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## Legacy and Building Update

There will be an informational meeting in **The Sanctuary on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.** between services.

We have made steady progress in our planning and fund raising and have been working to adjust our final plans with the architects to meet our newly realized budget of approximately \$2 million. We have also been coming to terms with the building contractor on issues needing to be resolved to prepare for construction. A beginning construction date for new bathrooms, elevator, electrical transformer and related work will be July 2011. A hazardous materials inspection has just been completed and we will need to remove some other minor materials in the next couple weeks to prepare for building.

In the meantime, the garden group continues to prepare for planting season while adapting to evolving construction plans. The Environmental Ministry has been working with us to obtain bids from solar contractors and to gain additional funding for solar panel installation. Out of this, we have developed a working relationship with Utah Clean Energy to help promote cost-

## Legacy Campaign

effective installation of solar panels in our community.

### The Legacy Campaign Launches 10 for 10 – A \$10,000 Fundraiser

Pull out your laptop, your iPhone, or whatever you use to connect to the Internet and get started helping us raise more dollars for the Legacy Campaign 'cause we're going viral! Help us raise \$10,000 by giving \$10 yourself and then emailing or Facebooking 10 of your family or friends to ask them to contribute as well. The more we are able to keep reaching out further through our virtual networks, the more money we'll be able to raise.

Yes, this is a new twist on fundraising and while it won't raise a million dollars... \$10,000 will still help. As an added bonus, it gives all of us an opportunity to let others know about a cause that is important to us. So check us out on Facebook, on our website at [www.slccuu.org/legacycampaign](http://www.slccuu.org/legacycampaign) or email Becky Lawlor at [legacycampaign@slccuu.org](mailto:legacycampaign@slccuu.org) for an email that you can send on to family and friends! We hope you'll all consider participating...it's a small amount for each of us, but will add up to something greater for all of us!

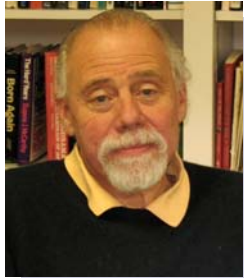


## Calling All Members and Friends: Send in your 2011-2012 Pledge Today!

Our annual pledge campaign is winding down. As of the middle of April, we have received pledges from over 200 households. THANK YOU for your continued support of First Church.

If you are reading this and haven't pledged, please do so. Our goal this year is 100% pledging with an increase from last year to support our new initiatives. You Make the Difference. **Please support the church you love by pledging your support today.**

## Reverently Yours



For those too young to remember pinball machines, allow me to catch you up to the relevance of those good old days. Pinball skill relied on gently finessing the path of the ball by holding the machine firmly with both hands, and with an ever-so-slight jiggle (barely noticeable) influence the direction of the ball which some-

times needed but a millimeter of guidance. You could rack up more points with this gentle method than if fate merely determined the direction of the ball. However - - if you tried to affect too much influence by shaking the machine ungracefully, it would go TILT and lights would flash and the game stopped and everyone in the arcade would be alerted to the fact that you were either an idiot or a cheat.

In the game of politics, it too can go TILT. Like pinball, the heavy hand will prove lethal. Glenn Beck's TV show was cancelled - TILT. Sarah Palin is in her 14<sup>th</sup> minute of fame. TILT. And locally, HB477 went TILT as well as closing profitable state liquor stores. I think failing to extend unemployment benefits to more than 20,000 Utahns despite the federal government providing \$100 million for the extension will ultimately force another TILT. Our state government has acted too heavily-handedly in judging those who lost their jobs. The game of politics certainly demands finesse, so when the legislature shakes the whole system to conform to its own narrow moral view, the entire board goes TILT.

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Although the last legislative session may go down in history as one of the worst, it may in some perverse sense, prove one of the better sessions ever. Instead of racking up points, the legislature went TILT, and the public saw the lights flashing and heard the bells whistling and was alerted to the fact that rules were not being followed. Nobody likes a player who cheats his or her way to victory. The alluring free game that rewarded the skilled pinball player is analogous to the

game of politics. But both in Utah and nationally, the free game has been withdrawn because the players exceeded the gentle and artful influence of the playing field. It has all gone TILT, and the players are exposed.

