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Utah Interfaith Power & Light

On September 20, 2007, First Unitarian Church's Environmental Ministry participated in the launch of Utah Interfaith Power & Light, as part of The Regeneration Project and the Interfaith Power and Light campaign to mobilize a national religious response to global warming while promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation.

As part of this campaign, churches make a pledge to respond to global climate change through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. This united interfaith outreach intends to protect the earth's ecosystems, safeguard public health, and ensure sufficient, sustainable energy for all.

First Unitarian Church's Environmental Ministry has signed this pledge and invites members and friends to download the pledge form (see below), evaluate it, and sign if you are willing and able to support these efforts.

Utah Interfaith Power & Light is currently participating in the ENERGY STAR® Change a Light Pledge. If you haven't changed over to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in your home or office yet, now is a great time to pledge and then just do it.

Each ENERGY STAR® qualified light bulb uses 75% less energy than a standard bulb, lasts up 10 times longer and can save about \$30 or more in energy costs - while preventing more than 400 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions over its lifetime.

Consider purchasing your CFLs from the Environmental Ministry Table in Elliot Hall on Sunday to help support our Environmental Ministry efforts.

-submitted by Joan Gregory

The pledge form is available at: http://www.utahipl.org/files/UIPL_Commitment_page.doc. Please fill out the form and email it back to: info@utahipl.org.

Energy Star Change a Light Pledge:
(http://energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=cal.showpledge&cpd_id=7562).



Hands on: Highway clean-up crew, Oct. 2007
Photo by Steve Horton

NEITHER RAIN NOR SNOW...

...kept these hardy souls from their appointed rounds tidying up our designated stretch of highway Saturday, October 6th. Bill Ohlsen, Patti and Steve Horton, Henry Whiteside, Sheryl Gillilan, Gary Widdison, Kathy Reavis, Steve Gillespie, Ann and Ron Mildenhall, Dan Ford, Gary Grubb and Sue Langan were not deterred by the pre-wintery weather and speedily accomplished another fall cleanup. In the spring we will return to continue this facet of Environmental Ministry.

-submitted by Hugh Gillilan

Reverently Yours



Maybe it's just one of those features like the grass is greener elsewhere or simply pining for a special gift that I know I just don't have. I make my living with words. Nothing wrong with that although I am not unaccustomed to hearing that I may use more words than needed. In 32 years of ministry I have yet had someone tell me they

wished the sermon were longer. Trapped in a world of words that not only give rise to sermons but also speeches and publications, I have learned the true value of conveying messages succinctly. And when this is achieved with humor, I am in awe of the person who can depict in one sketch the agonizing reality of the human condition that would take the likes of me reams of paper filled with words to portray. In other words, I love the cartoonist and envy the uncanny ability to deliver more in one image than possibly tomes of profundity poured into bounded volumes.

The cover of the New Yorker with Mahoud Ahmadinejad sitting on a toilet in an obvious public restroom with a provocative foot from the neighboring stall entering his space was pure genius. After reading countless lengthy articles about the absurdity of Ahmadinejad's pronouncement at Columbia University that there was no homosexuality in Iran, one picture (worth more than the proverbial thousand words), ran a spike through the heart of the issue. The scene could not have been more graphic, more scathing, more humorous. A good cartoonist blesses the world with insight, wit, and brevity.

Say what you want about Salt Lake City and its secular newspaper, *The Tribune*, we are treated to the genius of Pat Bagley who captures not only the essence of current global preoccupations, but makes us laugh in the proc-

ess. Bagley distills issues down to their bare ridiculousness, and allows nothing but the naked truth to emerge. It probably takes a good eye and a twisted mind to get the public to appreciate political dilemmas and awkward situations with a smile that helps us recognize how silly life is at times.

