Vision: We will be a beacon of progressive religion in our region, inspiring positive change in the world.

Mission: Caring for one another, growing spiritually, and working for justice.

Sunday Services and Religious Education for December 2010
835 W. College Street

Fall Schedule: 9:15 am Service and Religious Education
10:15 am Social Hour, 11:15 am Service, 11:15 am Youth Group

Nursery care is provided during both services for children up to 6 years old.

If we ever need to cancel services, the cancellation will be posted on our website and on the outgoing phone message from the office.

The woven basket offering this month will be shared with Damiano.

Bring mittens, scarves and hats for the mitten tree any Sunday in December.

Sunday, Dec 5  "Unplug and Plug In", with Rev. Gail Lindsay Marriner
Sometimes we get swept up in the holiday hullaballoo without really thinking about what it is we are doing and we find ourselves stressed out and overwhelmed. What if we did it differently? This service invites you to reflect on the aspects of this holiday season that fill your heart, so you may navigate the days ahead more mindfully. The children will be with us for a story at the early service before going to their classes. Brunch will be served between the services.

Tuesday, December 7 Open House for University Nursery School at UUCD – See article inside on page 9

Newsletter deadline for the January issue:  Sunday, December 12

Sunday, Dec 12  "Miracles Abound", with Rev. Gail Lindsay Marriner
In this season of religious miracles we pause to reflect on the miracles of nature and of science which surround us every day! Humanists, this service is for you!
The children have Spirit Circle this morning and leave right after the chalice lighting.

Pretty Good Goods- Craft and Bake Sale between services and after the second service

Sunday, Dec 19  "Welcome Yule", with Rev. Gail Lindsay Marriner
Join us for a smorgasbord of stories, songs and poetry welcoming the winter holidays and celebrating Yule. If you resonate to the holiday traditions that hail from our pre-Christian past you will enjoy this service. Call Karen Bauman if you have a story, poem or carol to contribute! The children are with us for a story this morning before they go to their classes.

Congregational Meeting and Caroling between the services during the Brunch

Tuesday, Dec 21  7pm  A Winter Solstice Ritual
This evening event hosted by UUCD’s Moon Group

Friday, Dec 24  Christmas Eve, with Carols, Candles and Camels
5 pm soup and bread potluck, 6 pm Christmas Eve service – Carols, Candles and a multigenerational, participatory, reenactment of the Christmas Narrative. An angel or a star? A shepherd, sheep dog or a lamb? One of the magi or a camel? Who will you be in the story? Decide in advance and come in costume, or just show up and see what unfolds!
The Christmas Eve offering goes to support a local children’s charity.

Sunday, Dec 26  A Festival of Poetry
Celebrating Winter and Welcoming the New Year. Poetry or music will be shared.
The children will be with us for a story and then will go to a multiage group Activity in RE.

Sunday, January 2  "Put Your Best Foot Forward", with Rev. Gail Lindsay Marriner
Celebrating the New Year – an Intergenerational service!
Brunch after the first service
Winter Party – sledding, bonfire for burning debts, table games following the second service!
Brunch on the 1st and 3rd Sundays is offered between the two services. Suggested prices: $5.00 ages 13 and up; $2.50 ages 5 to 12. Free for younger than 5. No reservation.

Evening meal, 3rd Wednesday 5:30 PM; suggested prices: $7.00 and $3.00. Mark your calendar and don’t forget to put your name in the pot: reservations fooduucd@gmail.com or call Rita 525-6500. To provide these meals at modest cost we use volunteer teams to help with cooking, set-up and clean-up. Don’t be shy! Enjoy fellowship volunteering for brunch or supper teams. Let us know at fooduucd@uucd.com or call Geiger 724-0652.

"In Medias Res”–
Take a deep breath. Watch the snow fall. Make yourself a cup of something warm. The holidays have begun. Will you celebrate? What will you celebrate? How will you celebrate it? For me the winter holidays are a celebration of family and community, a celebration of having enough warmth and light and food and support to survive the dark season of the year. They are a celebration of the many ways human beings have made meaning and woven community over the centuries.

