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## From the Administrator

Welcome to 2010. Hopefully, this new year will offer more evidence that we are finally leaving the Great Recession behind.

These are indeed interesting times. While the stock market has zoomed higher during the past year, the housing market remains in the doldrums. Unemployment is still painfully high, although some “green shoots” are appearing in the job market.

Through all of this murky economic news the First Unitarian Society continues to serve as a humanist beacon for both members and the wider community. Our financial stability stems from what Rev. Kendyl Gibbons described in a sermon last November as a “practice of gratitude for what we have.” Members and friends have demonstrated that practice through their ongoing support. As of early December when this column was written, pledge income exceeded the expected budget amount by \$4800. This is good news, although the board budgeted far less for pledge revenue than the prior two years. As Kendyl noted, we are living with an “austere budget.”

Yet if December follows traditional giving patterns, we should experience another strong month of pledge revenue. So we may start the year from a stable position. This is good since there are many exciting projects in the works, not least of which is the UUA General Assembly scheduled for Minneapolis from June 23 to June 27. Plans are underway for FUS to have an active role in co-hosting our fellow UUs visiting the Twin Cities. Already there is much to anticipate.

The UUA has announced that the Opening Celebration and Banner Parade will feature singer, songwriter, and UU Peter Mayer. The Ware Lecturer this year is Minnesotan Winona LaDuke, an internationally renowned Native American activist from the White Earth Nation who is working on issues of sustainable development, renewable energy and food systems. GA coincides with the Twin Cities’ Pride Festival and Parade and the UUA Public Witness this year will be part of that event. FUS will again sponsor a booth at Loring Park during the Festival.

FUS also will be continuing the building improvements that have been underway the last few years. Through the efforts of senior building steward Cirilo Hernandez we continue to maintain a clean and polished presence for all visitors. Through the generosity of The Alliance and member gifts, the

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# Forum and Assembly Previews

Forums are at 9:30 a.m. in the Lower Assembly Hall.

## ■ 1/3/10 FORUM: Current Issue TBA

Presenter: TBA

Watch *The Unitarian Flash* (sign up to receive this email newsletter by clicking the link on the FUS website's main page: [www.firstunitariansociety.org](http://www.firstunitariansociety.org)) and the Order of Service announcements for a description of this program when it becomes available.

## ■ 1/10/10 FORUM: "Songs of the Civil

Rights Movement"

Presenter: Robin Nelson

Songs were integral to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and helped define a movement by providing

inspiration and promoting solidarity. Come and sing the songs and remember the historic importance of folk and spiritual classics made famous by the Civil Rights Movement and singer/songwriters of that era. Robin Nelson has been calling dances and leading songs in the Twin Cities Area for over 20 years. Her infectious talent makes singing with her a pleasure.



## ■ 1/17/10 FORUM: "Unity Unitarian Love Bus to Iowa"

Presenter: Joni and Theresa Redfern-Hall and Ralph Wyman

Hear first hand stories from Unity's Love Bus trip to Iowa where gay and lesbian couples from Minnesota were able to be married. Hear about the impact this opportunity has had on their relationships (already long-term), their families and their place in the world. The speakers are members of a MUUSJA working group. We will be taking a social justice offering for MUUSJA during the assembly this morning.

Assemblies are at 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Assembly Hall.

## ◆ 1/3/10 ASSEMBLY: "The Ends of the Ages"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons

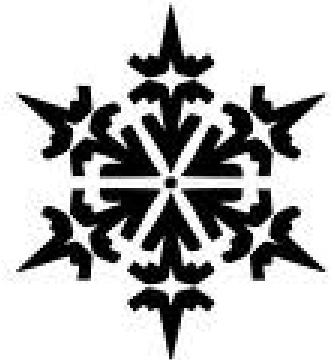
The ancient Mayans formulated a calendar that has only two more years to run, and every movie maker wants to film his or her personal apocalypse. Astrologers quarrel about whether the age of Aquarius has in fact begun, and Christian fundamentalists look forward to the end times described in the Biblical book of Revelation. What is it that fascinates human societies about the edges of calendars, and the thought of time changing in some fundamental way? As we begin the new year, how do we want time to change in our own lives?