Through the genius of our own Auction Committee, we will have a chance to wine and dine with Pat Bagley and bestow upon him the first annual "Fairly Free Thinker" award. This is, of course, our way of expressing our gratitude and appreciation for his helping us keep this crazy world in perspective. And this is a great way for us to socialize with a mere mortal who possesses the divine gift of merging humor with

clarity. The auction has always represented the major all-church venue for fun and socializing. This year's auction on November 2nd will lift our spirits to heights previously unknown.

Words may become an endangered species. People are not buying books anywhere close to how they used to. Internet, TiVos, cell phones, video games are all blamed for pulling (especially young people) away from the printed word. People generally are working more and have been captured by technology's lure. Who has time to read? Who has time for words? Will the sermon be far behind



First Unitarian Church Announces:

A NIGHT at the MUSEUM
Our annual church auction

Friday, Nov. 2nd 6:30 p.m.
Utah Museum of Fine Arts

*We will be presenting the first annual
"Fairly Free Thinker Award"
to Pat Bagley*



the fate of books?

Two famous writers have dispensed advice to young writers long ago: James Michener said, "Unless you think you can do better than Tolstoy, we don't need you." And Andre Gide said: "If a young writer can refrain from writing, he should do so." Cruel advice, both of them, but perhaps anticipating the future where even good writing would have to compete with life's many distractions. Yet we'll always have time (a second or two) to look at a cartoon and laugh and understand the situation better than having to read an expert's opinion in the latest book.

TRG

RE: News for the Village



YRUU Happenings

Welcome to YRUU, our High School Youth Group. YRUU meets Sunday nights from 7:00- 8:30 in the Youth House, on the north side of the Sanctuary. Our schedule is full for the coming months... make a note of the dates, and come join us!



October:

October 7- Youth Voices: Poetry Slam
October 14- Worship/Circle
October 21- Youth/Game night
October 28- Explorations
(or, a Halloween Sleepover. TB)

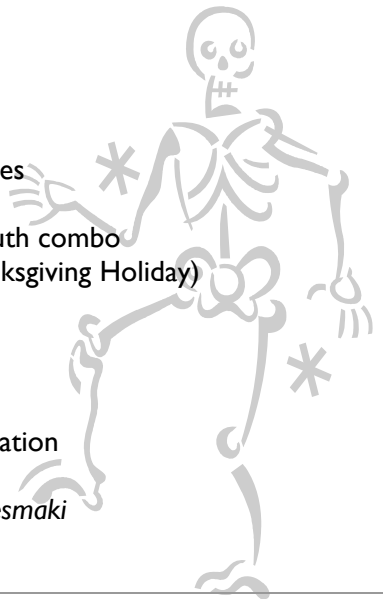
November:

Nov 4: Youth Voices: Zines
Nov 11: Worship/Circle
Nov 18: Explorations/Youth combo
Nov 25: No YRUU (Thanksgiving Holiday)

December:

Dec 2: Youth Voices
Dec 9: Worship/Circle
Dec 16: Christmas celebration

-Submitted by Andrea Kalvesmaki



RE Newsbits

Teaching the littlest UUs

We are still needing a Preschool School teacher to teach every other week for the 11 AM service. If you would like the opportunity to share some great experiences with some very cute kids, give LeeAnn a call. 582-2033.

Mentors Wanted

Would you like the opportunity to have a lasting influence on one of our great kids? Consider mentoring one of the Coming of Age kids. Stop by the RE table in Eliot Hall for more information.

Usher as a family

Our Welcoming Team has asked that some of our Religious Education families—Moms, Dads, Kids and all-- serve as greeters the first Sunday of each month at both the 9 AM and 11 AM Services. If you are interested in being a family greeter, stop by the RE table in Eliot Hall and sign up.

A Halloween-themed graphic with a black background. It features several orange jack-o'-lanterns with glowing faces, white ghost silhouettes, and a spiderweb in the top left corner. The text is centered in a white box with a green border.

RE Halloween Celebration

Join us for an evening of spooky, creepy, fun! Along with your dish to share, bring a pumpkin for carving. There will be a carving contest with prizes for everyone. We will also hear special Halloween stories and play games.

