



The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont  
*“An Intentionally Diverse Community”*

January 14, 2007 -  
 January 27, 2007

## Calendar

- Sunday, January 14**  
 8:45 Family Sing  
 9:00 Worship Service  
 9:00 Adult Programs Committee  
 10:00 Women’s Spirituality Group  
 10:30 Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 RE Worship  
 11:15 Worship Service  
 12:30 Interweave Potluck  
 7:00 World Unity Choir
- Monday, January 15**  
*Office Closed*  
 4:45 Zen  
 6:00 Yoga
- Tuesday, January 16**  
 7:00 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, January 17**  
 9:00 Staff Meeting  
 5:30 Mysticism Sm. Group Ministry  
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, January 18**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Zen (Call office for time)  
 6:30 Feminist Theologies SGM
- Friday, January 19**  
*Office Closed*  
 6:30 AA Men’s Group
- Saturday, January 20**  
 9:00 SGM Facilitator Training  
 5:00 Burlington UU Circle
- Sunday, January 21**  
 8:45 Family Sing  
 9:00 Worship Service  
 9:15 Lay Ministry Committee  
 10:00 Nominating Committee  
 10:00 Women’s Spirituality Group  
 10:30 Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 RE Worship  
 11:15 Worship Service  
 12:30 Social Action Ministry Forum  
 12:30 Anti-Racism Action Com.  
 3:00 World Unity Choir Concert
- Monday, January 22**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Zen (Call office for time)  
 6:00 Yoga
- Tuesday, January 23**  
 10:00 Small Group Ministry  
 10:00 Wisdom Wanderers  
 5:30 Administrator Relations Com.  
 6:00 RE Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, January 24**  
 9:00 Staff Meeting  
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, January 25**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Zen (Call office for time)
- Friday, January 26**  
 10:30 Women’s Alliance Exec. Com.  
 6:30 AA Men’s Group
- Saturday, January 27**  
 10:30 Soul Collage - Adult Programs

## Newsletter News

The next deadline is 9:00am on Monday, January 15, 2007. It is meant to cover events and activities between January 28th and February 10th. Articles are gratefully accepted before the deadline. You may email items for consideration to the editor at: [office@uusociety.org](mailto:office@uusociety.org).

## On My Mind

Springtime in Vermont is like the U.S. Mail. You’re not sure when your package will get there, but you can be fairly certain it will arrive eventually. So it was a long awaited event when our brand new Burpee Seed Catalogue came in the post this week, a harbinger of warmer days ahead.

My wife spent several pleasant hours pondering and planning this year’s garden before finally ordering her tomatoes: Early Girls, Big Girls, Yellow Pears, and Pixie Hybrids. Even the names are succulent. Leeks, lettuce, blueberries, lilacs and peas were also on the list.

With difficulty, I dissuaded her from ordering potatoes through the mail, since we have wagon loads left over from last season perfectly suitable for sprouting. I can sympathize with the impulse, though. It’s worth a paying a few dollars more purely for the joy and anticipation that comes from placing the order. It may be ten degrees outside, but you know that the old season is definitely in the dead letter office. And somewhere, there is a package of seeds with your name on it—a promise of planting, growth, and harvest—wending its way like New Year to you.

**Gary**

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## GoodSearch

Last fall I invited members of this congregation to begin using GoodSearch to search the internet. Every time someone uses GoodSearch and indicates the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington as their favorite charity, we get money! In fact, we just received our first check from GoodSearch! Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) to sign up today.

The site is powered by Yahoo!, so you’ll get the same quality search results that you’re used to. What’s unique is that they have developed a way to direct money to the First UU Society with every click.

The more people who use this site, the more money will go to the First UU Society. So please spread the word to your friends and family.

*Christina Fulton, Society Administrator*

## Upcoming Sundays

**January Theme: Heroines and Heroism**

What are the dragons 21<sup>st</sup> century men and women are called to combat? What tests and ordeals measure the strength of our character? Where in your own life do you hear the call to sacrifice and service?

**Sunday, January 14, 9 & 11:15am**  
**“M.L. King Jr. Commemoration”** What are the challenges and what are the strides toward racial equality in “the whitest state in the Union?” Our guest this morning is Robert Appel, Executive Director of the Vermont Human Rights Commission, a member of the Supreme Court’s Equal Access to Justice Task Force and recipient of the Outstanding Public Service Award from the Vermont Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Appel’s position gives him an overview of issues facing immigrants, people with disabilities and other minorities, as well as people of color. A special collection will be taken to support our Anti-Racism Action Committee’s annual grant-making program to fund diversity projects in Chittenden and Addison County Schools. The choir will sing.

**Sunday, January 21, 9 & 11:15am**  
**“Make Way for Heroes”** Heroes can at times either inspire or intimidate us. How often have you wondered, when your moment to be heroic arrives will you have what it takes to rise to the occasion? What kind of training does it take to be ready? What about the heroism life asks of each of us everyday? In preparation for her sermon Roddy welcomes your reflections on your own heroes by either email: [roddy@uusociety.org](mailto:roddy@uusociety.org) or phone: 862-5630 ext. 25.

**Sunday, January 28, 9 & 11:15am**  
 Martha Dallas, Interim Director of Religious Education, will give the sermon. The choir will sing.

## FINCA Special Collection Report

Due to the generosity of many UU members and friends, enough money was raised to open a micro loan bank in Malawi! A very special thank you to all who contributed.

*Richard Kemp,  
 Social Action Committee*