



FROM YOUR MINISTER



This July our congregation was treated to two services led by new members and the revitalized worship team, a celebration of General Assembly 2015 and our annual “Ask the Minister” service. Thank you to everyone who submitted questions for this last service, and if I did not address your question during worship, please look for written responses in upcoming newsletters.

This August, I and my family are excited to once again host our annual Church Picnic at our home in Freeport (please see flyer later in this newsletter), and Kimberlee and I are both looking forward to attending Meadville Lombard Theological School’s fall convocation ceremony; I as an alumnus, she for the first time as a student.

This past month, the church received the resignation of our Religious Education Coordinator, Mandy Nachampassack-Maloney, who writes: “Working with the members of the UU Church of Stockton has been a fantastic experience and a great reminder of all the good in the community. This group of people is truly special, and I have enjoyed my employment with the church immensely... It is my family’s intention to stay connected to the church: a place where we have felt welcomed and found people of similar beliefs.”

Please join me in thanking Mandy for her service, and for all the lesson plans and curricula that will allow us to teach meaningful Religious Education classes long into the future.

This August we will also be gearing up for our *Soul Matters* thematic worship and community building program, which will center around monthly themes and resources we share with other UU congregations. The themes and a general description are listed later in this newsletter and promise to be a wonderful deepening experience for all who participate.

Many blessings for a wonderful August,

-Rev. Erik

Rev. Erik David Carlson
Rev. Carlson is available for pastoral services. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Rev. Carlson at uureverend@gmail.com or by leaving a message at the church: 815.947.3812. All requests for pastoral care will be kept confidential. Please write Rev. Erik to receive electronic newsletters.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are saddened by the departure of our Religious Education Coordinator of the past two years, Mandy Nachampassack-Maloney, but wish her well in her future endeavours. As sad as it is, this transition has allowed us to re-envision our programming for the coming year, utilizing much of the good work that Mandy provided us in lesson plans that can be used years into the future.

Namely, we are going to begin special “Family Service” evening worships and religious education activities once a month starting in September. Based on our *Soul Matters* monthly themes, these will be scheduled and conceived with input from our participating families on a weekday evening that fits best with everyone’s schedule. If you are interested in attending and/or help with an upcoming Family Service, please let Rev. Erik know.

Stay tuned to the website, Facebook page and upcoming newsletters for information about Sunday morning Religious Education programming starting in September.

Many blessings for a fun and safe summer!

- Your UU Stockton Religious Education Team

Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton Annual Picnic

August 9, 2015 Noon to 3pm

Hosted by Rev. Erik and Kimberlee Carlson



1414 W. Stephenson St., Freeport

Bring a Dish to pass (as you are able) and Lawn Chairs

Table Service, Lemonade, Ice Tea, Water and Coffee will be provided by our hosts.

In an effort to be friendly to our family of all ages, this will be an alcohol-free event.

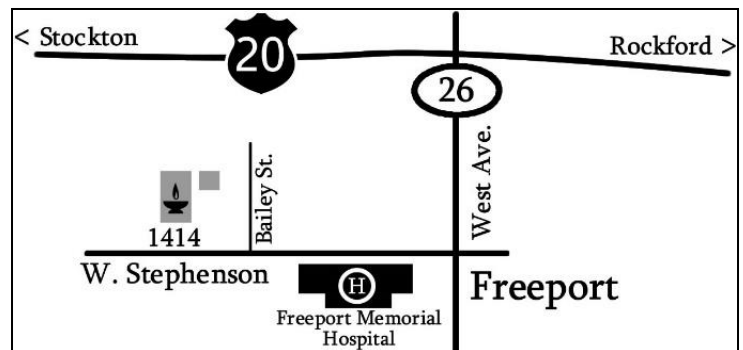
Directions from Stockton and Points West:

Take Highway 20 East to Freeport.

Follow Highway 20 to the 2nd Freeport Exit at IL Route 26 (West Avenue).

Take the exit right on to Highway 26 and follow a few miles into Freeport.

Take a right at the second stoplight (W. Stephenson St.) and follow 8/10 of a mile.



Directions from Rockford and Points East:

Take Highway 20 West to Freeport.

Follow Highway 20 to the 3rd Freeport Exit at IL Route 26 (West Avenue).

Take the exit left on to Highway 26 and follow a few miles into Freeport.

Take a right at the second stoplight (W. Stephenson St.) and follow 8/10 of a mile.

1414 is a green house on the right (North) side of the street just past Bailey Ave.

Look for the rainbow flag!

Parking in the driveway is reserved for those with accessibility needs.

Parking is available on both sides of the street and on side streets.

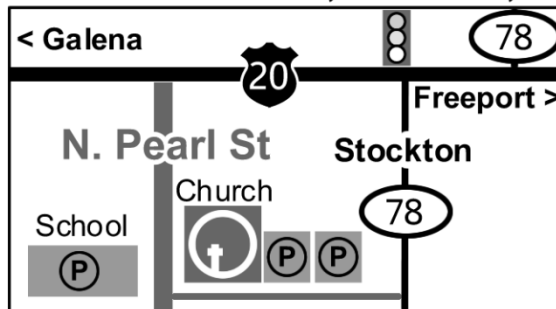
Call Rev. Erik at 949.689.9176 (cell) if you need help or get lost.

CALENDAR – AUG-SEPT 2015

Sunday, August 2nd 10:30am Service: Black Lives Matter
Sunday, August 2nd 11:45am UU Seekers Course
Sunday, August 9th 12:00pm Annual Picnic Freeport – NO CHURCH SERVICE
Monday, August 10th 6:00pm UU Stockton Board Meeting
Sunday, August 16th 10:30am Service: UU Environmental Justice
Sunday, August 23rd 10:30am Service: God is Not One
Sunday, August 30th 10:30am Service: Sacred Objects
Sunday, September 6th 10:30am Service: Labor Day
Saturday, September 12th 3:00pm Partnership Concert, Council Hill Station,
Scales Mound, IL
Sunday, September 13th 10:30am Service: Invitation

CHURCH INFORMATION

219 N Pearl Street, Stockton, IL



Wheel chair parking and elevator access is available from the rear parking lot.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:30 AM

CHILD CARE EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

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