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Photos from First Unitarian Church Chancel Choir's New York Trip submitted by Neil Whitaker. Our Choir performed "The Ellingboe Requiem" with other choirs at Carnegie Hall this past June.

Legacy Campaign Update

Legacy Campaign

Becky Lawlor, our Legacy Campaign Manager, has been working diligently on the technical and data organization of the capital campaign. We plan to hit the ground running on the remainder of phase one fund-raising in September 2010. Becky will provide ongoing updates in Torch articles. Look for more information on at www.slccu.org.

The Legacy Committee has continued working on the plans to remove the house just north of the Sanctuary, rehabbing the Sanctuary front steps, pillars, windows/doors, and steeple/bell tower. The Legacy Committee has selected a contractor from among three bids for these projects.

The first project in the works is the removal of the house just north of the church. Along with the normal challenges there has been much dialogue just on this endeavor, includ-

ing:

- Addressing the neighborhood's and city's numerous concerns
- Extensive removal of hazardous materials.
- Disconnecting all utilities - water, power, gas, sewer
- Consulting with the Garden Group, Environmental Ministry, and Building and Grounds Committees to determine a plan for the area once the house is removed
- Contacting the Special Collections department at the Marriott Library about adding church archive items stored at the house to their First Unitarian Church collection.
- Meeting with many congregants, church committees, and building con-

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Continuing the Legacy

Legacy Campaign



With fall just around the corner and the new church year only a few weeks away, the Legacy Campaign is gearing up to restart its fundraising efforts. Due to the generosity of many, the Legacy Capital Campaign already has a solid foundation of support as we move forward to meet

our facility needs and better serve our congregation and community.

After taking a year to assess the best way to move forward with the campaign given the difficult economic climate, the Board of Trustees and the Legacy Campaign Cabinet have agreed that to best reach our goals, the Legacy Campaign should be split into two distinct phases with an adjusted timeline.

PHASE I

Phase I will be to take care of our most immediate needs. This phase will include the historic preservation of our chapel, the expansion of Eliot Hall, and the remodel of the rest of the original building, including a new kitchen and energy efficiency measures such as photovoltaic panels. To date, we have raised \$1.7 million of the \$3.2 million projected costs for Phase I. Much needed restoration of the exterior of our chapel and demolition of the house to the north of the chapel is planned to begin this fall. We anticipate raising the remainder of the project funds within the next year and breaking ground on the Eliot Hall expansion and building remodel in June of 2011. (These dates are projections and are subject to change.)

PHASE II

Phase II will include the construction of a new 350-seat chapel. We do not have a specific timeline for this phase yet. If we are able to exceed our fundraising goals for Phase I, we may be able to begin Phase II sooner, but it is currently anticipated that it would commence in five or six years.

As the new Legacy Campaign Manager, I am excited to be working with so many dedicated members, leaders,

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways to help the Legacy Campaign succeed. Whether you can give a lot or a little financially, the support of every person is valued and will help, brick by brick, build and sustain our vision for the future. Below are some ideas of how you can give in addition to your financial support:

Volunteer – Are you excited and dedicated to the campaign? Would you be willing to discuss your support for the project to encourage others to give too?

Where You Work – Does your company offer matching donations? Do they have corporate giving programs either through a grant application process or through individual requests?

Personal Connections – Do you have friends, family, or professional connections with individuals or foundations that may be interested and willing to help support the First Unitarian Church?

In-Kind Donations – Can you provide a service to the campaign? Do you have materials or supplies that could be used?

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, then please contact Becky Lawlor at 582-8687 ext. 7 or legacycampaign@slcuu.org.

and friends of the First Unitarian Church to help expand and improve its ability to serve the congregation and the broader community now and in the future. While we have already received the support of many, the good news is that there are still many who have yet to be asked to give. I have confidence that through the efforts and dedication of all, the Legacy Campaign will be successful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or a desire to help.