## ◆ 1/10/10 ASSEMBLY: "One Must Have a Mind of Winter"

Speaker: Mary Bohman, Ministerial Intern

After the December holidays January presents itself in contrast, cold and empty—feast time has turned fallow.

For many, winter is the hardest season to embrace; we humans tend to resist the rhythms of winter and distance ourselves from the natural world at that time. If we want to learn from the rhythms of nature one must acknowledge winter as a journey in darkness, a journey of rest and introspection, of surrender. How do we have a "mind of winter" as Wallace Stevens frames it in his poem, "The Snow Man?" What if we saw the winter season as an annual inward looking time, a cue to slow down in an intentional way, a time to empty?



## ◆ 1/17/10 ASSEMBLY: "Are We There Yet?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons

As we remember Martin Luther King, and observe a full year of Barack Obama's presidency, it is worth asking about the state of our culture in the light of our efforts toward dismantling racism and oppression. To what extent have we created, or are we creating, true multiculturalism? Do things ever really change, or does the target of disdain merely shift? A special collection in support of our congregation's work with the GLBT community will be received at this assembly.

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## ■ 1/24/10 FORUM: Movie/Book Chat

Discussion Host: Sue Tincher

### Movie Chat

We will be discussing a current movie that will be announced at a later date. We will go see the movie on Wednesday evening, January 20. Meet inside the theater twenty minutes before the movie begins. Watch the January Flash and orders of service for the exact time and location. Bring a friend or come alone and meet a friend!

## ■ 1/31/10 FORUM: “Winter Labyrinth Walk”

Presenter: Mary Bohman, Ministerial Intern

The cold days of January are a perfect time to reflect and listen to your inner voice. Perhaps you have questions ruminating in your mind, a creative project unrealized, pent up emotions to release. Walking the labyrinth is a form of walking meditation that can take

on an interior process that Lauren Artress describes as “Releasing, Receiving, and Returning.” Based on the circle, the universal symbol of wholeness, the Labyrinth provides a winding path that takes one to the center and back out again, and the path, when walked with intention, can become a metaphor for the journey through life. Come hear a brief introduction and history of the labyrinth and then walk the beautiful cloth labyrinth created by the FUS youth group.



## ◆ 1/24/10 ASSEMBLY: “Heritage Sunday: On Accepting the Universe”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons

Born in 1810, the Transcendentalist feminist Margaret Fuller joined the staff of the New York Tribune under Horace Greely in 1844. By the time she was in her 30s, Fuller has earned a reputation as the best-read person in New England, male or female, and become the first woman allowed to use the library at Harvard College. Her seminal work, *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*, was published in 1845. A year later, she was sent to Europe for the Tribune as the first female correspondent. This morning we celebrate Fuller's legacy to our movement and consider some of her visionary ideas.

## ◆ 1/31/10 ASSEMBLY

Speaker: Brian Eslinger

The Rev. Dr. Brian Eslinger is a friend and colleague of Kendyl's, as well as Dawn Cooley's mentor. He has been the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames, Iowa, since 1997, following his internship with White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church and graduation from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

### What Liberals Should Know— about the Bible

Kendyl's second adult education class this year will run from January 7 through February 18. The class will offer a liberal perspective on understanding the Bible as a collection of polemical literature. If you have ever wondered how to



understand the western scriptures as a coherent human document, these sessions will shed a whole new light on the topic. The class meets at FUS from 7:00–9:00 p.m. Sign up for this adult education class at the Ask Me table in the Lower Assembly Hall.

## From the Administrator

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Groveland entrance and Chalice Room windows were upgraded and brought into compliance with state fire codes.

Now, for 2010 we have a major construction project that will be invisible when completed. But its value to our Green Sanctuary effort is considerable. As Kendyl described in November, FUS, like all institutional buildings in Minneapolis, is required to separate storm and sanitary drainage systems. When our building was constructed, having a single system for both storm and effluents made sense. The Twin Cities were much smaller and the waste treatment system was less taxed. Today, sending rainwater to the waste treatment facilities is seen as unnecessary. For older structures like FUS, the rainwater system has to be rerouted to the storm sewer lines in the street.

At a time to be scheduled, a commercial sewer contractor will need to excavate part of the street in front of the Groveland entrance to allow workers to access and reroute the underground pipes.