Growing up, I loved Madeleine L’Engle’s books. In one of them she describes the holiday preparations of the Austin family who do one special thing every day from Thanksgiving through Christmas. Now, I’m of the philosophy that lots of little treats over many weeks are more fun than a single binge so I find L’Engle’s multiday way of celebrating inspiring. It’s not just nano-spirituality that fits best in my life these days – it’s nano celebration as well! So since the holiday Sundays and special events at UUCD are of necessity the big holiday events for my family, most of the rest of our celebrations are of the “nano-celebration” sort. I aim for a couple of “mini rituals” each day and a couple of smallish events each week beginning with getting out all the holiday books and our advent wreath the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Once the wreath is refurbished we light the requisite advent candle(s) at breakfast and supper all month and put money in the GAYT box (that’s two nano-celebrations each day!) We read from one of our many books something from whichever holiday is celebrated on a particular night – Hanukkah, St Nicholas, Santa Lucia, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa. We bake cookies a couple of times and Lussekatter at least once (those are mini-events). We hang tiny lights in the bedrooms and kitchen and turn them on in the mornings to soften the darkness (another nano-event). We set up a Christmas tree one Sunday and decorate it the next Sunday. Our nativity scene is reminiscent of the pageant we will do this year on Christmas eve with animals from every continent, many different gods and angels, more shepherds than sheep and many assorted magi. We take several days to get that organized. I’m not a shopper so typically Nathaniel and the kids take care of the “gifts” end of things. And cards, if we send them, tend to happen the week between Christmas and New Year’s. When I write it down it seems like a lot but most days its just lighting some different candles than usual, reading a different story and eating something a little special. If it does get to be too much we edit our expectations over dinner one night, identifying the one thing that’s most important to each of us and then letting those four things be our focus.

The Guest at Your Table box fits beautifully with this “micro-celebration” idea, as does tossing your change in the Salvation Army bucket every time you pass one, or giving generously to our woven basket recipient each Sunday.

Take a breath. Think about the little things that fill you up. Make space for those things in the weeks ahead.

Blessings, Gail

*in the middle of things
From your co-presidents....

O 'tis the season -- we are hearing sleigh bells, holiday jingles, seeing wreaths, red ribbons, trees and lots of holiday sales! We are constantly bombarded with ideas for gifts and THINGS we cannot get along without, but the most important gift of all, and one that we will always treasure, is our UUCD community. However, to support and maintain our community, including our staff, requires adequate funding and/or compensatory service.

It is the music that inspires us, the child and youth education series that teach our youth about the values and principles we hold dear. It is the newsletter, the building management, the website, the budget management, the coordination of committees, nursery school and events that are staffed by our administrator and assistant. All of these folks took great cuts last year. Our goal and dream is to restore Tanya Moore's position as youth director, bring Karen Bauman back from 16 to 20 hours, keep Kathy Stinnett, our administrator, at ¾ time, and Sanna Shields, our office assistant, at ¼ time, and hire a new minister as well. We want to return to giving our Fair Share to the UUA, which we have suspended.

We are grateful for the many of you who have sponsored, created, and worked at fund-raising events. Since the last newsletter, there have been the Halloween Carnival, Sunday brunches, the monthly community building dinner, and the youth sponsored pancake breakfast. All these fund-raising events have helped our current budget remain in the BLACK. Let’s keep this momentum going!

However, our canvassing has not yet reached the point for us to be able to maintain our current budget. The congregation has committed/pledged $171,000 and our goal is $250,000. We know that approximately one third of our congregation does not pledge, which is quite disheartening. We hope and trust that we will have more participation.

Both of our families tithe. We were raised with the value of giving back. We do this because we believe in sharing our gifts with our beloved community. We trust each of you will join us in the sharing of your gifts.

We hope that we will reach our canvassing goal by December 31st, so we can start the New Year with a full budget.

Sincerely,

Ruth McCutcheon Koresh Lakhan co-Presidents

P.S. Please join us at the Annual Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, December 19th.

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We welcome your input. Feel free to contact board members with questions, concerns, or compliments.