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Giving to Create a Legacy - Donor Highlight

Legacy Campaign

Harold and Sonja Decker have committed their time, money and energy to help make the Legacy Campaign a success. They have given because they believe in the importance of the First Unitarian Church in their lives and the lives of others.

“There is a feeling of acceptance while still being challenged to grow. At least I know once a week that people can come and know they are surrounded by love,” said Sonja.

Seeing the need early on, when Harold was on the Board of Trustees in 2003, the Decker’s donated in 2008 and helped to get the campaign off the ground. “This is the only cause that we have really stretched ourselves in our giving,” said Sonja.

In addition to their financial support, Harold and Sonja have committed time and effort to helping raise funds for the Legacy Campaign. “It was so wonderful,” Sonja said. “I was given a list of five people, three of them I didn’t know. Most of the time was spent getting to know each other. They welcomed me into their home

and when we see each other at church now we still enjoy that we got to know each other through our work with the Legacy Campaign.”

Harold’s experience was also positive. “I never found it necessary to pressure anyone to give,” said Harold. “Everyone during the interview alluded to unsettled economic situation and the challenges or uncertainties they were facing, but when the hour drew to an end, people were generous with their pledge.”

Thank you to the Harold and Sonja for stretching in a myriad of ways. With a little more stretching from all, we will reach our goal!

—The Legacy Campaign is looking for a few more willing individuals to help solicit donations this fall. If you would like to help, please contact Becky Lawlor at 801-582-8687 ext. 7 or at legacycampaign@slcuu.org.

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Legacy Campaign

tractors on the best ways to deal with deconstruction/recycling/moving the building and dealing with the contents of the building.

- And, finally, assuring the proper removal of claimed items and disposal of unclaimed items left in the building.

Many people have expressed concerns. I have noted in previous communications and above, I have been working with a myriad of groups to carry out the most practical ways to recycle all, or parts of, the building and its contents. I have listened carefully to many stakeholders’ interests and definitions of how we are to live our principles with respect to any, or all, of the above areas. I ask for your understanding in carrying out this multifactoral, multiphase project. How each phase is carried out will most likely not meet a singular stakeholder’s specific requests; additionally, it may not always be possible to keep every stakeholder up to date on daily developments. Let me assure you, however,

that no one working on this or other projects in our church community performs their duties for the church in isolation or with disregard for our church community, its neighbors, or the world. All plans are set and tasks performed in consultation with knowledgeable people and groups and in collaboration with stakeholders and church administration.

As with any complex project, we can expect changes to our plans, missteps, setbacks, misperceptions, miscommunications, and unmet individual needs. Most important is that we remain focused on coming together in support of the big picture of **Community-Building**. Thank you to all those providing us the necessary trust and sharing their talents and knowledge to assure our success.

*-Ed Dieringer, Chair
Legacy Campaign Committee*

Religious Education - News for the Village



Dear All,

The beginning of a new church year with a new Director of Religious Education in place is an exciting moment for our church. It is a time of promise and possibility. It

is a time for new ideas and new energy. Wouldn't you like to be a part of that?!

There are many ways that you can get involved. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight three immediate needs:

1. **Teach an RE Class for children/youth.** 34 wonderful volunteers have already agreed to serve as RE Teachers for children and youth this year. So far, it looks to be a great crew – full of both passion and compassion. We could still use a few more volunteers in order to have complete teaching teams for all ages and stages. I would particularly like to hear from you if you have an inclination toward working with adolescents.

2. **Serve on the RE Council.** The RE Council meets monthly and serves an important supporting role generating ideas, planning programs, troubleshooting, and shaping the general direction of our growing program for children and youth.
3. **Serve on the Adult Religious Education Committee.** The Adult Religious Education Committee develops course offerings for our Lifespan Religious Education programs for the fall and winter/spring semesters. This group has typically met only a few times per year as needed to coordinate the recruitment of teachers, publication of the course brochures, and registration of participants.

