110.

- Sept 13 **Symbolism of Food.** The new season of Round Table programming begins with an Ingathering breakfast and glimpses into the powerful meanings people attach to food beyond simple nutrition. Debbie Silverman, leader.
- Sept 20 **Embracing the Call.** Father Lawman Chibundi, a native of Zambia, will share his story, from his very difficult decision to leave the Roman Catholic Church to helping found Rabbouni Catholic Community here in Louisville.
- Sept 27 **Fire is Life.** Symbolism from classical times to today. Kris Barkski, leader.

***** Please note! The last of the self-directed, informal Summer Conversations will be held on Sept 6 from 10:45am to noon**

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Member Development Director Notes

Fall isn't quite in the air yet, but I can feel the excitement brewing at First Unitarian every time I walk through the doors. We have a settled minister in place who is excited to be here, meet people, and work with everyone to make First Unitarian the best it can be. I know it won't happen overnight, but what has been happening over the last few weeks is encouraging to me. Rev. Cooley has brought fresh ideas and new energies to projects I have been considering since I started working here last March.

Along with Dawn's energy and excitement, **I am offering some engaging Volunteer Opportunities**, for you, the member and friends of First Unitarian...If you have time and energy and enjoy spending time with children, please consider volunteering in our Nursery on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. I need 2 people per Sunday and Wednesday until Personnel can hire a Nursery worker in October. After that, I'll just need one volunteer each Sunday and Wednesday to team with the paid worker. Please email me at memberdevdir@firstulou.org if you are interested in volunteering.

If you would prefer a **volunteer opportunity** without that many children around, we have those as well: Sunday morning greeters, coffee servers, Wednesday night greeters, and many more. Please consider volunteering and engage with First Unitarian in a way that is rewarding for you and those who visit and regularly attend.

- Rebecca Dimon - Member Development Director

Interweave—"Interweave Continental is a membership organization actively working toward ending oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, recognizing that we will not be free until all oppression is a thing of the past."

- AIDS Walk. Sunday, Sept 13, 1:00pm, Belvedere. The Louisville AIDS Walk heightens awareness, unites the community, and raises money to address the needs of local people living with HIV/AIDS through multiple local, non-profit HIV/AIDS service organizations which provide critical direct services. Contributions are tax deductible. First Unitarian member **Jack Jackson** will be walking. Contact Jack to support him or walk with him as a First Unitarian Team.
- Polyamory and Religion. **Sunday, Sept 27, 1:00-3:00pm.** Brainstorm topics and meeting times over lunch at a nearby restaurant. Meet in the church volunteer area. Co-sponsored meeting.

For more information or questions about Interweave, please contact Interweave Chair Jasmine Walston at jasminegld@aol.com or 944-7517.

Next Steepletalk Deadline: **Friday, September 18**

Chalice Night Program: September

September 2 – Open Chalice Night Discussion: come to discuss world, national and state current events or come to discuss what you would like to see in future Chalice Night programming...or just come to sit and chat with a friend and meet some new people.

September 9 – Presentation from Jill Harmer about Single Payer Health Care; a documentary with discussion to follow; discuss "Using the Web as an Outreach Tool"

September 16 – Meet with the Minister: Rev. Cooley will welcome almost any and all questions or comments; "Exploring god through Pop Culture: Joan of Arcadia" – an occasional class that Rebecca will lead by using the tv show and a study guide to explore the question of 'what if god were one of us...'

September 23 – Meet with the Minister 2; "Exploring god through Pop Culture: Joan of Arcadia"

September 30 – "Exploring god through Pop Culture: Joan of Arcadia"; something musical (as yet to be determined, but you don't want to miss it)

New Member Sunday

Are you new to First Unitarian? Have you joined within the last two years and are still wondering what this is all about? Well, do I have news for you!! Starting in October, Rev. Cooley and I will be offering a Chalice Night class for folks interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of First Unitarian Church. You'll learn about the Church, the UUA and maybe even a bit more about yourself and your religious identity. Watch the list serve, announcements on Sunday, and next month's Steepletalk for more details. When the class is complete, we will have a special Sunday Celebration of Life for recent new members. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

- Rebecca Dimon- Member Development Director

Out Reach Ministry Update

Ugandan UU minister the Rev. Mark Kiyimba led a special service at First Unitarian on **July 8**. He taught us to sing and drum to *Mamba Sava Sava* and emphasized that we are all of one body. About 80 people from the community and other churches as well as First Unitarian attended and contributed \$622 for the service and the Ugandan UU orphanage and school. When he returned to Uganda, Rev. Mark wrote: *Greetings and I trust that you are OK and your church members plus family. It was really nice for me to have reached you and your church members, I found the people in your church as nice as I would not have imagined. Thanks also for the organizing that you offered in order for me to able to visit and meet fellow Unitarians in KY. Louisville I felt all the time that I was connected.*

The Children at school are happy and good. We are going to first spend some money and make all of them Uniforms, I will then send you some pictures and you will see and put some please on the Church notice board.