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| Sunday Attendance for October | 137 per Sunday (averaged) |
| Woven Basket Donations for Oct | Hartley Nature Center | $181.72 |
| YTD Oct 2010 | Budgeted Income $207,209 | Budgeted Expense $212,414 |
| YTD Oct 2010 | Actual Income $217,370 | Actual Expense $200,739 |

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**Broken Window**  You may have noticed the broken window in the Social Hall. It was found that way on the morning of November 1. We have filed an insurance claim and received repair bids. Our insurance policy has a $1000 deductible and the window repair will run around $1800.

**From Your Student Minister**

As I wrote in my October column, I come to ministry from a background in theater. Many people see this as a strange leap, but for me the transition from actor to minister makes perfect sense. As an actor and as a minister, I believe my job is to tell the truth as simply as possible and with all of my being.

While living in New York, I saw an average of fifty plays per year, from Broadway to off-off-off Broadway and everything in between. Often I would sit in the theater and marvel at the fact that hundreds of people had gathered to watch a bunch of other people stand up in front of them and play make-believe! And not only had the audience shown up, but often they had paid quite a lot of money for the experience. Why would we do this? Because we humans have an instinctual need to tell stories — and to hear stories — in community. The theater and the sanctuary both serve this need. Both theater and ministry revolve around storytelling. When we go to the theater, we gather together to share wisdom about life and to give each other the courage to keep going. We speak for those who sometimes cannot otherwise be heard. We inspire one another to live more boldly and to love more freely. We sit elbow to elbow, eyes and ears transfixed on the scene in front of us, so that we might leave better people than we arrived.

Sounds a lot like church, doesn’t it? Discussing the playwright Anton Chekhov in a 1998 article in *The Boston Globe*, John Dufresne wrote that Chekhov “knew the awful truth at the center of our existence, which is the truth that we are dying and we don’t want to be, that everything we love will vanish. And yet in the face of annihilation we refuse to submit. We go on loving; we find comfort in community. We gather in kitchens, we pick up books, we administer the sacrament of fiction — our every story a sigh of the human heart and a victory of hope over experience.” Isn’t that a beautiful phrase? “The sacrament of fiction.” I know we UUs don’t come to church to receive the Holy Sacrament as it is traditionally administered in other churches, but I think we come to church for our own type of holy sacrament. Perhaps ours is better described as the sacrament of nonfiction.

The myriad correlations between church and theater are of particular importance to me now, as I am nearing the end of rehearsals for the part of Nora Helmer in Henrik Ibsen’s *A Doll’s House* while simultaneously interning here at UUCD. For those of you who are familiar with this theatrical masterpiece, you know that Nora is one of the most important theatrical roles of all time. Ibsen was the first playwright to shed light on the utmost importance of individual liberty and to question the institutions to which society so slavishly adhered. In giving us Nora, Ibsen began the arduous task of redefining woman’s role in society — crucial work that continues today.

In the third act of the play, Nora’s husband tells her that she is a wife and a mother before everything else. Nora tells him that she doesn’t believe this anymore, that she is a human being just as much as he is. Torvald then asks of Nora if she still has religion, and she replies that she doesn’t even know what religion is; all she knows is what the pastor has told her, and now she wants to think it over for herself and see if it makes sense to her. This was 1879! Can you even imagine? As religious liberals who emphasize our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person, I think we UUs owe Mr. Ibsen a lot of thanks.

Often in these past weeks I’ve had to remind myself of all of this, as I’ve repeatedly asked myself how I could have been crazy enough to agree to play Nora. Seriously, what was I thinking, taking on a role of this magnitude? Well, I suppose I was thinking about how important it is to tell this story, even now, 121 years after it was written. I was thinking about how vital it is for people of all ages to gather together to bear witness to these types of questions and struggles so that we might open our minds and hearts to the ways in which people continue to struggle today.
A Doll’s House will be performed at Mesabi Range Community and Technical College in Virginia from December 2-5. (Curtain is at 7pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 2pm on Sunday). My husband Matt is directing the production, and we are using a wonderful translation by contemporary Irish playwright Frank McGuinness. For more information, feel free to email me at internuucd@gmail.com. I hope that you will all join us at the theater, that wonderful extension of our liberal church.