Friday, October 19th, 6-8 p.m.

Come in Costume

There will be a costume contest at the Halloween RE Potluck. Come dressed in your spookiest apparel!

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Battery Recycling - What's involved?

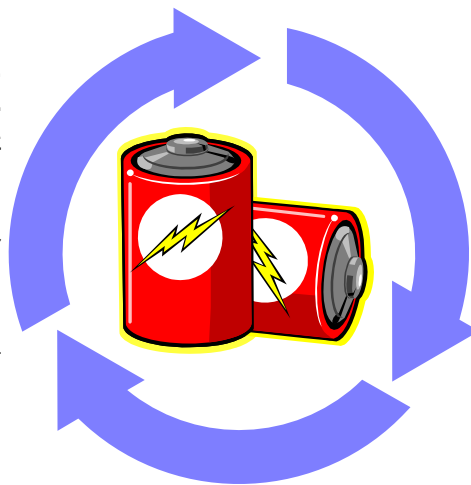
What's involved in battery recycling? This is the question I had as I sorted the batteries I had gathered from First Unitarian Church into various bins at Recycle Utah in Park City. So, I decided to do a bit of research and found a lot of technical jargon and some conflicting information too. The summary of what I discovered follows by battery type:

Alkaline Batteries - Potassium hydroxide can leak out of the battery cell if alkaline batteries are damaged or mishandled; causing severe chemical burns if the substance comes into contact with your skin or eyes. Alkaline batteries have had about a 97% mercury reduction because of the Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act of 1996. It is because of this act that batteries are labeled with disposal information, such as, "Battery must be recycled."

Nickel-Cadmium Rechargeable Batteries ("NiCads")

- contain Cadmium, a metal that causes blood and reproductive damage, among other problems. Most of the Cadmium in our waste stream comes from batteries. These batteries pose little hazard in use (the Cadmium is in a stable form), but are a danger in landfills. These batteries are used in low- to moderate-discharge devices such as scanners and portable radios. Since these batteries contain Cadmium, they require special disposal. In the US, there is a fee built into the price for Nickel Cadmium batteries which includes proper disposal of the batteries at the end of their lifetimes. All NiCd batteries are identified by the EPA as hazardous waste and **must** be recycled. The recycling process recovers Cadmium and iron-nickel for steel production.

Nickel-Metal Hydride Batteries (NiMH) - The main difference between this battery and the NiCd battery is the metal hydride used instead of the Cadmium. These batteries also have two to three times the capacity of a Nickel Cadmium. These batteries are commonly used in high-discharge devices like portable power tools, digital cameras and laptops. They are considered non-hazardous waste, but do contain elements that can be recycled. The individual materials of the batteries are mechanically separated,



and a high Nickel content is produced and used in the manufacture of stainless steel.

Lithium Manganese Batteries

- These batteries are most often found as a button cell or cylindrical. They are used a lot in outdoor devices, such as wireless weather devices. The button cell form can also be found in watches, pacemakers, heavy-use flashlights, handheld video games, shavers and electric toothbrushes. One of the recycling processes currently available for lithium-containing batteries involves recovering the lithium in the battery and selling it back to battery manufacturers.

Silver Oxide Batteries

- In addition to watches, Silver Oxide batteries are also found in hearing aids, calculators and pagers. Most small, round "button cell" type batteries contain Mercury, Silver, Cadmium, Lithium or other heavy metals as their main component. These materials leak in landfills, can enter the water table, and are even worse when incinerated. Button Cells are increasingly targeted for recycling because of the value of recoverable materials, the hazard to the environment,

and the small size and easy handling relative to other battery types.

Lithium-Ion and Lithium-Ion Polymer Batteries

- These batteries only come in rectangular or cylindrical shapes. They are smaller, lighter and provide more energy than Nickel Cadmium or Nickel-metal Hydride batteries. Lithium batteries are most often used in cell phones and mobile computing devices. They should not be stored in hot cars over the summer because when they reach high temperatures, they can easily ignite or explode. Lithium-ion batteries can also explode if damaged, so do not mess with the casing of the batteries. It is highly advised that when storing these batteries for recycling you tape the terminals. These batteries are recyclable, and the metal content of these batteries can be recovered in the recycling process.

