



First Unitarian News

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Both Sides

Rev. Nina Grey, Senior Minister

Wake now my senses of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share
work toward a planet transformed by our care.

Wake, Now, My Senses, hymn #298, vs. 5

What a joy to offer our greetings and the ordination prayer at the Ordination of Kathleen Green to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Kathleen, her husband, Mitchell, and their son, Adam, have enriched the shared ministry of our congregation during the years of Kathleen's journey in ministerial formation at Meadville/Lombard Theological School.



Our congregation supports ministerial formation with a variety of students in process toward ordained ministry. This year Ian Muhlhauser from the University of Chicago Divinity School is a field education ministerial intern. Ian preached in our pulpit January 7, and has participated in worship throughout the fall and into the winter. In addition, he helps with the Young Adult and Campus Ministry, and engages in leading worship and visiting at Montgomery Place Retirement Community. A lay committee, including Grace Williams, Diana Gray, and Hank Henriques support Ian's growth, and I am his Teaching Pastor. It is a joy to

walk in ministry with students. Their vision enlarges my own.

There is a story that the late UU ethicist and theologian James Luther Adams used to tell about our Board of Trustees in the middle of the last century and its wrestling with the decision to be an integrated church. He relates that most were agreed but one member resisted and resisted into the night until finally that member was asked, "What's a church for?" And after a long hesitation he finally replied, "To change people like me."

The ministry of our church is about growth in understanding of ourselves and the world in which we live. It is about shaping relationships of love and justice within and beyond our walls. We are in this shared ministry together, lay women, men and children, ministerial students, members and friends, staff and professional leaders. Whenever I participate in the ordination of a colleague, I remember that we are an interdependent community of ministers, ordained and laity together, seeking transformation of ourselves and our world.

I am grateful that we are joined also in this ministry by our long-time Minister-at-Large, the Rev. David Arksey, who brings clarity and counsel to our ministry. Please join me and David in welcoming into our shared ministry the Rev. Neil Gerdes whose Affiliate Ministry the Board recently voted to reaffirm, and the Rev. James (Jim) Hobart whom the Board voted as an Affiliate Minister in January. These colleagues bring rich experience to the shared ministry of our church.

With love, in faith,

Nina

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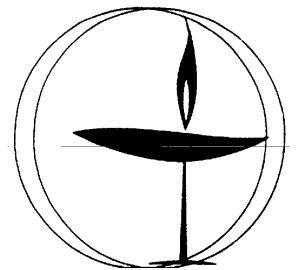
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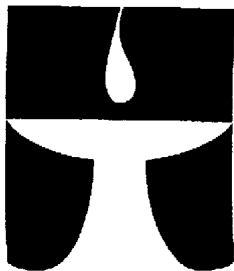
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Mon. Day off

Tues. 1 - 5 pm

Wed. Study & sermon prep.

Thurs. 2 - 6 pm

Fri. am Study & sermon prep.

Fri. pm 1 - 5 pm

Also by appointment

Danielle Gerrior

Director of Religious Education

Office hours: Tues. - Thurs. 9 to 3

Committee Meetings this Month

CLARC - Sun. Feb. 25 at 1:15 pm

Communications - Thurs. Feb. 22 at 7:00 pm

Executive Comm. - Tues. Feb. 7 at 5:30 pm

Mgmt Consulting - Tues. Feb. 13 at 5:30 pm

9-11 Discuss. Grp. - Sun. Feb. 11 at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Care Assoc. - Fri. Feb. 9 at 6:30 pm

Program Council - Tues. Feb. 6 at 7:00 pm

Property - Tues. Feb. 6 at 7:30 pm

Racial Justice TF - Thurs. Feb. 22 at 7:15 pm

RE Council - Tues. Feb. 20 at 6:30 pm

Social Justice - Thurs. Feb. 8 at 7:15 pm

Trustees - Thurs. Feb. 15 at 7:00 pm

Worship & Music - Thurs. Feb. 1 at 7:00 pm

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Finding Home

By **Bette H. Sikes**
 Congregation President

In the next few weeks someone may approach you asking you to serve our community in a specific way, sometimes for a small task or perhaps for something of larger scope. Someone may ask what talent you can offer to our community at our annual March Talent Auction (entertainment, food, tours, travelogs, sharing skills or service). Someone may ask you to take care of a Sunday Social Hour or to usher on Sunday. Someone may ask you to consider a position on the Board of Trustees or the Religious Education Council or take on leadership and service in another way. Someone may ask you to help with advancing a cause, a social event, or fund raising.