- Bev Moore- Outreach Ministry

Just Among Ourselves...

Celia Whelan, a member of First U's High School Youth Group, has been accepted by the Gatton Academy of Science and Mathematics, a residential high school program on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. While completing her junior and senior years of high school, she will simultaneously be earning 60 hours of college credit. Celia is one of 60 students selected this year from the state of Kentucky to attend this program and is the daughter of church member Jayme Haslam and her husband, Patrick Whelan.

Please keep Rae Cobbs in your thoughts and prayers. Her mother died on July 22, 2009 in Riverside, California.

CUUPS

“With equal hours of light and darkness
we celebrate the second harvest,
May we find balance in our lives
as we find it in our hearts.”

At the Autumn Equinox or Mabon, the days and nights are again equal. This Sabbat is the second harvest and a time of balance. In the “earth based” tradition, we take time to reflect the balance within our own lives honoring both the darkness and the light and we give thanks for the blessings we have harvested.

Please join CUUPS as we celebrate Mabon on Sunday September 20. A potluck dinner will start at 6pm (Please note time change!) and the circle will begin about 7pm. All on a positive path are welcome. For childcare, please contact Monica Turner, CUUPS childcare coordinator.
-Debra Gilbert

First U Jewelry Sale

It has become a tradition to have a jewelry sale here and this year it will be held on **Sunday, September 27** from 12-3pm. **The sale is open to the public**, so we will be staying open longer than usual. Please tell your friends about this wonderful opportunity.

We will have some flyers for you to use to help publicize this sale. The end of September will not be too soon to be thinking of the holidays.

Please start bringing in any jewelry that you no longer use and we will try our darndest to match it up with someone to enjoy it again. There will be a box in the volunteer area for your generous contributions. It is helpful if you relate its background and suggest a price.

Contact Carol Findling, 895-1973 or findatoz@yahoo.com with questions or suggestions.

Wanted: a few good people for the new Counting Corps.

We are looking for a few good folks to spend 30-40 minutes after Church once a month to help count, enter, and deposit the Sunday collection.

The Counting Corps is not for everyone, but it is an extremely important role. These folks help us keep our books in order and make sure money is available to pay bills. If you are interested in serving, please call the Church (585-5110) and let the volunteer or Betty know that you are willing to help with this important role. We will be conducting training sessions over the next few Sundays to build a strong corps. Only the brave need apply. -Brian Daly & Maureen Taylor

Money Talk\$

We are two months into the 2009-2010 pledge year—a good time to review some questions (and answers) that have come up recently:

Q—Can I pay my pledge in cash?

A—Yes! You can pay it in pennies, if that's what you'd like. But if you want credit for paying it (either with First Church or with the IRS), please put it in an envelope that says something like “Elvis Presley's Pledge” (if you're Elvis Presley). Otherwise, we will have no way of knowing which \$5 bill is yours.

Q—Can I make an indefinite pledge? I want to commit to supporting the Church, and I want a receipt for my taxes, but I just don't know right now how much I will be able to give.

A—Almost. Is pledging \$1.00 indefinite enough? In order to set up an account to track your payments, we need to enter at least a penny into the system. So if you pledge a dollar, or a

penny, then we can record everything you pay—the first dollar as payment of the pledge, and the rest as payment beyond the pledge. In January, we should be able to give you an accounting of everything you have paid for the previous year since you made that pledge.

Q—How come the amounts on my quarterly statements keep changing?

A—Because the Church operates on a Fiscal Year while the IRS operates on a calendar year. Three of the four statements we send out report on your pledge payments and cover the Fiscal Year, from its start on July 1 through the end of the previous month (September 30, March 31, and June 30). The year-end statement that comes out in January is different in two ways: (1) It covers the calendar year (January 1 through December 31), and (2) it should include all donations (anything you gave the Church for which you received no goods or services).

