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## WHY SPONSOR A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT?

Open 11-3, Monday-Friday when the U of I is in session

Did you ever wonder WHY the Channing-Murray Foundation runs the Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant? It is a program that puts into practice several Unitarian Universalist principles and provides a reason to gather in community and break bread with one another. Over the past 33 years it has evolved... It started because in 1977 restaurants and the dorms provided vegetarians close to zero options. Today the challenge is food justice and providing whole food alternatives to highly processed mass marketed convenience foods.

The 7<sup>th</sup> UU Principle - *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.* Eating is fundamental to life and what you choose to eat speaks to how you choose to interact with and be part of the interdependent web of all existence. Choosing to reduce / eliminate animal products and processed plant foods in your diet reduces your footprint on the planet.

The 6<sup>th</sup> UU Principle - *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.* & The 2<sup>th</sup> UU Principle - *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.* There are many Justice Issues related to the Western Food Industry that prevent the reduction / elimination of hunger and poverty. Providing nutritious, interesting and delicious (Continued on Page 2)

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## THE RED HERRING COFFEEHOUSE

### NEW EXPANDED MENU!

**Friday - Saturday 8pm to 1am**  
**Sunday Open Stage 7:30 - 10pm**

Stop by for the soup of the day, chili, vegetarian snacks, soft drinks, juice, fair-trade organic coffee, music, performance art, and conversation with friends!

We are creating a rich multimedia experience, so please plan on joining us with your paintings, poetry, poses, comedy, and songs! Whatever you wish to share!



Red Herring Chili and Corn Bread!

Started in 1967, The Red Herring Coffeehouse has been one of our longest running programs here at the Channing-Murray Foundation. Creating a sharing community, where all are welcome of any age, religion, race, style, gender, or sexual preference.

"May your life preach more loudly than your lips."  
— William Ellery Channing

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## JANE ANDERSON INTERNSHIP UPDATE

The beginning of the new year and new semester, provides the Internship Committee and Intern Kimberly Tomaszewski a great opportunity to reflect back on the Fall semester through the mid-term evaluation process. Through this process, the members of the committee and Kimberly take a brief time-out to get a clear picture of her ministry and the ministry she is providing to the community. It is an important part of the internship and adds to the other aspects of the committee's function including supporting, advising, listening and providing feedback to the intern. Yet, while we look back we also look ahead. This mid-term evaluation will help us set a course for the Spring Semester.

Speaking of looking ahead, the committee is pleased to share Kimberly's announcement that she will be the intern minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, Maryland beginning next fall.

We also recently received word from last year's Intern, Elizabeth Marsh: "I hope this update finds the Channing-Murray community well and enjoying a quiet New Year.

My internship with the UU congregation in Rockville, Maryland is going really well. I've had many opportunities to preach, I'll be teaching a UU History course in the spring, and I'm working to get the new Lay Worship Committee ready to cover for the minister's sabbatical next year. I do find myself missing Champaign-Urbana... the Washington DC suburbs are so big compared to C-U.

Also, I'm scheduled to meet the UUA's Ministerial Fellowship Committee in March. This is the final Committee I'll meet on my ordination path. They'll review five years of my paperwork then interview me for an hour, after which they'll give me their decision about whether I can move toward fellowship as a UU minister and ordination. I'm hoping for an all-clear (of course), so wish me luck!"



Elizabeth Marsh, 2008-2009 Jane Anderson Intern.

## WHY A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT ? Cont. from Page 1

whole food demonstrates that there are affordable and healthy alternatives to highly processed plant product and domesticated animal product centric diets.

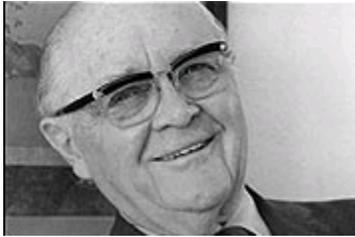
The 1<sup>st</sup> UU Principle - *The inherent worth and dignity of every person.* The Western Diet has created an epidemic of obesity, diabetes, cancer and heart disease. Educated consumers need to "change the world" so that every person has the ability to live a healthy life that includes whole foods.

As examples of working for Food Justice, we:

- Cook from scratch (avoiding processed ingredients) as much as possible.
- Carry our own Fair Trade Organic Coffee.
- Understand that leading a healthy lifestyle can be expensive, so we offer folks the opportunity to volunteer in exchange for a meal. This also gives people hands-on kitchen experience!
- Seek to educate the public about food, including the uses of different fruits, grains, vegetables and spices to provide an interesting and well balanced diet.
- Demonstrate how to replace animal products in everyday cooking.
- Cook with local ingredients whenever feasible.
- Are starting a herb garden on the south side of the building.

All of this takes a LOT of LOVE: from Channing-Murray, from Red Herring Staff, and most importantly from Red Herring Volunteers and Patrons. We couldn't do it without you!