Saying “yes” to such a request was what made me begin to feel like a real part of this holy community. My response got me involved in working with others to further our community’s life. As time went by I responded many times and have benefitted greatly from the connections thus made. And even better, I found I could handle some work I never would have imagined I could do.

I urge you to resist the impulse to say “no” immediately. Please give yourself a chance to grow and to enrich your connections in our community. You will not regret it and neither will we.

Sometimes bad news brings opportunities for service. Our Director of Religious Education **Danielle Gerrior** has decided to return to New England at the end of this church year. We regret that she has made this decision. We are in the process of recruiting a committee to search for a new DRE. You may be able to help.

On January 26 I am attending a Central Midwest District Congregational Presidents gathering at the Joliet Universalist Unitarian Church. I hope to gain wisdom from others and perhaps share some of ours.

At the January Board meeting, the **Rev. James Hobart** was affirmed as an Affiliate Minister of our church. He joins Affiliate Minister **Neil Gerdes** on our ministerial roster.

In mid-February I will be attending a UUA conference

on promoting the multicultural, multiracial church community in Arlington, VA. **Rev. Nina Grey** and Affiliate Minister **Rev. Jim Hobart** are also attending. We look forward to reporting back to you.

Musical Offerings

The Michael Thorn Trio

The music of three great Jazz composers - Duke, Bird and Monk. Saturday evening February 3, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets \$15, \$10 for students and seniors.

Mark Valenti Piano

On Sunday, February 25, at 3:00 pm, Mark Valenti will perform a program of classical piano music in the Sanctuary.

A Broadway Evening

On Saturday Evening March 10, at 7:30 pm the choir of First Unitarian Church along with pianist and Musical Director Michael Thorn will present an evening of music from some of the great Broadway musicals.

The choir will sing choral numbers from shows such as Cabaret, The Sound of Music and A Chorus Line. These will be interspersed with a generous number of vocal solos by choir members. Tickets are \$15(\$10 students and seniors) at the door.

UUs in Mobile Need Our Help

By **Bette H. Sikes**

The UU Fellowship of Mobile, Alabama, is seeking modest donations from UUs across the country to help provide space for a growing church to better bring the UU message to the Mobile area. The Fellowship is asking 450 churches across the country to support their effort. Any size gift will help them reach their goal. A special offering will be held on the Fellowship’s behalf on Sunday, February 25.

Do You Have a Talent to Share for Our Annual Talent Auction?

By Ann Collins & Mary Lee Greenlee
Activities Committee Co-Chairs

Do you have an ability, hobby or skill to donate to the March 25, 2007 Talent Auction? If you have or think you may have one or more of the above, "We need YOU!"

Every year, First Unitarian Church of Chicago holds a "Talent Auction, with an auctioneer, paddles etc. This auction is the church's major fund raising event of the year. Interested people are asked to donate an ability, interest, passion, talent or skill to be bid upon by auction attendees. The money earned from this event supports various church related projects throughout the year.

Can you provide a service or skill? i.e., childcare, computer graphics, carpentry, dog walking, pet sitting, organizing, painting, etc.

Can you offer advice on; home decorating, gardening, landscaping, party planning, developing self-help skills, etc.?

Do you love to cook? Do you bake breads, cakes, pies or cookies? Can you prepare appetizers, condiments, soups, entrees, a meal or can you cater a small event?

Would you like to lead a field trip to; a cultural attraction, a bargain shopping spot, a favorite restaurant, a forest preserve, a nature trail, the symphony or theater?

Are you creative or crafty? Do you knit, sew, quilt, make jewelry, sculpt, create gift baskets etc. and wish to donate an item of a minimum value of \$30.00?

Are you willing to host a breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner or picnic? Perhaps you have traveled recently, taken pictures of your vacation adventures and wish to share them with others (6, 8, 10 or as many as you can accommodate) over dinner.

If you answered, "yes" to any one of these questions, or are unsure, but may consider participating, please contact **Margaret Kennedy** or **Madeira Myrieckes**. They are available to answer any questions you may have and sign you up as a Talent Auction donor. If you are new to our church or have not participated in an event, this is the opportune time to get involved.

Empty Bowls Soup Luncheon

On Sunday, February 4, the Empty Bowls Project enters its' final phase with a soup luncheon following the service. Prior to the service, the finished bowls will be on display in the North aisle of the church. Be sure to take a few minutes to look over the magnificent work of our young people. After the service choose a bowl and with a donation of \$17 it's yours. Proceed to Hull Chapel where you will choose from a delightful selection of homemade soups. All proceeds go to the Hyde Park Kenwood Hunger Project.