This project represents a \$20,000 investment by the Society. The FUS Foundation has offered a generous \$5,000 matching gift to inaugurate the fundraising effort. In Kendyl's November sermon she noted that for those FUS members who are able, the matching gift would be \$35 per member. As of early December we had received approximately \$4,500 in member gifts for this project, a wonderful example of the practice of generosity.

We still need contributions for this project. For those who have made donations, thank you. If you have yet to make a donation, please consider whether you can assist in this effort. As Kendyl has said, "mundane and invisible as it may be, we need to take care of our plumbing." With this project we not only satisfy our legal responsibilities but serve the environmental needs of the larger community as well.

As we begin the new year, let us continue to celebrate our connection to each other and to the wider world of which we are a part.

**Will Hegeman, Congregational Administrator**

## From the Intern

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I have winter on my mind. I love winter, I embrace it; in fact one of the reasons I moved to Minnesota from southern Ohio was to live in a place that had a real winter—none of that gray, 35 degree, bone-chilling rain for me! But besides the beauty of the winter landscape and my enjoyment of cross country skiing I love how the cold days inspire me to slow down and reflect on life. It is the time of year that calls me to pay attention to my inner life, my spiritual life.



What do I mean by spiritual? That can be a loaded word for some Unitarian Universalists and it behooves me to unpack it a bit. By spiritual I mean I cultivate an inner life and make space in my busy schedule to listen for my intuitional voice. It requires a kind of emptying. By slowing down and setting aside the ever-pressing, non-stop outer world of obligation and activity, I open myself to a different way of being that often presents new possibilities that my outward ego-driven self might miss entirely. This is what Saint Benedict called "a special kind of deep attentiveness to all of life—of listening with ears of the heart." It is what the Buddhists call mindfulness—being aware of what our present experience is without necessarily reacting (Sharon Salzberg). It is about intention, conscious living. For many, daily spiritual practice creates this kind of spaciousness and openness that allows one to connect with the present moment and live more consciously. The best-case scenario is by intentionally creating a relationship with one's inner self it becomes a source of creativity, innovation, and energy. This inner work changes the way we behave in the world and helps one feel more fully alive. When my inner life is attended to I find I am better prepared to do the necessary work of the world, to work for the common good, for justice. Ultimately this outer work becomes spiritual too—a balance between action...reflection...action...reflection.

I'm not hoping for a bitter cold January, but I do plan to spend some quiet time writing, thinking, opening, and breathing; giving space for seeds to germinate inside the heart. How do you pass the long nights of winter? How do you "listen with ears of the heart?"

**Mary Bohman, Ministerial Intern**

# Stewardship Corner

## Every Penny Counts

At FUS, we consider every contribution to have a value beyond its dollar amount. We know you offer it to us because you value the unique perspective that FUS provides to the larger community. We know that you value the circle of friends FUS offers you in good times and bad. And we know you value the tremendous dedication of our long-time members as well as the precociousness of our youth and children. No matter your station in life, know that the penny you contribute is worth just as much to us as anyone else's penny.



As responsible Stewards of your contributions, the FUS Stewardship Committee, Staff and Board of Trustees are constantly monitoring the Society's financial situation and making adjustments as needed. Since FUS is completely funded by its members, the Budget must reflect the reality of our financial situation. As such, this year's Operating Budget includes dramatic cuts, such as forcing the Music, Religious Education, and Social Action Programs to fund themselves from their restricted funds (basically, their Savings Accounts), and significantly reducing FUS's pledges to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA, our national organization) and Prairie Star District (the UUA's local chapter). Because the programs are going on just as they did last year, you may not have noticed a difference. However, these are drastic measure that are intended—and must be—temporary, if FUS is to remain the vibrant community it is today. In order for these cuts to be reversed, we must start to rebuild the budget back to previous levels next year. To do that, we need to start now, so that the Board can more accurately understand the Society's capacity for funding itself next year.

So, if you feel you are one of the fortunate among us (which does not necessarily mean wealthy, especially these days), ask yourself if the amount of your pledge reflects how much you value your religious community. Can you afford to increase your contribution to offset the pledge reduction from someone who hasn't been as fortunate this year? If so, please speak to an FUS Staff member or one of the members of the Stewardship Committee. Regardless of how many pennies you contribute, we thank you for your continued generosity!