Sometimes pinball players learn from their aggressive pursuit in guiding the ball towards higher scores. They relax their grip on the machine and play the game as it should be played. Yet others, though embarrassed while leaving the arcade, make their way to a new machine and continue their

heavy-handed ways. They are energized by “getting away with something,” where accumulating points becomes more important than playing within sensible boundaries. The moral, of course, is that you can't always tip the table in your favor. But ideologues and demagogues fail to absorb that lesson, blinded by their entitlement to win at any price. But TILT is built into the system, which might also be called “public outcry.” That's when you and I act as flashing lights and sirens and shut the game down. We screamed TILT at the last legislative session. It's up to us to ensure that the game will be played more fairly. TRG

## *Among Ourselves*

First Unitarian Church extends its love and sympathy to Lynn Trenbeath and her daughter Erin and son Eric. Wayne died unexpectedly just shy of his 75th birthday. A memorial service was held for him at the church on April 8th.

## Environmental Ministry Highlights

ONE MILLION YOUTH STAND UP FOR THE PLANET  
**iMATTER MARCH UTAH**  
**SATURDAY MAY 7, 2011**  
 STARTING around 9:00 AM at the FEDERAL BUILDING  
 [Watch the web site for updates: <http://www.imattermarchutah.org/join-the-parade.html>]

The iMatter March is a participatory parade for youth of all ages calling Utah residents to walk side by side to demonstrate their commitment to "living as though the next generation matters." iMatter Marches will be happening all over the country Mother's Day weekend to show that that kids have power to be the change we need to live as if our

## Peace Walk and Rally April 30th

### On The Road Again... For A World Free of Nuclear Weapons 5-K Peace Walk and Rally

On Saturday, April 30, the Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (UCAN) has planned a peaceful walk and rally to commemorate the successful defeat 30 years ago of the MX Mobil Missile Project slated for the Great Basin and to lend support for ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). A peaceful 5-K walk will commence at Noon at the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City (600 South 1300 East) where bells will be rung and statements read regarding the MX project and ratification of the CTBT. After visiting other churches along the way, where similar statements of support will be read, the procession will gather for a rally at Salt Lake City's Washington Square (400 South 200 East) from 3:00-4:00pm. Not surprisingly, First Unitarian Church was the first church to speak out against the MX project and has been a constant supporter of the disarmament movement.



future matters. iMatter is a global youth-led campaign to raise our voices about the most urgent issue of our time organized by Alec Loorz, the 16 year old founder of Kids vs. Global Warming. Everyone – families, youth, grandparents – is welcome to participate. For more information, go to [www.imattermarch.org](http://www.imattermarch.org).

-submitted by Joan Gregory  
 Environmental Ministry



## Environmental Ministry

## Social Justice

While the Cold War ended almost 20 years ago, nuclear weapons pose an increasingly serious threat to the world's security, health, and environment. Most recently world leaders, including U.S. President Barak Obama and Russian Prime Minister Valdimir Putin have called for the elimination of all nuclear weapons. The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) is an important step in this process. While 182 countries have signed the Treaty, it has not yet entered into force. A renewed effort to gain ratification of the CTBT needs our support.

All peace-loving people are invited to participate. If you are unable to join the walk, plan to attend the rally and lend your support to this important work.

Stop by the Environmental Ministry Table for more information and to pick up a Peace T-Shirt for the Walk and Rally (\$10 donation requested). For

more details contact Chriss Meecham; 801-583-1699; [christine.meecham@comcast.net](mailto:christine.meecham@comcast.net)

-submitted by Chriss Meecham

## Religious Education - News for the Village



Dear All,

As we begin to see new green shoots emerge from the ground and buds begin to form on the trees, it is time to think of all things spring. There are so many events and activities to look

forward to in this season here at church.