Please be in touch with me if you think that any of these volunteer opportunities would be a good fit for your interests and skills. I look forward to working with you!

Regards,

Mary

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RE Newsbits

Farewell and Thank You to Beth and Tyler. Beth and Tyler DeJong, who have been fixtures as caregivers in the Toddler room for several years, have decided to resign their positions and move on to a new phase of their lives now that Beth has started nursing school. Those of us in the church with young children know how much they have given to our community with their steady, calm, and loving presence. We would like to warmly thank them for their service and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

Ingathering Set for September 12 Our annual Ingathering service is the time when we reconvene and launch our program for the new church year. As always, children and youth will gather on the front lawn before the service and parade into the sanctuary together in a dazzling display of youthful energy and enthusiasm set to the beautiful music of our Chancel Choir. Please plan to join us!

Register Children and Youth for Fall RE Every child and youth who participates in our RE classes needs to have a Registration and Commitment Form filled out and signed each year. The registration form helps us make sure we have current contact information for your family as well as information about your children's ever changing needs. The registration form also asks for parents of children in our RE program to indicate the ways that they will help out as volunteers during the year to ensure that our program is fully supported and of the highest quality we can make it. The 2010-11 Registration and Commitment form is available on our website and will be emailed to families who were registered in our program last year so that you can fill them out, sign them, and bring them to church with you with any applicable registration fees. Forms will also be available at the RE table in Eliot Hall before and after the services beginning Au-

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Religious Education - News for the Village

RE Newsbits (Continued)

gust 29th. It would be very helpful for us to have our registrations by Labor Day, so we can build our class rosters, finalize RE Teacher staffing based on enrollment, and update our church records for this year.

Child Care Provider Job Announcement Child care provider needed to create a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment for young children up to age 4 during regular Sunday services and supervise other children as assigned before/after Sunday services. We seek a warm, energetic person who can work effectively with young children in group settings and with families in the church community. This is a 4 hour per week position, compensation depends on experience and qualifications. A full job description is available on the church website at www.slccuu.org. To apply, please submit a letter of application and resume as soon as possible to Mary Kroener-Ekstrand at dre@slccuu.org. This position is open until filled.

Volunteers Needed for Summer Fun Program On Sunday Aug. 29th and Sunday, September 5th, our church will still be on our summer schedule of one 10 am service. The RE program will make the most of the last weeks of summer with a Summer Fun program of crafts and games out on the playground. We will need several volunteer parent helpers on these days to help supervise and engage the kids. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Mary Kroener-Ekstrand at dre@slccuu.org or at 801-582-2033.

Upcoming Dates in Religious Education

Aug. 29 - One Service at 10 am, Summer Fun
 Sept. 5 - One Service at 10 am, Summer Fun
 Sept. 11 - Teacher Training
 Sept. 12 - Ingathering - Services at 9 and 11 am,
 Fall RE Kick-off

Back To School Triple R

Environmental Ministry

**Back to School Triple R:
 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**
Saturday, August 21, 2010, 10 am – 2 pm
Eliot Hall, First Unitarian Church



Purpose: Share what we have with each other, our neighboring community, families being resettled in Salt Lake City by the International Rescue Committee, and others.

How this works:

- bring what you don't need (working items only and **no furniture please**) and put them on a table;
- take what you need from what others have brought;
- no money is exchanged;
- bring only what you don't need, take only what you do need;
- what is not taken will be donated to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) & others in need;
- the church does not have space to store donations

before the swap, if you are not able to bring items on the day of the swap, consider asking a member, a friend, or a neighbor to drop items off during the swap hours.

- All ages are welcome. We especially encourage families looking to clothe growing children for the new school year to participate.