Sincerely,  
The FUS Stewardship Committee

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# Membership

We will be holding three more orientation sessions this year. Please let me know if you plan to attend, as we will provide a light lunch. The sessions will be held after service at noon on the following days: January 17, March 21 and May 23.

You can become a member anytime you wish. Contact me, Teresa West, membership director. We recommend attending the orientations and then joining us for the New Member discovery group, which is held once a month after service. These groups are a great way to meet others and to learn from Kendyl, our minister.

In between the orientations, we would love to meet you at the Minister's Tea in the Upper Assembly Hall after service on Sundays. Look for us by the wall opposite the window wall. The minister, a board member and the membership director are available to meet you and answer any questions, regardless if this is your first visit or your twentieth.



## Happy January Birthdays!

Jonathan Asp  
Linnea Asp  
Susan Barton  
Joyce Blomquist  
Meridel Brust  
Neil Clark  
Roger Clemence  
Kendrick Davies  
Susan Deveaux  
Eric Eng  
Cyrus Heimlich  
Lola Heimlich  
Wyatt Heimlich  
Lisa Helminiak  
Heidi LaJoy  
Anne Walker Langaard  
Olive Leikvold  
Wendy Lyman-Buttler

Jim Lynskey  
Anton Markwart  
Mary Lou Nelson  
Suzie O'Connell  
Nasser Pooladian  
J.D. Rickard  
Bridget Rock  
Aaron Ropers-Huilman  
Anson Ropers-Huilman  
Laurel Rowse  
Kathleen Ruona  
Matthew Stark  
Angie Tix  
Amari Vaughan  
Zsolt Vincze  
Barbara Weatherhead  
Erin Westenberg

Teresa West, Membership Coordinator

# Religious Education

How did you do this Holiday? Lots of gifts? Me? I got my best gift in November. I won an election and I didn't even know I was a candidate. This is what happened. The fourth and fifth graders studied famous UUs for fall term. Since all of the rooms on the first floor have names of famous UUs except the one they were meeting in, I told them that at the end of their term they could vote and pick a famous UU that the room would then be named for.

The final Sunday of the Fall Term came and a 4/5 grade representative came and found me and asked to have me come to their classroom. They had a surprise for me I was told. I walked in expecting to learn of their room naming decision when they announced that I had won the vote. They thought the room should be called the Jan Devor Room!!!! I was told by the teachers ( Lynn Borden and Angelique Frederiksen) that the kids added me to the list.....right there with Frank Lloyd Wright and P.T. Barnum!

I cannot tell you how surprised and happy I was. What an honor that 1) the kids wanted me on the list and 2) that I won! I was beaming all day. Really, one of the highlights of my career. It just goes to show you that real presents are not ones that can be seen! Thank you fourth and fifth graders!

Unfortunately, the powers that be thought that having a room named after a living person might not be so politic ( there are a lot of deserving people), so I am graciously giving the room the name of some dead person....I hope another UU woman! Stay tuned!

## THANKS TO:

All of the fall term teachers:

Jennifer Service, Lily Bubser, Angie Dhruvan, Angie Tix, Dave Burris-Brown, Leif Carlson, Bill Karns, Lynn Borden, Angelique Frederiksen, and Sue and Jim Tincher.

We had another great term at FUS due to the talents and efforts of these wonderful people.

All of the Holiday Term Helpers:

Matt Lassegard, Jenny Warner, Marit Appeldoorn, Kevin Walsh, Chris Bubser, Sharon Burris-Brown, Martin Wolfe and Kevin Robertson, Jerry Edwards,

Carolyn Grose, Dave Leussler, and Audrey Kingstrom. We had a wonderful term of story telling, drama, games, making cards and food for the Dignity Center and drumming! Thanks to all for making this happen!

## In January

Watch for Mystery

Friends. This is a fabulous chance for kids and adults in the congregation to make some connections.

We have great kids in this congregation and fabulous adults and pairing them

for five weeks of mystery written exchanges before the big reveal is a great part of the year here at FUS. Forms will be mailed to kids and available here at FUS for adults starting the first Sunday in January.



## High Schoolers

Please mark your calendars for the First Universalist and First Unitarian youth group overnight on January 16. Movies, coffee house, cooking and climbing at Vertical Endeavors are all on the "to do" list for that evening! The event begins Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and ends the next morning at 9:00 a.m.

