



Weekly Notes

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THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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Today's Schedule Sunday, May 9, 2010 Mother's Day

3:00 PM Creative Dance

This Week

Mon. May 10

9:00 AM Have a Heart
6:15 PM Gentle Yoga
7:30 PM Buddhist Wellsprings

Tue. May 11

3:00 PM Small Group
7:00 PM Deacons
7:00 PM Small Group

Wed. May 12

9:30 AM Gentle Yoga
10:00 AM Creative Hands/Knitting
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. May 13

6:15 PM Women Gather
7:00 PM Transgender Support

Fri. May 14

6:15 PM Fern Street Market

Sat. May 15

9:00 AM Fern Street Market
10:00 AM Fertile Ground Breakfast

Next Week

Services at 9 & 11 AM

Sun. May 16

10:00 AM Diversity Task Force
10:00 AM Sermon Discussion
12:00 PM Sermon Discussion
3:00 PM Creative Dance

CHURCH SCHOOL

Today: IMPORTANT! Visitors with children -For safety reasons, please fill out a visitor card (clipped to the back of every pew) and return the card to a caregiver, church school teacher, or staff member wearing a pink helping hand pin.

Today: Sixth graders invited to Junior High Youth Group at 11 AM. Sixth graders should go directly to the Multipurpose Room on the lower level rather than attending the beginning of the service in the Sanctuary with their families.

Today: Church School Registration for 2010-11.

Please see Dee Newton at the registration table both coffee hours to register your child/children. Early registration is necessary to ensure proper planning for the next church year!

Senior High Youth Group Mural Completed! Please go down to the lower level to see the beautiful rendering of our Unitarian Universalist Principles on the wall of the long hallway.

Toy Drive for hawkwing through May 23. The entire congregation is invited to join the church school in purchasing toys for children on the Cheyenne River Reservation. See the Connections Bulletin Board in the glassed-in entryway for specific needed items/email Sally (soxman@westhartforduu.org).

MEMBERSHIP

Today: We will open our Membership Book today during the postlude at both services.

Sermon Discussion on May 16. Come to a facilitated discussion of the sermon as an alternative to coffee hour.

Hospitality Ministry next meeting is Sunday, **May 23** at 10:15. Do you like to cook or bake? Please come and learn about this new ministry. Please contact Martha Winslow, Member Services Coordinator, for more information.

Photo Ministry. Do you like to take pictures? If you would like to learn more, please contact Martha Winslow.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

The **Creative Dance Class** will meet today from 3 to 4 PM. For new comers, please contact Luanna Reid-Sachs for instructions about what to bring to class at 860. 561.3690 or Lureid-danceandmusic@comcast.net.

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SOCIAL ACTION

The next meeting of the **Diversity Task Force** will be at 10 AM on May 16. All are welcome. If you have questions, comments or need more information, please send an email to diversitytaskforce@westhartforduu.org. Childcare will be provided in the pre-school room.

If you are involved in mental health, counseling, pastoral care or suicide prevention services, you should come to **Fertile Ground**, the church's monthly community networking breakfast. It will be held on **Saturday, May 15**, 10 – 11:30 AM (coffee and bagels available at 9:30). We are featuring **The Samaritans**, an organization that recently folded because of lack of funding. We will explore how this vital phone service where volunteers listened deeply to people in despair filled a need and brainstorm how its service might be picked up in other ways. Come and meet Janet Wright the former director. Contact Rev. Sarah or Sue Wilson (860-523-9970).

The **2010 Connecticut PRIDE Rally and Festival** is **Saturday, June 5**, 12-7 PM, in Hartford's Bushnell Park. You can be a part of this annual event that promotes awareness, acceptance, and equality for GLTB individuals, their friends, and families. We have a lovely brochure, to give to visitors, that promotes The Universalist Church as a Welcoming Congregation. Consider volunteering to be at our church's booth at 12-2, 2-4:30 or 4:30-7 PM. Contact Julia Giolitto (giolitto@giolitto.net or 860.232.9335) to volunteer or to ask questions.

COMMUNITY

Fern Street Market "An Old fashioned Church Fair"- **May 14 and 15**. Check out the display in Fiske Hall at coffee hour. We hope you will **Volunteer, Donate and Attend!** We are now accepting clothing, books, antiques and unique donations. *Plastic pots available in the portico for dividing flowers!* Detailed information posted on the bulletin board.