Invitation To "A Taste of Hyde Park"

By Allan Lindrup

Everyone is invited to "A Taste of Hyde Park," a dinner and silent auction to benefit the Hyde Park Transitional Housing Project. It will be held at the Church of St. Paul and The Redeemer, Dorchester Ave at 50th Street, on Saturday, March 3 from 6:00 to 9:00PM, and features a buffet dinner provided by Hyde Park restaurants, a silent auction, and musical entertainment. The donation is \$30, or \$20 for students.

The Hyde Park Transitional Housing Project provides housing and mentoring services to homeless families for up to two years, helping them to achieve independent living. Founded in 2002 by the Hyde Park cluster of Interfaith Open Communities, HPTHP is supported by many Hyde Park and Kenwood congregations, individuals, and businesses, and by the Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council.

To RSVP, or for further information, you can contact **Allan Lindrup** if you have services, or items in excellent condition which you would like to donate for the silent auction, First Unitarian Church members and friends are also invited to contact Allan.

First Unitarian Men's Group

We are reading a book dealing with the ethical basis of Unitarian Universalism. We also discussed the issue of growing the membership, sponsoring a service, and the spring health conference. At our February meeting, we are inviting a member of the Membership Committee to share our concerns and to get information. Our next meeting is Monday, February 12, 2007 in the RE Classroom, 7:00pm. For more information, contact **Joe Harrington**.

Family Histories

By **Bobbie Lammers Campbell & Margaret Huyck**
Co-Chairs, Membership Committee

An exciting event took place on Sunday, January 4th. We hope that you were there to enjoy it. On that Sunday, **Evelyn Gibson Johnson** shared a photo display of her family history. We hope that you will be encouraged to share YOUR family with us. The first Sunday of each month will be set aside to honor one of our church family's heritage. Many others have signed up to present their family through photos, etc. The **Collins and King family** are going to share their family history in February. There is only one month still open this year (March). But it's never too late to think about next year.

Evelyn also served us delicious food as well as her exciting family history. **Kenneth and Mamie Gibson** were also present at the coffee hour. Kenneth served the congregation as chair of the Board of Trustees for two years in the 1960's. He helped us through some difficult times and helped us make good plans. Mamie sang in the choir for many years, is a very talented poet, and is still sharing her talents with us. And of course, Evelyn continues to share her voice with us from the choir. Thank you Evelyn, for a remarkable sharing experience.

Are you excited! Would you introduce your family to us? Talk to **Margaret Huyck** about what date you would like to share your family with us.

The Martin Luther King Sinfonietta Celebration: A Review

By **Finley C. Campbell**

I, along with over thirty other members of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago - inclusive of subscribers (like Bobbi and me) and first timers, attended this powerful demonstration of multiracial unity in all its musical glory.

From the special lecture/snack meeting to the emotional, climactic singing of "We Shall Overcome," the thesis of unity in diversity, with unity being absolute and diversity being relative, was the key. There were many highlights of this glorious climax to a week of multiracial celebrations of the King legacy: a 17-year-old African American brilliantly playing the piano concerto of the great Soviet composer, Sergei Prokofiev; my Morehouse brother, Lerone Bennett, giving an eloquent, sermon-like presentation of the philosophy of Rev. King framed by a magnificent orchestral and solo accompaniment; the multi-colored splendor of the 300

voice Apostolic Choir singing a gospel version of the Anglo-German George F. Handel's Hallelujah chorus, the Sinfonietta itself, under the inspired direction of Paul Freeman - all formed a powerful mosaic demonstrating the synergy of multiracial unity.

A special word of thanks to our own **Michelle Collins** who has given structure to this great event and the Sinfonietta itself. And another word of thanks to the Charlotte Lackner Anti-Racism Committee for sponsoring this outing, especially to **Bobbi Lammers Campbell** who coordinated the ticket purchasing. We must definitely make this, and other events like it, a yearly, church wide event.

Photos Wanted

From the Members of the Art Committee

The members of the Art Committee would like to inform our fellow members of the plans of this committee for the mounting of framed pictures in the VOV Gallery. At this date, the committee has purchased fourteen wooden frames, each one holding seven to ten spaces for mounting a total of approximately 135 to 150 small photos.