In addition to Earth Day, Easter, and the Tomfoolery middle grades overnight retreat described in various announcements in this issue of the Torch, we are beginning to plan some special end of year events in Religious Education. The High School Religious Education Class is planning to present a worship service for our congregation on May 8th, YRUU is planning their Sum-

mer Mission Trip, the Adult Religious Education Committee is planning a program evaluation and planning for next fall, and the Religious Education Council is planning a Teacher Appreciation program, New Teacher Recruiting, and a Spring Intergenerational Bash on May 21.

It takes a lot of people power to keep all these programs running. So although our official volunteer recruiting will be launched in earnest in May, let me plant the seed now to let you know that your energy and talents can help us grow excellent Lifespan Religious Education programming here at First Church.

In Service,  
*Mary*

### RE Newsbits

#### Celebrate Earth Day in Religious Education

On Sunday, April 17th, volunteers from the Environmental Ministry will present a program of Earth Day activities for elementary age children in our Sunday school. Don't miss this special intergenerational event focusing on global warming and the upcoming iMatter March, which will take place in downtown Salt Lake City on Saturday, May 7th.

#### UU Orientation Scheduled for April 26th

Welcome newcomers and not-so-new-comers who are ready to find out more about our church and its programs! Our Minister Tom Goldsmith, our Director of Religious Education Mary Kroener-Ekstrand, and members of our Welcoming Committee are presenting a Unitarian Universalist Orientation program on Tuesday, April 26th from 7-9pm. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up for this event at the Welcome Table in Eliot Hall after a Sunday service or on our church website at [www.slccu.org](http://www.slccu.org).

**Something new for Easter in Religious Education!** We are having a canned food drive this year in Religious Education. We will "hide" the cans on the property much like we've hidden eggs in years past, each can with a sticker representing one of the 7 Principles. The children will turn in their 7 can (Principles) for prizes.

We hope you will support this event by bringing your donated canned goods to Little Chapel any time between now and April 24th and by volunteering to help out Easter morning. Please contact **Allison Zafiratos** at [reasst2@slccu.org](mailto:reasst2@slccu.org) with any questions or to volunteer. Thank you so much and Happy Easter!

#### Tomfoolery Middle Grades Retreat Saturday, April 30th

Tomfoolery - playful or foolish behavior (Merriam-Webster) Tomfoolery - playful or foolish behavior with a bunch of UUs!

YRUU is pleased to invite all 5th-8th graders to join in an evening of UU fun and silliness on Saturday, April 30th. We will begin with a family potluck supper from 5-6:30 (yes, bring your parents and siblings!). We will then have a whole evening of youth activities from 6:30 - 11pm. We will spend the night here in the church (assuming we can get enough adult chaperones). If you would like to participate, please sign up no later than Sunday April 24th (Easter). Registration forms have been sent out via email. If you didn't get one, you can find it on the church website in the Religious Education section under the Current Brochures and Registration tab.



*Photos from the Intergenerational  
Game Night and Potluck  
April 9, 2011*

**Upcoming Dates in Religious Education**

**April 17th**

Elementary Earth Day Activities with  
Environment Ministry

**April 24th**

Easter Canned Food Hunt

**April 30th**

Middle Grades TomfUUlery Retreat

**May 1st**

Elementary Classroom Sunday  
Rehearsal for High School Worship Service

**May 8th**

High School Worship Service

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## Endowment Fund News

Generous contributions have been received:

In memory of

*Henry Plenk*

From

Bill and Ruth Ohlsen

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*Ruel Eskelsen*

From

Cosette Joesten

Contributions to the Endowment Fund support the Church in perpetuity and may be sent directly to the Church Office with a designation for the Endowment Fund.

### Congregational Briefs

**Unitarian Acoustic Jam** May 6th from 7pm to 9pm Unitarian folk(ish) acoustic jam. (Three chord rock and roll songs welcomed, as well as other genres.) Call Lori Shields at 583-2843 if you are interested. (Singers welcomed too.)