## RE Giving Tree



Please note that the RE Giving Tree is now up on the bulletin board outside the Chalice Room and ready for you kind souls to donate, if you can, to the Religious Education program. It's easy to do, just take a leaf from the

tree and buy the item listed or donate the money to support some part of the RE program. The youth budget for the year is already gone, so, we really do need some extra help this year. Thanks!

**Jan Devor, Director of Religious Education**

## Trustee Tidbit

General Assembly is coming to Minneapolis in June, but we need your help now! We want to be sure our out of town visitors get our warmest welcome! We plan to organize housing for some GA attendees—which will actually be a fundraiser for FUS. How about helping to organize a personalized tour of the Twin Cities? If you are interested call either



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## Music Notes

I hope you all had a beautiful holiday season and had a chance to find some restorative time with friends and family! As we enter the winter season we often find ourselves a bit more isolated as it becomes more of an effort to put on the endless layers of clothing and venture into the cold—especially in the evening!

I'd like to encourage and invite folks to come forward and try on one of our music groups at the society. The Community Chorus is a fairly new group that meets only twice a month and is a great group to sing in! The FUS Chorus meets every Wednesday night and primarily sings with the FUS Orchestra on our music Sundays. The FUS Orchestra rehearses on Sunday nights and is having wonderful success with our new orchestra conductor, Jeff Stirling. I am also open to hearing from you if you're interested in performing special music on a Sunday morning. We are always looking for folks that would like to share their musical talent! The Eclectics also perform around every six weeks and are a lovely addition to the FUS music program. So, put on your coat and come out and sing or play with us! I know you'll have a good time making music and connecting with wonderful people!



See you Sundays!  
Best, Barb



Barbara Brooks, Music Director  
Dr. Jeffrey Stirling, FUS Orchestra Conductor

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# Social Action

What is the role of government in meeting the basic needs of housing, health care and jobs? How do your values inform your responses?

Come to the Gubernatorial Candidate Forum, Sunday, January 24, Temple Israel Sanctuary, 6:30–8:30 p.m., to hear how candidates from both parties answer that question and others. The forum will be moderated by Star Tribune editorial writer, Lori Sturdevant. It is being presented by the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness and the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition and co-sponsored by many organizations including Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance (MUUSJA)

**“Million-Dollar Murray; why problems like homelessness may be easier to solve than to manage”**

This is the title of an essay by Malcolm Gladwell from his book, *What the Dog Saw* (Little Brown and Co.) Murray was the name of a homeless drunk. His life revolved around emergency rooms, treatment programs and jails. When he was in a treatment program with very strict rules, he thrived. He got a job and worked hard. He was even able to save as much as \$6000 at one point. When he was discharged from the program he had no one to report to. He was back on the street, spent the money in a week and was back in the emergency room. Gladwell writes, “... if you toted up all his hospital bills for the ten years that he had been on the streets—as well as substance-abuse-treatment costs, doctors’ fees, and other expenses — Murray Barr probably ran up a medical bill as large as anyone in the state of Nevada. ‘It cost us one million dollars not to do something about Murray.’ ”

Some two hundred cities have radically reevaluated their policy for dealing with the very hard core homeless cases, like Murray, according to Philip Mangano, Executive Director of the US Interagency Council on Homelessness. His advice to cities is to take some of their money and rent some apartments and go out to those people, and say to them, this is the key to an apartment. If you come with me right now I am going to give it to you, and you are going to have that apartment. When this was tried in Denver, the cost of housing and caring for a chronically homeless person was about a third of what he or she

would cost the government out on the street; \$376 per month for an efficiency apartment, plus about \$10,000 for services.

The dilemma is that from an economic perspective this makes sense, but from a moral perspective it just doesn’t seem fair. Many people work two or three jobs to be able to afford housing. No one offers them a key to an apartment. It boils down to a choice between fairness and efficiency. Gladwell says, “we can be true to our principles or we can fix the problem. We cannot do both.”

You can pick up a copy of *Million-Dollar Murray* on the SAC table. If they are gone you can request one by signing the “Murray Clipboard” and it will be there the following Sunday.

For up to date information about our community’s effort to deal with homelessness and other social justice issues, subscribe to the electronic social justice newsletter, the *SAC Flash*, published on the first and third Fridays of every month. Email [sac@firstunitariansociety.org](mailto:sac@firstunitariansociety.org) to get on the mailing list.