Sandy Harty

Recycling Coordinator, Environmental Ministry Team



First Unitarian Church is proud to be a part of the Salt Lake City Green Program

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Battery Facts:

Batteries recycled in Utah are picked up by PSI Philips Services, a hazardous waste collection firm, then sorted and shipped to California for further recycling and demanufacture.

Although household batteries comprise a small fraction of 1% of total trash in Municipal Landfills, they are responsible for 50-70% of all heavy metals found in landfills.

One rechargeable battery can replace 300 throwaway batteries because many rechargeables can be recharged up to a 1,000 times before needing to be recycled. If we start replacing those one-use batteries with rechargeables, we are not only saving money, but ensuring that fewer batteries end up in the landfills as well!

Battery Recycling Made Easy - The Environmental Ministry Team makes battery recycling easy - just put your batteries in the box under the Environmental Ministry Table on Sundays in Elliott Hall and leave the rest of the job to us.

Sources:

Battery Park: <http://bythepark.com/>

Earth 911: <http://earth911.org/blog/2007/07/05/how-to-recycle-and-properly-dispose-of-batteries/>

WasteCap of Massachusetts: <http://www.wastecap.org/wastecap/commodities/batteries/alkalinebatteries.htm>

WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme): http://www.wrap.org.uk/local_authorities/batteries/battery_recycling_information/qa_processing.html

Special thanks to Insa Riepen from Recycle Utah (<http://recycleutah.org/>) for her valuable advice and direction in the preparation of this article.

Congregational Briefs

Thanks to Building and Grounds Volunteers

On a recent rainy Saturday morning a hearty group gathered at the church to remove all hallway and stairway carpeting in the education building to prepare for the new carpet installation. The willing crew of UUs ripped out, rolled and tossed nearly 500 square yards of soiled (filthy), stained and worn carpet, helping the church save over \$1,000 in labor. A hearty thank-you from all of us to: Kurt and Kathy Dudley, Phillip Emmett, Rick Gregory, Greg Johnson, Craig van Zante, and our UU high school kids Jonathon, Matthew, and Dani. A thank you also to Layne Owens for his expertise, and to LeeAnn Williams for our refreshments.

-submitted by Bob Lindsley, Buildings and Grounds chair

Stone Carving Exhibition

A group of local stone carvers are trying to put together a group show for all of us who have learned stone carving at Chapungu or SnowBird or the Unitarian Church. All of us have created wonderful sculptures that should be seen by a larger audience than our personal households. Are you interested in being in such a show? If you are interested, please contact Jonna Ramey (jramey@xmission.com). Send her a picture of your

work(s), your name, address, phone number, email address and a brief description of your piece(s), your thoughts about stone carving or a bio. If you're not interested in being in a show, that's okay, too. Let her know if you want to be notified to come see it, once it is organized and scheduled.

Circle Suppers

Share dinner with 6-8 members and friends Saturday, November 10th. Stimulating conversation promised. Host will call with shared food assignments. Sign up on clip board, South exit Eliot Hall. Call Judy Miller 277-6324 or email jmiller1@xmission.com for additional information.

-submitted by Judy Miller

A reminder

The friendliest thing we can do for visitors and newcomers is wear our name tags and engage them in conversation during coffee hour.

-submitted by Judy Miller

Unitarians Hiking Together

At our recent Fall potluck at church, we planned the following schedule of family-friendly hikes. All are welcome to join us as we get to know each other and discover, rediscover, and explore the natural world around us.

Sunday, October 25, 2 - 4 pm Red Butte "Magic in the Garden After Dark"

Admission Fee: Adults: \$7 and Children: \$5

Meet at: Red Butte Parking lot

More information: http://www.redbuttegarden.org/Classes_and_Events/?c=Garden_After_Dark.inc

Monday, October 29, 6 pm Hike in the Avenues Graveyard at NIGHT!!!