## NOTES FROM THE INTERN MINISTER



UUU theologian and social ethicist James Luther Adams, 1901-1994. (Rick Stafford, Harvard University/UUA Archives)

I have been reading a lot of James Luther Adams lately. Probably not what you consider light reading for my time off during the holidays, but an enjoyable endeavor nonetheless. Adams was a Unitarian minister, social activist, scholar, professor, and known to be “the most influential theologian among American Unitarian Universalists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.” In one essay, “Why Liberal?,” Adams writes, “liberalism holds that nothing is complete, and thus nothing is exempt from criticism” (1939).

Adams believed the genius of a liberal faith, like Unitarian Universalism, is its self-critical nature; belief that revelation is continuous, and the faith’s ultimate optimism. “An unexamined faith is not worth having,” wrote Socrates and was often remembered by Adams.

Now, a note to readers: I do not think that those who consider themselves something other than “liberal” are not self-critical or unexamined. I also do not think that all “liberals” successfully see the continuous revelations; strive for ultimate optimism, or practice self-critique. But for the purpose of this conversation, let’s just stay on Adam’s interest in these practices, politics and labels aside.

As we begin this New Year, and this new decade, we also close a period of our lives. Each January we do what Adams holds so dear – we endeavor to be self-critical; we believe that there is something in our lives that is still to be revealed; we are optimistic.

Knowing that we too, are not complete, for Unitarian Universalists, the personal and lived experience is often marked as the highest authority for spiritual or religious understanding. This is exactly what the New Year calls many of us to reflect on and look to. Perhaps it is during this time that our faith could best be understood by others.

But this time of year, the darkness, cold, the change that we seek or fear, is challenging. The idea that each day could reveal a newness and change can feel overwhelming and tedious. The practice of being self-critical can feel exhausting. Being optimistic can seem humorous. It is not surprising how many, or few, of us make New Year’s resolutions that are successful; and here we Unitarian Universalists are, trying to make a lifestyle – a faith! – out of such challenges.

According to the Miriam-Webster Dictionary, the word “resolution” has about six different definitions. Some include,

- The act of analyzing a complex notion into a simpler one,
- The act of answering: solving,
- The point in a literary work at which the chief dramatic complication is worked out

For synonyms – see Courage.

To seek the continued revelation, to hold optimism before skepticism, to be always self-critical also needs two additional steps that I think Adams fails to note: Courage and Forgiveness.

Do not forget these in the coming year or when thinking of the past. No we are not complete, nor are we exempt from criticism. But if we wish to succeed in faith or the changes that are before us, we must also understand and honor the process by which ideals come to fruition.

As human beings, as pieces of this divine creation, may we each know the beauty and gift in having learned from days and years past, so that we may look to what will be revealed in the days to come. Be courageous, forgiving, and always incomplete.

You are invited to the

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[www.uuc-urbana.org](http://www.uuc-urbana.org)



Kimberly Tomaszewski,  
2009/2010

Jane Anderson Intern

READ KIM’S  
BLOG!

[WWW.CAMPUIIS  
MINISTER.  
WORDPRESS.COM](http://WWW.CAMPUIISMINISTER.WORDPRESS.COM)

Kim will be leading worship at the **DuPage** UU Church on **Feb. 7** and at Third Unitarian Church in **Chicago** on **March 28.**

## CAMPUS MINISTRY AT CHANNING-MURRAY



Sarah and Liz at Quad Day 2009.



Colleen at the Curtis Orchard petting zoo.

### UU Young Adult Group Wednesdays, 7-9pm

Join us at 7:00 to enjoy a free meal  
All are welcome...

The UU Young Adult Group will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-7:30 for dinner, 7:30-9:00pm for discussion throughout the Spring semester. As we get closer to the end of the school year, a newly formed Peer Ministry group will be a vital presence to Channing Murray's ministry. This team of students will help make the transition from our present intern to next years go smoothly for all students, intern, and Channing Murray, alike! Their contribution and dedication to the Foundation and this ministry is invaluable and speaks volumes to the importance of its work here at the University and of Campus Ministry in Unitarian Universalism.

### Ministry Open Office Hours Tuesday, Thursday 1:30-3:30 and Fridays 2:00-4:00

Kim is available for conversation, prayer, reflection and support from in the Front Tower of CMF, or you can join her for lunch in the Red Herring.

**Channing-Murray Sunday Services 1-2 PM when school is in session,  
See page 8 for upcoming topics.**



Brent, John and Kevin at the



Liz at Books To Prisoners



## RED HERRING COFFEE AND T-SHIRTS

The Red Herring has over 15 blends of organic fair-trade coffee and 2 shirt styles that will bring a smile to your friends and family!

### RED HERRING COFFEE - THE PERFECT PERK

Last year the Red Herring started carrying its own fair-trade organic coffee, ordered straight from the roaster each week. "This coffee is doubly rad because not only is it a really good cup of coffee, but it supports sustainable farming practices, and that's the kind of thing that the Red Herring is all about." Our favorite blend, and the one we chose as our House Brew, is the Moka Sumatra. It features the rich undertones of French Roast with the satisfying body of Indonesian Sumatran.