**Flowers for Church** Calling all gardeners to bring spring blossoms to decorate the chancel through May. If you have some boughs of forsythia, some breaths of lilacs, some sprigs of crabapple or some long-legged iris, call Jane Grau at 801-355-1077. She'll put them in an arrangement (or you can do that!) for Sunday services. Or you can donate a bouquet from a florist shop. If you'd like to honor a loved one with flowers, call Jane for instructions. The congregation thanks you!

**Community Garden Time!** Interested in a plot at First Church's garden this year? We have several spots available! For more information or to sign up for a garden plot, come by the Environmental Ministry table or email Kathy at kfa44@yahoo.com or Julie at juliean-nemd@yahoo.com. It will be a great season with lots of fun for all! Would you like to become more involved with the garden? Planning meetings are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month between 10 and 11 am in

the parlor. Please come! We would love your input, energy, creativity, and ideas!

**Refugee Needs:** Used sofas, tables and chairs are needed for the many refugees arriving monthly via the International Rescue Committee (IRC). We pick up almost all household items in good condition. Call Andrea Globokar, 801 518-7461

**Open Minds Book** The next meeting is Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. in The Haven. We will discuss the book *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear. The book for May 19 is *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See. All are welcome.

**Crossroads Community Co-op** First Unitarian Church is an official host site for the Community Food Co-Op of Utah, helping people get access to affordable, nutritious food. April orders can be picked up on April 16th between 9 and 10 a.m.

**Circle Suppers** Circle Suppers are potluck socials hosted by anyone who would like to volunteer. Hosts choose their date, time, and number of guests. If they wish to specify a theme, special interest, age group, lifestyle, or geographical

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# April/May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Sunday Service 9 & 11 am (see below) Legacy Info Meeting 10:15 (pg.1)	18	19 Welcome Committee Meeting 7 pm Room 201	20 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	21 Open Minds Book Group 7 pm Haven (pg. 6)	22 Coffee House 6 pm	23 Contra Dance 6 pm
24 Sunday Services 9 & 11 am (see below) <b>Easter Sunday</b>	25 Torch Submissions Deadline 9 a.m.	26 UU Orientation 7 pm (pg. 4 )	27 -Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.  -Salvation Army Sandwich Making 4:30 pm	28	29	30 TomfUUlery 5th -8th Grade Retreat (pg. 4)  Peace Walk & Rally (pg.3)
May 1 Sunday Services 9 & 11 am (see below)	2	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	5	6 Accoustic Jam (pg. 6)	7 Folk Dance 6 pm
8 Sunday Services 9 & 11 am (see below)	9 -Torch Submissions Deadline 9 a.m.  -Board Meeting Rm 201 5 pm	10	11 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	12	13 Coffee House 6 pm	14

## Sunday Services

Sunday, April 17th

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
**“Courage and Humility”**  
-Rev. Tom Goldsmith

Sunday, April 24th

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
**Easter Service**  
**“In Praise of Perpetual Life”**  
-Rev. Tom Goldsmith

Sunday, May 1st

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
**“A Labor of Love:**  
**Wisconsin, May Day and**  
**Pete Seeger’s Birthday”**  
-Lay Service Committee



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### **Congregational Briefs (continued from pg. 6)**

location, they are free to do so; otherwise, the Circle Suppers are open to anyone. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend. Once an event is scheduled, a sign-up sheet for guests is posted in Eliot Hall on the red bulletin board behind the drinking fountain. Anyone wishing to host or attend a Circle Supper may contact Colleen or Rick Bliss at 801-254-3369 e-mail [ctbliss@gmail.com](mailto:ctbliss@gmail.com), or visit the Circle Supper table during the social hour after services.

#### **UU Lunch Bunch**

A family-friendly group for anyone and everyone who would like to get together for lunch and chat with like-minded people. Meet at the Restaurant on Sundays at about 45 minutes after the last service. For more information contact Sonia Hult at 801-904-3709 or [lunchbunch@slcuu.org](mailto:lunchbunch@slcuu.org)

April 17th: **Taj India** 4515 South 900 East

April 24th: **Broadway Cinemas** 111 E. 300 S.

May 1st: **La Frontera** 1250 East 3300 South

May 8th: **Oasis Café** 151 South 500 East