Our plan is to collect photos of members of past years (some deceased) and present members. We already have an assortment of photos but to ensure that no one is left out, we are asking each member to review his or her collection and submit those you can part with. Write the names on the back of the photos with the approximate date the picture was taken. Place the photos in an envelope with your name on it and give it to any member of the committee. We will return those that we do not mount. Our goal is to have shots of all present members, deceased members who were leaders of the congregation and selected church members who have moved to another city. If you have pictures of deceased friends who were members of the church you may decide to contribute them.

In addition to collecting photos of present and former members, our plans include the hanging of large portraits of present and former ministers and church leaders. We hope to finish this project some time during 2007. Hopefully this will be a visual history of the people who helped to make The First Unitarian Society of Chicago an historical landmark of diversity for the city of Chicago. Any suggestions, additions or changes will be greatly appreciated.

First Forums in February . . .

February 4

WHAT'S FAIR? A LOOK AT THE FAIR TRADE MOVEMENT

Speaker: Cindy Pardo

We sell Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate at our social hour. We have a Fair Trade craft fair during the holidays. Just what IS Fair Trade? (Hint: it is not the same as Free Trade!) Cindy Pardo will look at the history of the Fair Trade movement, its effect on the people of emerging nations, and some of the reasons this movement is growing in the U.S. Learn why we, as a socially responsible church, continue to support this important Alternative Trade resource.

February 11

"Should Judges Make Law?"

Speaker: Vincent Vitullo, Professor Emeritus, School of Law, DePaul University

The proper role of the courts in making law has been debated since the beginnings of our Republic. Today, this issue is involved in any case involving abortion rights, gay marriages, etc. Should these matters be left to the legislature, or do the courts have a role? Should these matters be handled at the Federal level, the State level, or the individual level? Let us review the possible answers to these questions in light of the historic record.

February 18

UUA Study-Action Issues

This Sunday we will look at two study-action issues that have been chosen for consideration by the UU General Assembly. Your comments will be forwarded to the denominational office. "Moral Issues for a Pluralistic Society" will be voted on by the General Assembly in June and, if approved, will become a UU Statement of Conscience. The issue is "How might the moral and ethical grounding of Unitarian Universalism be given greater voice in the public square?" The second study-action issue is called "Peacemaking." The issue is "Should the Unitarian Universalist Association reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war to resolve disputes between peoples and nations and adopt a principle of seeking just peace through nonviolent means?" Statements will be provided ahead of time at the Social Justice Council table during social hour, or go the Commission on Social Witness website: www.uua.org/csw.

February 25

"The Nuts and Bolts of Democracy"

Speaker: Rev. Viola Moore

Rev. Viola Moore will lead a discussion of the "Nuts and Bolts of Democracy". This is the story of what citizens can do about challenging entrenched power which is backed by a huge corporation, such as Whirlpool, whose tentacles stretch from St. Joseph, MI to Brazil. It is a David and Goliath story which illustrates the strength of our democracy when tested in the fires of deceit, corruption, and the "destruction of the wastes of noonday". This is a strength that is made perfect in weakness.

First Unitarian Christian Group By Finley Campbell

Our group met on Tuesday, January 9, 2007. We discussed the need for more Unitarian Universalist Christian liturgy, of the possibility of joining the national organization (Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship), and having more lay led activities in our group. We also had lively discussion about the merits of the movie, THE NATIVITY STORY, for those who missed going to the movie. Given the disagreement about the movie, we recommended that people see it for themselves. Then there was a discussion about the symbolic and historical meaning of the Christmas story. We then discussed when we would have a public showing of the radical version of the MESSIAH, directed by William Klein. Our next meeting will be on February 20th, Tuesday, 2007 in Chris Moore Parlor. For more information, contact **Pheifer Browne**.

UU Midwest District Assembly

The annual Midwest District Assembly will be held April 13-15 at the Oakbrook Marriott, Oakbrook IL. Theme of the meeting is "Congregations Alive! Embodying a Story that Matters." Keynote speaker is Alice Mann of the Alban Institute.

Environmental Study Group

By Ellen LaRue

The Environmental Study Group has been meeting every other week (usually). We have completed the discussion of the book *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, by Jared Diamond. This was a fascinating book, not nearly as depressing as the title might suggest. And although it may be bad form to give away the ending of a book, the subject of this book is important enough to do that. Diamond concludes that the societies that did manage to survive the challenges they faced had two characteristics in common. They engaged in long-range planning. And they revisited their basic values, changing the values that no longer applied and had become a liability to the society. So do we need to change, or reinterpret, some of our basic values in order for society to survive?