--Maureen Taylor, Treasurer

Calendar

Thursday, September 3

5:30pm Stewardship
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 6

9:30am Celebration of Life & Children's Religious Education
Red, White, and Blue Pie Sale—Women's Alliance

10:45am Summer Conversations

Monday, September 7

7:00pm RE Committee

Tuesday, September 8

6:00pm Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 9

5:00pm Chalice Night

Thursday, September 10

5:30pm Personnel Committee

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

9:00am House & Grounds
6:00pm UU Christian Fellowship

Sunday, September 13

9:30am SMART
10:55am Celebration of Life & Children's Religious Education
12:15pm Young Adult Group

Monday, September 14

6:00pm Book Club

Tuesday, September 15

6:15pm Ministry Council

Wednesday, September 16

11:00am Memorial Lunch

5:00pm Chalice Night

Thursday, September 17

6:00pm Member Ministry

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 18

Steepletalk Deadline

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

9:30am SMART
10:55am Celebration of Life & Children's Religious Education
12:15pm Young Adult Group

Monday, September 21

11:30am Brownbaggers

Tuesday, September 22

7:00pm Finance

Wednesday, September 23

5:00pm Chalice Night

Thursday, September 24

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

Sunday, September 27

9:30am SMART
10:55am Celebration of Life & Children's Religious Education
12:00pm Visitor Information

12:30pm Jewelry Sale

6:30pm Interweave

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, September 30

5:00pm Chalice Night

Thursday, October 1

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Memorial Lunch for George Kimbrough

We have recently learned that George Kimbrough died this past spring. George was a former President of this congregation and was instrumental in bringing us Rev. Robert Reed. We will be having a time to remember George, his contributions to this congregation and to the community, on **Wednesday, September 16, at 11:00am**. Please bring a lunch and join us.

Brownbaggers

When: Monday, September 21

Meet 11:45 am
Program at 12:15pm

Where: Church Library

Who & What: Lois Allen

Her account of her African Trip this summer

Lois' quote: "I was in Africa 16 days, touring four countries; Zimbabwe Namibia, Botswana, and South Africa. I went with a tour by Vantage, with a guide and 18 others.

Vantage emphasized interaction with the locals; not just sightseeing. We got first hand information about apartheid, the Boer-English wars, immigration of peoples from India and Asia and assimilation of such peoples. There were several visits to nature preserves and tours down rivers. We visited Nelson Mandela's house and the place where he was imprisoned for 18 years."

Want to hear lots more? Come!

Bring your brownbag lunch, Listen and learn!!



AIDS Walk 2009

The annual Louisville AIDS Walk is **Sunday, September 13**, starting at **3pm** from the Belvedere. The Sr High Youth Group will be collecting donations at the Celebration of Life. All First U members and friends are invited to walk with our youth in solidarity with those in our Louisville community whose lives have been touched by AIDS. More information on the walk is available at www.louisvilleaidswalk.org.

Environmental Health and Justice Tour

The Solar Array Project of First Unitarian Church invites you to "get on board" for the Environmental Health and Justice Tour on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**. The tour will feature a visit to Louisville-area contaminated sites and information about the threats they pose to the community; an introduction to a range of environmental health concerns, including toxic chemicals, particulate matter emissions, air and water quality; and opportunities to learn how our health is impacted by the environment and receive resources for action. The tour will begin with a continental breakfast and orientation at 8:30 a.m. The bus tour will last from 9:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m., followed by lunch and resources-sharing from 12:15 until 1:00 p.m.

Space is limited, so please reserve your place on the bus by sending and email to earthandspirit@passionist.org. The event is co-sponsored by the Center for Interfaith Relations, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, and Kentucky Resource Council.

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Wanted:

Are you searching for a way to use your talents to help people? We need volunteers with good office skills to help Betty Vernon with day-to-day activities at First Unitarian. Please call (585-5110) or email office@firstulou.org.

Celebrations of Life

Sunday Services begin at 10:55 a.m.

September 6 "Insight into Beloit Youth Midwest Leadership School"

This year was the first year MLS accepted youth into their program. Calvin Barron and Zoe Schaver were the selected youth from our congregation to learn and apply the leadership skills taught at the school. In this service, they will share their work (and play), anxieties, curiosities, and responses to this intense one-week program.

September 13 "Ingathering: Water Journeys", the Rev. Dawn Cooley

Come celebrate the new church year! Bring water from your journeys (physical or metaphorical!) to share during a special multigenerational service that will combine music and poetry, along with the chance to reconnect with beloved friends.

September 20 "Reaching Across", the Rev. Dawn Cooley

Moral Foundations Theory discusses elemental differences in worldviews that we see being played out in the healthcare debate. Liberal and conservatives alike will benefit from understanding these differences as we together pursue various social justice causes.

September 27 "The Transient and the Permanent: A celebration of ministry", the Rev. Dawn Cooley

We are honored to have as our Minister Emeritus the Rev. Robert Reed. He celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination today. What has changed, and what has stayed the same, in the field of ministry over the past fifty years? What might the future hold?