Happy December,
Mae Gibson Wall

Music Notes

“I have no pleasure in any man who despises music. It is no invention of ours: it is a gift of God. I place it next to theology...”
Martin Luther

Did you experience some powerful “theology” through music during November? Was it the Chorale sharing 'I Don’t Know Its Name' or 'Peace'? Tanya Moore and Jessica Saxton singing 'All Yours'? How about student musicians Aden Barber and Amelia Volkman? Perhaps Max Hesick-Thule’s improvisations? Oh, was it a simple Prelude or Offertory from the piano? The shared singing of hymns?
What ever music reached into you we hope you found some measure of inspiration.

AIDS/HIV Vigil

By now the 29 Hour Vigil Marking 29 Years of AIDS/HIV will have come and gone (Nov. 30 through Dec. 1) and a heart felt ‘thank you’ goes out to each person who helped with this important time of being in caring community. Special thanks to the faith leaders, musicians and readers who gave of their time and talents.

Calling Yule (Winter) Poetry, Music and Readings!

Sunday December 19th both services await your help through the sharing of winter based poems, songs and more. This service is created from many folks volunteering to help.
Please think of how you can assist with this endeavor and then contact
Music Director Karen Bauman (kklgb4820@msn.com or 525-4119 prior to 8 pm)
Or
Rev. Gail Lindsay Marriner (ministeruucd@gmail.com or 724-6084)

Carol Singing Between Sunday Services

Everyone (yes, this means you) is welcome to join in singing songs of the ‘season’ between Sunday morning services Dec. 5th, Dec. 12th, and Dec. 19th. This is a multigenerational opportunity to make merry music so be sure to come for the fun!

CHORALE OF THE MONTH REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

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MONTHLY MEDIEVAL FUN FACT

Medieval Britain comprised the area that is now Scotland, England and Wales.
The Romans, who successfully invaded most of Britain in the 1st century, were finally expelled four hundred years later. They left behind a massive network of roads which included several bridges. They were also able to completely override the previous British religions with Christianity. Most settlements were very prosperous when most Roman legions abandoned Britain. This made Britain a stable nation in the very early Middle Ages; since, in most cases, they fully adopted Roman customs and ways of life. However, Britain was divided in three and desire for power caused the next two centuries to become among the worst in British recorded history as different groups waged war with each other seeking ultimate control of the islands.

MADRIGAL DINNERS AT UUCD

Planners continue working towards a wonderful event Valentine’s Day weekend with beautiful food, music and theatre sure to enliven the darkest winter night! **YOU** can help bring this fantasy evening into reality by helping in any number of ways –

- **Offer** to become a costumed Table Host  (you will head a table of dinner patrons serving portions from large platters brought to your table and be ‘in character’ so to speak)
  Contact Bob Farrell ([bobfarl@msn.com](mailto:bobfarl@msn.com) or 525-1446)
- **Be a part** of the kitchen staff (scullery maids and the like) assisting the manor cook in providing a feast to our dinner patrons
  Contact Rita Bergstedt ([ritabergstedt@yahoo.com](mailto:ritabergstedt@yahoo.com) or 525-6500)
- **Help** transform our humble building into a grand Greenway Manor
  Contact Ann Fryberger ([ann@thefrybergers.net](mailto:ann@thefrybergers.net) or 525-3818)
- **Offer** music talents (in medieval genre of course!) love songs in ’carnal’ or ’courtly’ style
  Contact Karen Bauman ([kklgb4820@msn.com](mailto:kklgb4820@msn.com) or 525-4119 prior to 8 pm)
- **Consider** a part in the theatrics of the evening (Fools and Vikings highly desired!)
  Contact Bob Farrell (see above)
- **Become** the Wardrobe Mistress/Master with oodles of period costumes in need of management! Contact Traci Eaton ([uuchurchlady@yahoo.com](mailto:uuchurchlady@yahoo.com) or 729-7522)
- **Be part** of the building crew who will work behind the scenes
  Contact Karen Bauman (see above)

**Calling all Male Peasant Shirts** (preferably white) - if you can loan out such a shirt contact Traci Eaton (see contact information above)

MADRIGAL DINNER

needs your empty
WIDE MOUTH GLASS JARS
& NEW & USED CANDLES
Any size and shape

Collection box in the social hall.
Religious Education News: Building Tradition

In November Mae Wall and I had the opportunity to meet with parents, RE teachers and members of the congregation who shared their input to the RE Program. Wonderful ideas have come forth! We have developed a Mission and Values Statement as well as an Action Plan to help us realize the needs of the children, youth and families of UUCD. Watch for this in the January newsletter.