We have also been in conversation about action and how we might influence the direction our society is heading. (Input from the congregation is always welcome, by the way.) We did receive from Faith-in-Place 144 compact fluorescent light bulbs, through the efforts of **Irene Vitullo**. The deal about these light bulbs is that the church should get as many as it needs, and the balance should be distributed to the congregation. The idea came up at our last meeting that maybe the balance should go to low income people instead. That conversation continues.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, a Town Meeting on Global Warming was held at Whitney Young High School in Chicago. **John Porterfield, Joe Cherry, Jon Rice, and Ellen LaRue** were in attendance along with almost 350 other people. The event raised hope for progress in that the sponsoring organizations included social justice groups, faith-based groups, and community groups, in addition to environmental groups. The concept that pierced through to me was from the presentation of Claire Butterfield of Faith-in-Place. She asked if we knew that our daily pattern of living was destroying the life chances of other people across the earth, or of the next generations of people on earth, of other species living on earth, would we think about our pattern of living? Am I in right relationship? Do I need to examine and change my life pattern? My values? What did John, Joe, and Jon get from this event? Ask them. A follow-up meeting is planned for early March.

Meetings of the Environmental Study Group are open to all-the more the merrier! For more information contact **Jon Rice or Ellen LaRue**.

Racial Justice Task Force Reports

1. By Finley Campbell

On January 8, 2007 we presented what many have called the best production of the pageant O FREEDOM: THE DAY OF JUBILEE in our 14-year history. One of the highlights was the oral presentation by **Sean Proctor** of his prize-winning essay. Some ninety people attended/participated with a collection being raised for the Hyde Park Kenwood Interfaith Hunger program. Several new people took part: **Christine Morrow, John Porterfield, Mollie McAdow, Sam Whitaker, Gabe and Clair Henriques**, and Claire's friend, plus a Meadville student who was drafted at the last minute and did an excellent job. In addition, the Freedom Brunch, sponsored by our Sea Scout group, under the leadership of **Richard Snow, Betty Holcomb, and John Porterfield**, garnered \$100 which was used for their skiing trip. All in all, a great way to kick off the New Year.

Our nature of racism course featured a lecture discussion on multiracial unity during the rise of the slave labor economic system in the 15th and 16th century, with emphasis on that unity in the New World. For more information on the course, call 773-230-3883. Our next RJT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 7:15 pm, the RE Resource Room. If interested in the Racial Justice Task Force in all its contexts, contact **Finley C. Campbell**

2. By Allan Lindrup

The working group monitoring racism in the movies and other aspects of modern American culture recommended a letter to Oliver Stone, Director of "World Trade Center," for his down playing the role of African Americans in the events of Sept. 11, 2001. The task force members present reviewed a draft letter and directed some revisions prior to it being circulated for signatures and then mailing to Oliver Stone.

Richard Snow reported on the activities of the Sea Scouts in recent months and the organization's efforts at recruitment of youth. The Sea Scout's Pancake Breakfast, held on the Sunday of the Emancipation Proclamation Pageant, raised only \$100 this year. This was due to reduced publicity and the competition from the church's regular coffee hour. The task force will support the effort to have the Sea Scouts' Pancake Breakfast be the only refreshment offered on Emancipation Proclamation Pageant Sunday.

We voted to renew the Racial Justice Task Force's organizational membership in the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago. That coalition is currently sending questionnaires to the roughly 150 aldermanic candidates, explaining the need for a Police Accountability Ordinance, providing a copy of it as currently drafted, and seeking their commitment to support that Ordinance if elected.

As **Ken Schug and Ishmael Coye** have found that other commitments in their lives have precluded their continued involvement in the Racial Justice Task Force, the six items in our Action Plan that they had the lead on have now been removed from the Action Plan. In addition, since **Alex Wolf** will not be returning to Chicago before March, we have had to drop the Action Plan item that sought to secure a spring DOC film series featuring films dealing with Multi-Racial Unity and Fights Against Racism.