**Carol Koepp, Social Justice Coordinator**

## One-stop Workshop on Ending Homelessness

If ending homelessness is just common sense to you, from a moral as well as a practical standpoint, but you feel you don’t know enough about the issue to

talk with confidence, you are a good candidate for this advocacy workshop sponsored by the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness. On January 11, 6:30–8:30 p.m., in one of the downtown churches, you will meet volunteer advocates from other members of DCEH and hear speakers from the Minnesota Council for Non-profits and from Heading Home Hennepin who will equip you with the latest information about the progress being made and the challenges remaining. Watch *The Unitarian FLASH* and the *SAC Flash* for developing details.



# Announcements

## HIRE Legislative Kick-O

MUUSJA invites all UUs to HIRE Minnesota's Legislative Kick-Off event. HIRE MN (the Healthcare, Infrastructure and Renewable Energy coalition) won millions of dollars of funding for training and outreach to low income communities and communities of color in last legislative session's weatherization bill, and has been making serious progress in holding MNDot accountable for disadvantaged business goals that have been set and missed for 18 consecutive construction seasons. Come to this public meeting on January 21, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Location TBA) to learn about HIRE MN's goals for this year's legislative session. Dinner will be provided! See *The Unitarian FLASH*, *SAC Flash* or [www.hiremn.org](http://www.hiremn.org) for details.

## 2010 Summer Assemblies— Proposals Being Accepted Now!

The Summer Assemblies has developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) form for FUS members, committees, staff, discovery groups, and others to use to propose topics for a Sunday this summer. This is a great opportunity to experience spiritual growth by inspiring your fellow FUS-ers about a hobby/passion, a favorite book/movie, or other interest that you feel relates to UU spirituality. Visit the Ask Me table or the FUS website to get the RFP packet. Please return completed forms to the Summer Assemblies committee mailbox in the office by Friday, February 5.



## Making Your Summer Plans?

If you're already dreaming about the warm, sunny days of summer 2010, consider attending a UU camp. Camp StarTrail, Prairie Star's new multigenerational camp near Ashland, Nebraska will be August 1-6, 2010. Campers of all ages explore and celebrate Unitarian Universalism through a variety of workshops and worship opportunities. The main speaker will be UU minister, singer, songwriter, and humorist Meg Barnhouse. Registration will open in February. Watch [www.psduua.org/Camps](http://www.psduua.org/Camps) for more information about Camp StarTrail, Camp UniStar, and Midwest UU Summer Assembly.

## Real (non-fiction) Book Club

Would you like to be part of a brand new non-fiction book club at FUS? There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010, 5:30 pm. Room TBD. Plan on attending that evening if you would like to participate in this new group. A reading list will be determined along with future meeting dates and discussion leaders. If you are interested but can't make it on that date, contact Paul Boschert at [boschert.paul@gmail.com](mailto:boschert.paul@gmail.com).



## Art in the Gallery

On exhibit in the Foyer Gallery through February 7 are photographs by Jane Gilgun. The theme is Landscapes of Northwest Ireland and Other Places Jane calls home. Jane will have calendar and art books for sale as well. A reception that includes music and entertainment is planned for Friday January 8 at 5:00–7:00 p.m.

## Women's Awareness Group

The January meeting of the Women's Awareness Group will be held on Monday, January 11 at the home of Martha Hardesty. Phyllis Galbraith is the co-host. FUS women are invited to join us for a pot-luck supper starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by our discussion topic for the beginning of the new year: "Forgiveness." Please call Martha or Phyllis to RSVP and for directions.

## UUA General Assembly 2010 Coming in June

From June 23 through June 27 thousands of Unitarian Universalists from across the United States will be in Minneapolis for the 2010 General Assembly! There will be hundreds of entertaining programs and informative workshops, offering excellent support and learning. You will want to be among the large number of FUS members and friends who will be in attendance. Registration opens March 1. Partial scholarships are available for those who have the time to volunteer to assist GA staff. Join us for this rare opportunity to experience our faith and values in moving and exciting ways. For more details visit [www.uua.org/events/generalassembly](http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly).

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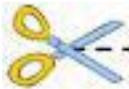
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