So do you have the lights up yet? Have you started to bake? Do you have children counting down the days? The Holidays are truly one of the most joyous times for families. Of course the kids are looking forward to the gifts of Christmas but it is a time for family to gather, food to be eaten and fun festive activities to go to.

As a parent of young children, Jake and I have been focusing on what traditions we want to create in our family. With Nika being born on Dec 27th we have decided that Christmas will start on the first day of December in our house and end on the 26th so that we can give full attention to celebrating Nika’s birthday. We have also decided to celebrate the solstice with a day of darkness followed a day of celebrating the light with a ritual of lighting our chalice and Christmas tree.

I wonder what other families at UUCD are doing to celebrate the holidays and create traditions in their families. Do you always go to Bentleyville to see the lights or take the Polar Express train? There are so many events to experience in Duluth.

I encourage you to examine the traditions you have created and be intentional to have traditions that create room for sacred space. Of course tradition does not need to be saved for holidays but can also be a daily ritual for your family. This can be as simple as just lighting a family chalice at dinner.

Following with tradition at UUCD we will have a mitten tree for children to bring mittens, scarves and hat for those that don't have them in the month of December. And in the idea of creating tradition we will be singing carols between services leading up to our Christmas Eve service that will include a Christmas pageant.

May your holiday season be full of light, warmth, and as the song goes, TRADITION!!!

Myah Wiltermuth
Director of Religious Education

Caring Corner

Have a heart! Join the Care Team. Sign up at the Care Table in the Social Hall. When you do, be sure to put a heart sticker on your nametag. Our goal is that everyone will have a heart on his or her nametag, so have a heart!

If you know someone who needs Care Team services, please call someone on the care team (below) or the church office. The team leaders are:

Transportation—Terri terriach@juno.com 722-5223
Visitors—Julie jmorgan4801@gmail.com 525-3220
Meals—Jill jlikor@gmail.com 724-7421, Jim jlund@lakenet.com 525-0308, and Tina tinawelsh32@aol.com 724-3228
Telephone—Barb kellys@cpinternet.com 525-1821
Cards—Marty msozansk@d.umn.edu 728-5690

End of Life Planning/Brown Envelope—We had a lively discussion about what to include in these packets at the November 14th Workshop. Everyone may have a different idea of what to include, but the outer folder could include contact numbers, funeral home designation, release of information, etc. The sealed brown envelope could contain advanced health care directive, information on where to find important papers, bank account info or whatever you deem to be important. Check the newsletter for information about resources on line. We will have a work session early in the New Year. Join us! It is not too late to get ready!

The Care Team appreciates donations of cards. If you have some you are not using, they can be left on the Caring Table in the Social Hall. Thank you!
MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS. . .

ROGER PETRY is 62, lives in the woods about 25 miles north of Duluth, and has worked at UMD in the computer center since 1971.

He’s active with the National Ski Patrol, both as a ski patroller & as the Nordic adviser for our region. He also manages a tree farm and volunteers as a MN Master Naturalist (not naturist) and with the Woodland Advisor Program, the Superior Hiking Trail Association, and the Duluth City Parks & Trails.

His spirituality is in nature, and he’s found Unitarian Universalism a healthy & rewarding environment and UUCD a very welcoming, friendly congregation. (His first experience at UUCD was when Cathy Andberg invited him to the Watershed service.)

At UUCD he hopes to become active with community outreach & looks forward to participating in the newly created New Member Covenant Group. He’s already a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee and happy with his current assignment--tansy removal.