Meet at: First Unitarian parking lot to carpool. More information: We are looking into the possibility of a story teller or guide of the graves, etc.

Jazz Vespers begins
November 4th at 7:30 p.m.

We hope you will join us!

Tell Us a Story

...that means something to you.

It could be about anything, literally, anything. As long as it means something to you. It could be about something you saw, or heard, something that happened to you, or to your great aunt.

It could be about life and death, or about getting stuck in the snow. I could be about someone you met and never forgot, about teaching your child to ride a bike, or about losing your wallet. It could be about your cat, or about meeting the love of your life. It could be about becoming a Unitarian.

It could be about loss, or discovery, a serious story, a happy story, a funny story, a sad story. As long as it's a story that means something to you.

You can write it down and e mail it to Kathleen Cahill (kathleencahill10@comcast.net) -OR-

Sunday, November 4, 2 - 4pm Bonneville Shore Trail

Meet at: Parking lot across from Hogle Zoo

More information: <http://www.bonneville-trail.org/map.htm>

Sunday, November 18, 2:30pm-4:30pm Jordan River Parkway

Meet at: 7200 South in 50 car parkinglot close to a big playground

More information: <http://www.parks-recreation.org/parks/images/jordan2.gif>

For more info, please contact Sonia Hult at mountain-club87@yahoo.com or 904-3709.

-submitted by Sonia Hult



You can write it down and put it in David Owens' mail box in the church office.

WHAT'S THIS FOR?

David Owens, Rev. Tom Goldsmith, and Kathleen Cahill, a playwright and new member of our church, are going to develop a cabaret evening of music and stories based on the lives of the members of our community.

IS THIS EXCITING OR WHAT?!

We will be telling you more about this as time goes by. Meanwhile: PLEASE SEND IN YOUR STORIES. ASAP

Deadline: December 1, 2007. Thank you!

-submitted by Kathleen Cahill



October/November 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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.

For the month of November, shares must be ordered by Friday, November 9th for pick up on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00-10:00am. **Please note the change of time for pick up.**

Order forms are available online at www.foodco-op.org. Place orders by mail -- 347 South 400 East, SLC, UT 84111; phone – (801)746-7878 .

For more information, contact Nancy Lindsley at 583-8566 or RNLINDSLEY@MSN.COM.

Memorial Sunday - December 9th

Mark your calendar for this special Sunday when we remember and honor those we've lost in the past year. For this - our second annual memorial Sunday - the Chancel Choir will be doing the **Ellingboe Requiem** accompanied by a special liturgy prepared by Rev. Goldsmith.

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir for this event or for Christmas, **now** is the time to join. We have already begun rehearsals but you can still join if you do so right away.

Rehearsals are Wednesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 in room 210. If you have any questions, please call David Owens at 582-8687 ext. 8 or 295-8938.

-submitted by David Owens

Over 30 UU Singles Group

- Oct. 14th **Squatters Pub** (147 W. 300 S. 363-2739)
- Oct. 21st **Cucina Deli** (1026 2nd Ave, 322-3055)
- Oct. 28th **Café Med** (420 E. 300 S., 493-0100)

Meet for lunch around 12:45. Be sure to let the restaurant's hostess know you're with the "church" group and to direct newcomers to our tables. Have any questions? Contact Bill Reed at wbreed@gmail.com

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Sunday Services

Sunday, October 14th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

“So Help Me God”

-Special Guest Dr. Forrest Church will join Rev. Tom Goldsmith for the service

Sunday, October 21st

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

“Fifty Years On the Road with Jack Kerouac:

A Celebration with Jazz and Reflections”

-Rev. Tom Goldsmith and Jazz musicians

Sunday, October 28th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

“The Religious Impact on Presidential Hopefuls”

-Rev. Tom Goldsmith and special music by Tristan Moore