Midwest Ecumenical Faith-Based Welcoming Congregation Training

From Thursday dinner to Sunday afternoon, March 15-18, 2007, the Chicago Area UU Council (CAUUC) and the Unitarian Church of Evanston will host a training for Christian leadership to develop Welcoming Congregations. The training is presented by the Institute for Welcoming Resources (who brought you the "Shower of Stoles" last year), a consortium of GLBT organizations representing the United Church of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterians, and the United Methodist Church. This is the first time they will be including the UU Welcoming Congregation program. The training will develop grass roots strategies for opening up more churches in the greater Chicago area to become Welcoming Congregations, "to increase the number of faith-based communities which openly welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities." More information on the training is at www.WelcomingResources.org/evanston.pdf. To volunteer to help the Evanston congregation host this event, email CAUUC at info@cauuc.org or call **Margaret Shaklee**

A Month of Sundays

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

February 4

"To Establish the Work of Our Hands"

Rev. James A. Hobart

James Luther Adams, the great UU social ethicist at the University of Chicago Divinity School, Harvard Divinity School, and Andover Newton Theological School, wrote: "The 'holy' thing in life is the participation in those processes that give body and form to universal justice." What does this "participation" require from us, individuals who freely join together in the bonds of religious community?

James A. Hobart, a member of First Unitarian since 2001, was affirmed as an Affiliate Minister of First Unitarian Church by the Board of Trustees at its February 2007 meeting. Jim serves as an adjunct professor at Meadville/Lombard, teaching UU congregational polity or governance. Jim was born and grew up in the South, where his father served UU congregations in New Orleans, Charleston and Birmingham from the mid-1940s to the late 1960s. A 1964 graduate of Meadville/Lombard, he has served in our ministry more than 40 years, primarily in urban congregations. Jim has been active in the UUA, serving on the Commission on Appraisal, the Board of Trustees and the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. Last year he served as the interim Congregational Services Director for our Central Midwest District of the UUA. In keeping with his life-long engagement in matters concerning racism and discrimination, he is a member of the newly formed Allies for Racial Equity. Last summer, Jim was among the First Unitarian group which spent a week in New Orleans (once his home town), assisting in the recovery effort following Katrina.

February 11

Dr. Finley C. Campbell

How A Rainbow of Steel Was Built: Multi-racial Unity and the Making of Black America.

Dr. Campbell writes, " My thesis is that what many of us call black people or black folks (as distinct from "African Americans") are the product of the unifying synergy of a variety of multi-racial experiences: personal, existential, and political."

Dr. Finley C. Campbell is senior professor emeritus, DeVry University Chicago Campus and a member of the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship and the Network of Spiritual Progressives. Finley is the former chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He has a Ph. D. in socio-political US American literature from the Univ of Chicago. He has been a member of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago for fifteen years, and is presently a co-chair of the Racial Justice Task Force of the Social Justice Council of First U. Finley is the father/ co-father of six children and is married to Bobbi Lammers-Campbell, the co-chair of our Membership Committee.

February 18

Rev. Nina D. Grey

Take Heart: Deepening Relationships

This reflection will be the first in a two-part series on the courage it takes to form and sustain relationships. The focus this Sunday will be on the personal: love within families and friendships, and the ways in which taking risks fosters growth. Rev. Nina Grey will draw on the thought of Harriet Lerner's *The Dance of Connection*, and Reshmi M. and Mahmood I. Siddique's, *How to Turn Anger into Love*.

February 25

Rev. Nina D. Grey

Courage and Community

In this second of a two-part series on courage and relationships, Rev. Nina Grey will reflect on the courage of forming and strengthening community relationships with special attention given to the bonds of a faith community. She will draw on resources from *The Courage to Hope: From Black Suffering to Human Redemption*, edited by Quinton Hosford Dixie and Cornel West, as well from Scott Peck's *The Different Drum*.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Worship & Music Comm.	2	3 7:30 pm Jazz Concert
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EVERY SUNDAY

9:00 Choir
 9:30 Nursery
 10:00 Worship
 10:15 RE Classes
 11:15 Social Hour

EVERY MONDAY

8:45 am Aerobics
 3:15 Ballet School

EVERY TUESDAY

8:45 Aerobics
 4:00 Ballet School
 4:00 Chi. Childrens Choir
 7:00 Yoga

WEDNESDAY

8:45 Aerobics
 3:45 Ballet School
 5:15 Meadville-Lombard Vespers
 7:15 Alateen
 7:30 Choir
 7:30 Tai Chi
 8:00 Alanon

THURSDAY

8:45 Aerobics
 3:15 Ballet School
 4:00 Chi Childrens Choir
 5:45 Overeaters Anon.
 6:00 Affinity
 6:30 Sea Scouts

EVERY FRIDAY

8:45 Aerobics

SATURDAY

9:00 Ballet School