NANCY GRUETZMACHER has lived in Duluth her whole life. She and her husband were married at the “old” First Unitarian Church by our previous minister, Karen. They own and run a basement waterproofing service and are the parents of a 15-year-old daughter, Tally, and a 13-year-old son, Clayton. She has recently started home-schooling both children. She enjoys scrap-booking and curling and is the bookkeeper for the Chester Bowl ski program. When she tried UUCD in her twenties, she ended up being the youth group leader for a year. Now she wishes she had continued to come and that she’d brought her children to this community when they were younger. However, she’s very glad to be here now!

MATTHEW MADSON moved back to Duluth from the Bay Area of California to settle and buy a home. He’s an auto mechanic who loves to fix any and all mechanical and electrical things.

He loves the outdoors and all the seasons, just not the between seasons. He enjoys biking, walking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and canoeing. And he’s a Vikings fan through thick and thin!

MELORA LEE is the mother of two young adults, Chester (age 21) and Kenny. During breaks from family and household duties, she likes to swim at the Y, read history, & play the violin. She also enjoys taking woodworking classes and family furniture-building projects.

MARTIN LEE is the husband of Melora and the father of Chester & Kenny. He’s part of the Lee woodworking team and specializes in furniture and decks.

KENNY LEE attends Harbor City International School. He’s a member of Hartley Nature Center and enjoys swimming at the Y, using the computer, especially making newsletters. His woodworking projects have included a workbench and a deer stand.

MARIA BARRELL moved to Duluth this past summer with her husband Tyler and 2-year-old daughter Avery to begin her residency training as a family physician. Born & raised in Ventura, California, she went to Middlebury College in Vermont and has subsequently lived in San Francisco, New York, and Boulder, CO (where she met Tyler playing co-ed soccer). Her parents both come from strong Mennonite traditions just north of here in Steinbach, Manitoba, so moving to the North Country actually feels a bit like returning to her roots. She and Tyler are excited about welcoming a son into their family (any day now!) and also look forward to learning to cross-country ski this winter.
TYLER BARRELL was born on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in a small, farming community where he lived his first 20 years. He moved to Boulder, CO for the next eight, where he gained an appreciation for diverse spiritual traditions and most importantly, met his better half, Maria. Tyler lived the past four years in Southern California with Maria and daughter Avery, where he completed graduate school and learned to surf, when not sitting in traffic. While he prepares for the birth of his son, Tyler is enjoying hiking, tennis, cold-water surfing on Lake Superior, and getting in shape for the cross-country season.

**Drum Circle**

The monthly drum circle will meet on Friday, December 3 at UUCD at 7:00pm to 9:00pm. This is an "in-the-moment" drum circle, not a drum class, nor do we attempt to play any ethnic specific rhythms. What we do is play off each other. Please try to arrive before 6:50. If you don't have a drum, we generally have an extra. Call Bruce Holmen at 724-4666 for confirmation of dates.

**Women's Moon Group**

We are a gathering of women who meet on the full moon each month and the Sabbats (earth holidays). We celebrate the seasons and months by having a ritual that involves casting a circle, calling the directions, participating in a ritual, meditating, singing/making music, and at the end we open the circle and release the directions. The ritual lasts about an hour; afterwards we have social time and eat some simple snacks.

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There is now a Face Book Group where there will be information regarding the moon group and where members post notices. If you are interested the URL address is: [http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=128495957161089](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=128495957161089)

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Women's Moon Group, please contact Kristi LeMair at kristi@blackbirdphotography.net 218-879-6495.

Blessed Be,

Kristi

**UNIVERSITY NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

University Nursery School is pleased to announce the opening of our fifth center, located here, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth! We will be celebrating this exciting event with an open house on Tuesday, December 7th, from 11am to 6pm. Please join us to tour our center, and meet our staff and management. Our newest center will serve children ages 16 months to 12 years and information for child enrollment will be on hand. Hotdogs, juice and cake will be served from 4pm to 6pm. We look forward to meeting you and joining your community! For more information about our schools, Please contact Kathy or Tracy at 727-2699, or visit our website at [www.universitynurseryschool.com](http://www.universitynurseryschool.com)
December Book Selection: *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner
Tuesday, December 21, 2010, 7:15 p.m., Library at UUCD
It’s deceptively simple: two bright young couples meet during the Depression and form an instant and lifelong friendship. “How do you make a book that anyone will read out of lives as quiet as these?” Larry Morgan, a successful novelist and the narrator of the story, poses that question many years after he and his wife Sally, have befriended the vibrant, wealthy and often troubled Sid and Charity Lang. “Where is the high life, the conspicuous waste, the violence, the kinky sex, the death wish?” It’s not here. What is here is just as fascinating, just as compelling, as touching, and as tragic.