-Joan Gregory, Environmental Ministry



Congregational Briefs

Exciting Fundraising Opportunities for First Unitarian Church: Stewart Point Home at Sundance. Before their lease ends on January 1, Heather and Mike Dorrell have graciously offered their luxurious private mountain home at Sundance as a SPECIAL AUCTION EVENT! The Stewart Point Home offers breathtaking views and lots of comforts including three fireplaces, two decks and a hot tub. 3 bedrooms with queen beds and 3.5 baths easily accommodate 6. This usually rents for \$1,100 per night! Check in at 3 pm and out at 11:00 am. Send your best offer eBay style* to Teresa Dieringer at tdieringer@caregiversupportnetwork.com (preferably) or 801-718-4899 as soon as possible to take advantage of this beautiful mountain get-away and support First Church! August 20-24 (4 nights) and September 21-23 (2 nights)

Open Minds Book Group Next meeting is Thursday, August 19, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. We will discuss the book *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. This book is available in bookstores, on Amazon.com, and in the City and County Library systems. All are welcome.

Allies Dinner for Equality Utah: *Gaining Ground*

You are invited to join other members of First Unitarian Church at the 9th Annual Allies Dinner for Equality Utah: *Gaining Ground*

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Grand Ballroom
6pm Cocktails 7pm Dinner
Tickets: \$100 per person

Benefiting Equality Utah Political Action Committee: Equality Utah Political Action Committee works to expand the number of fair-minded elected officials in state and local government.

Andrea Globokar is the table captain for First Unitarian Church tables at this festive occasion. Members of First Church, Tami and Jane Marquardt are being honored. For more information go to www.equalityutah.org and sign up to attend and sit with other members of at our tables. Be sure to list Andrea Globokar as your table captain when you register.

Church Camping Trip. (Photos on page 8) The 2010 Pioneer Weekend Church Campout was a great success! In all 16 family groups and a peak attendance of about 36 UUs provided a lot of voices singing around the campfire. Many of the voices were from the adult church choir. However, we had all ages among us including several teenagers. Saturday night was a group pot luck. Sunday morning was a circle lighting of the chalice. Other activities included just enjoying the wildflowers.

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

August 15: **Café Med** 420 East 3300 South
August 22: **The Dodo** 1355 East 2100 South
August 29: **Café Trio** 680 South 900 East
September 5: **Z'tejas** 191 S. Rio Grande Street
September 12: **Olive Garden (Sugarhouse)** 2272 South 1300 East

Community Food 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. Pick-up August shares on August 28th between 9 and 10 a.m.

You can order online or print forms to mail in at: <https://www.foodco-op.net>. Place orders by mail (new address) – 1726 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84104; phone - (801)746-7878; Fax orders no longer accepted. For more information, contact Nancy Lindsley at 801-583-8566 or crossroads@slcuu.org.

August/September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Summer Forum 10 a.m. (see below)	16	17	18	19 Open Minds Book Group 7 pm (pg. 6)	20	21 Back to School Triple R Swap 10 am to 2 pm (pg. 5)
22 Summer Forum 10 a.m. (see below)	23 Torch Submissions Deadline 9 a.m.	24	25 Sandwich Making 4:30 p.m.	26	27 Coffee House 6 pm	28 -Co-op pick up 9-10 am (pg. 6) -Contra Dance 6 pm
29 Sunday Service 10 a.m. (see below)	30	31	September 1	2	3	4 Folk Dance 6 pm
5 Sunday Service 10 a.m.	6 Labor Day Church closed	7 Torch Submissions Deadline 9 a.m.	8	9	10 Coffee House 6 pm	11 RE Teacher Training

Summer Forum

Sunday, August 15th 10:00 a.m.
“Travel Log From the Middle East”
 –Hannah Pioli, Member, First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City.

Sunday, August 22nd 10:00 a.m.
Title TBA
 -Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker

Sunday Services

Sunday, August 29th One 10:00 a.m. Service Only
“Slack Tides”
 -Rev. Tom Goldsmith

Rev. Tom Goldsmith and Music Director David Owens are back in the Sanctuary beginning August 29th. There will be just one 10 a.m. service on August 29th and September 5th. Our two service Sundays (9 a.m. and 11 a.m.) will begin on September 12th.



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