



# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Elkhart Fellowship Focus

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**Info for new folks: What about the kids?**  
Our youngest children are lovingly cared for in the nursery at the Children's House. People aged 5 to 12 enjoy their (RE) Religious Education classes during the second half of our worship service. Youth older than 6th grade may attend Youth Group, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. (Ask Rev. Amy for details) On Sunday mornings, they are encouraged to attend the service.

**Adult Forum: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Religious Education: 10:30 a.m.**

## January 2010

*Please Join us for Sunday Service @ 10:30 a.m.*

Sunday, January 3 "Coffin and Cradle" Come and put to rest all that needs to be released from your life, and give birth to new experiences, hopes, plans, and dreams.

Sunday, January 10 "Making Ethical Decisions" Rev. Amy covers the official viewpoints of various religions, including ours, and asks who *your* ultimate authority is for morality.

Sunday, January 17 Guest speaker, Juana Watson.

Sunday, January 24 "Do you Hear Me?" Rev. Amy leads us through a service about good communications, including joys and sorrows. After the service, we will have a "Town Hall Meeting" regarding our Gathering Place building addition.

Sunday, January 31 "Sexuality and our Culture" Now that UUFE will be offering an OWL human sexuality course, we will look at how our faith community can be a beacon of counter-culture for our youth and for ourselves.

With a bit of luck, this will be the last time that *The Focus* gets put together by me, Rev. Amy. This month of January is already half over as I put this out, and so it is abbreviated and is limited to announcements regarding upcoming meetings. February's *Focus* will be back to full length. Please submit any pieces you have for it immediately, by emailing it to me at RevDeBeck@aol.com or to KClayborn@aol.com and please note that the deadline is now the third Friday of each month. Thank you for your patience! Also, look at my blog. Go to our website, www.uufe.org and look for the piece "Here we Grow." You do not need to sign up or give any personal information to read about our building expansion.

### **Volunteer of the Month named by UUFE Board**

Karen Books and the members of the Fundraising Committee were selected Volunteers of the Month for their outstanding work on the Ooey Gooley Auction fundraiser. The event raised more than \$6,000 and everyone also had a great time.

The **Board of Trustees** at its December meeting:

- Considered a proposal to become a Ministry Partner of the Center for Healing and Hope. The proposal was tabled to further evaluate the financial implications and potential conflicts with UU principals.
- Learned that the Lifespan Religious Education Committee is planning to start an OWL class for grades 4-6.
- Learned that contractors needed additional equipment to move the tree between the church and the Children's House. After it is moved, ground will be broken on The Gathering Place, possibly in early January.
- Selected Karen Books and the members of the Fundraising Committee as Volunteers of the Month for November.

### **Upcoming Bob Milne Concert**

If you'd like to help and be a part of the upcoming Bob Milne concert Saturday, January 23 at UUFE put your name on the signup sheet under the name tags, or let David Stokely know. Openings include hall setup, poster distribution, ticket sales, refreshments, sound system, door keeper. This is a fund raising event, and VERY popular!

Plan to stay after service on January 24 for a **Town Hall** meeting. Shari Mellin, our chair of the building committee, and William Becker, Build. Comm. Communications liaison, and myself, Rev. Amy, will be on hand to show pictures, answer questions, and simply share in the excitement over our building expansion project. Town hall meeting will begin at (about) noon.

Buddhist Meditation Group meets each Monday night at 6:30.

Thursday evenings at 7 pm—the adult education group, discussing books, films, etc. All topics chosen by the group.

Heart of the Circle CUUPS Chapter is almost a year old!

(CUUPS is Covenant of UU Pagans) Join us on January 30 at 7 pm at UUFE for our Imbolc/Esbat ritual.

Second annual Cardboard Carnival is postponed to Sat, Jan. 30 at 1 pm at Ox Bow Park.

OWL sexuality education classes for grades 4-6 will begin on February 7. All parents must attend orientation on January 17 or 24 at 2 pm. Call Amy or Kevin DeBeck with questions.

# JANUARY 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 John Dolezal	4 Doris Stickel	5	6 Mike Puro	7 Bob Weiland Gloria Salavarria	8	9 Brittany Gableman
10 Mitchell Beatch	11 Linda Arbogast Phyllis Hostetler	12	13 Keira Wilson	14 Al Zunkel	15 Sarah Hunsberger	16
17 Guest speaker Juana Watson Potluck Sunday OWL parent meeting 2 pm	18	19	20 Board Mtg	21 Phil Campagnoli	22	23 Elizabeth Holderman
24 Town hall Mtg at noon	25 Harvey Lawrence	26 Marj Trumball	27	28 Senior Moments at 11:30 am Bill Atwood Ryan Cass Kierstan Lane	29	30 7pm Imbolc Esbat CUUPS Cdbd carn 1 pm Lynne Schmidt Ken Clayborn Diane Larimer
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# From the Archives

Written by: Kevin DeBeck

Depending on how you think numbers work, we are either at the end of the first decade of the new millennium, or at the beginning of the second decade. Regardless, if you think we're at the beginning or the end, we have all lived 10 years into the new century. Before the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, there was much conjecture as to where we would be as a world by now. (Flying cars? Casual trips to the Moon?) With this in mind, is an article from the January 1980 Focus that caught my attention. During that month, a group of people was listening on Wednesday afternoons in the Fellowship House (now the Children's House) to listen to a radio broadcast called the Cambridge Forum. The show was on the air from 12:15-1:15 and was on WNSD FM out of Notre Dame. Here were some of the topics:

- Jan. 2—Education in the Year 2000
- Jan 16—Transportation in the Year 2000
- Jan 23—Religion in the Year 2000
- Jan 30—Nuclear Energy in the Year 2000

Bob Dick has a script for the entire series if you are interested in reading it. Also there is a reading list included.”

I can't help but wonder if any of their predictions came true.