January Book Selection: *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa
Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 7:15 p.m., Library at UUCD
The main character is a brilliant math professor with a peculiar problem: ever since a traumatic head injury, he has lived with only eighty minutes of short term memory. An astute young housekeeper with a ten year old son is hired to care for him. *The Housekeeper and the Professor* is an enchanting story about what it means to live in the present, and about the curious equations that can create a family.

**Young Religious Unitarian Universalists**

We’ve been busy!
We’ve already:
- Hiked to Chester Bowl - Made Granola with the Wholesome Hippee
- Had our first Overnight - Face Painted at the Halloween Carnival
- Had our Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser - Laughed and giggled...

Thank you to everyone that helped and supported our youth at the pancake breakfast.
What a fun event and a great start to our year!

If you know a teen, gr. 9-12, that would like to join us please let them know! YRUU meets Sunday 11:15am - 12:30pm.

Thanks,
Tanya Moore
Youth Program Coordinator
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**GET YOUR PLEDGES IN NOW!**
The sooner the better. Please make your commitment to the future of our religious movement at the Head of the Lakes by pledging to make a financial gift for 2011. We need your promises for support as soon as possible so the Board can develop a budget for the coming year. If you’ve lost your pledge form -- or haven't been contacted -- you’ll find additional forms in the worship space every Sunday. Or contact Tom Morgan (tmorgan@css.edu) or Kathy Heltzer (kheltzer@d.umn.edu) to make your commitment or for more information. Your support is important.

Thanks a bunch.
A whole bunch.
Rummage/Parking
Items are coming in for next year’s Rummage Sale at a frenzied pace. A big Thanks to all you donors.

However, the furniture pieces are overflowing into parking spaces, spaces that we would like for car parking in winter. So, please wait until spring to bring further furniture donations.

Do continue to bring small and boxed items; we have plenty of room for them in the fenced in “Cage” area at the garage entrance.

Jill Lakhan    Diana Moore    and the Rummage Sale Committee

Our New Website
Go to www.uuduluth.org to see our new website! It has a different look now and, more important, it can be kept up to date by our administrative staff. There are still some things to be fixed on some of the pages, so be patient while we are still under construction. If your group or committee needs to have a page on the website that isn’t there yet, let Kathy Stinnett know and she’ll make one for you. Just email her at uucduluth@gmail.com and include the text you would like on your page in a .doc format and pictures in a .jpg file. Also .pdf files can easily be included on a website page. Kathy Stinnett would like to thank her collaborators and helpers too, including Suzanna Stinnett, Brian Barber, Jason Davis, and Kathy Heltzer.

Greetings From Your Ministerial Search Team:
Good news! Under the capable leadership of Dan Burrows, your search team is right on schedule: our Congregational Record is online and available for ministerial candidates to read. Due to the Herculean efforts of Cal Benson, our Ministerial packet (which we will be sending to candidates) is ready for print. It is quite the magnum opus which includes our congregational history, a comprehensive portrait of who we are, what we are looking for a in a settled minister, where we want to go and how we want to get there.

Since mid-November we have been poring over ministerial records accessible through the UUA Ministerial Settlement System website, we are taking notes and trying to discern which candidate will be the right fit for UUCD. It's fascinating work.

Kathy Stinnett, our congregational administrator (and now Web-Maven) has set up the web page and access to links for our candidates to visit which include our congregational survey, ministerial packet, the last two annual reports, 2010 operating budget, 2010 balance sheet and a Visit Duluth link.

This coming month we will be doing phone interviews with pre-candidates. It's an exciting time!

Newsletter submissions for the January 2011 issue due Sunday, December 12
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