Stop by the Red Herring to try a cup. And if you really love it, you can buy a bag to take home! We have a variety of other roasts available for sale as well. So let's do the math—buying Red Herring coffee not only supports the Red Herring and its vibrant community, but also casts your vote for fair trade and organic farming practices. What a great way to start your day! Over the counter prices are \$10 per pound (\$11 for decaf).

Send a gift that gives thrice! Order Red Herring Coffee for your friends and family!

- Help support Channing Murray's efforts,
- organic fair-trade producers, and
- your loved ones will have a treat...

Full pounds are \$15.00 shipped to any address in the U.S.

Go to [www.TheRedHerring.org/coffee](http://www.TheRedHerring.org/coffee) to order.

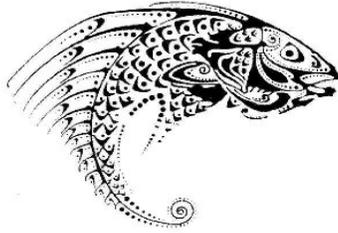


### THE CLASSIC RED HERRING T

The red fish on the black T-Shirt is distinctive and invites comments. We also have a few Dark Grey. You can pick one up in the Red Herring for just \$12.

[www.TheRedHerring.org/Shirt](http://www.TheRedHerring.org/Shirt)

## THE RED HERRING VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT



On Tuesday, January 19th the Red Herring happily and traditionally re-opened with the beginning of U of I's Spring Semester to offer its wonderful vegan and vegetarian dishes. We welcome new and returning customers to come for lunch between 11am and 3pm Monday through Friday to try our meat-free, internationally and American-inspired cuisine made often with locally produced and organic whole foods.

The cooks that will be featured this semester will be **Megan Guernsey, Morgan Reisman, BobbiSue Bennet, Michael Persaud, and Rio Jordan**. We are excited to have them on board! Remember that we love volunteers! Hungry? One hour of work equals one free meal! Contact Megan Guernsey, Manager of The Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant at [restaurant@channingmurray.org](mailto:restaurant@channingmurray.org) if you are interested or have any questions.



Em-j &amp; Najwa

**Restaurant Hours**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**11am-3pm**

Limited Menu also available  
during the  
**Red Herring Coffee House**

**Fri - Sat 8pm to 1am**  
**Sun Open Stage 7:30 - 10pm**



Erin, Sam &amp; Charlie

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT CMF!

The New Year was welcomed with a **Celebration of Life** honoring different religions and cultures. Open to young and old, it was co-sponsored by the Channing-Murray Foundation and the School of Metaphysics.

The potluck dinner at 8pm was delicious and plentiful. After a moment of digestion, the real fun began with a follow-the-leader game. Each participant being a leader expressing him or herself freely was a great icebreaker. At that point we were all eager to connect and share with each other. Forming two lines we faced each other. With our right hands out toward the person across from us, we felt the energy between our palms. It felt good to acknowledge the outer flow of energy that continuously comes from within. We played some lively music, danced, and then began drumming, which quickly escalated to what felt like a tribal ceremony. We drummed on anything and everything we could find, creating some wonderful sounds!

As we neared the midnight hour, our thoughts quieted down, and the direction of the party moved to peace. We wove our lights together in a dance, where we held candles to represent our inner light. We felt and saw the impact of bringing our lights together, forming brightness. Moving more inward, we each picked a candle to light and received a message from the Universal Peace Covenant. At midnight we read the Universal Peace Covenant in unison and sent our circle of love and light out into the universe, experiencing connectedness and peace in the New Year.

Those who came were grateful for spending New Year's Eve in peace and joy. We would like to give a big applause of thanks for the Channing-Murray Foundation for co-sponsoring this event with the School of Metaphysics and generously providing the Red Herring Restaurant for the event!

by Adrienne Weber

## Major Earthquake Devastates Haiti

Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, was devastated by a major earthquake around 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 12. UUSC and the Unitarian Universalist Association have launched a joint **earthquake relief fund** to help the survivors.

Please visit [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org) to learn more and make a donation.



Unitarian Universalist  
Service Committee



What is the Church of the Younger Fellowship (CYF)? CYF is a vibrant online spiritual community of young adults, rooted in UU principles and values, available online to serve the needs of its members as a place of reflection, learning, interaction and service.

[www.uucyf.org](http://www.uucyf.org)

The CYF is a specialized ministry of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, designed to meet the needs of spiritual young adults ages 18-35.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

**West African Dance**

Sat, 12-1:30pm (*intro*)  
 Sun, 6-7:30pm (*intermediate*)  
 drop-ins welcome

**Five Animals Kung Fu**

M & F, 5:30-7pm  
[www.fiveanimalsclf.com](http://www.fiveanimalsclf.com)

**Intermediate Tango**

Mondays 9 pm  
 January 18 - February 22  
 Topics for this session: (1)  
 Tango on a crowded floor,  
 and (2) cool moves for  
 milonga.  
 No partner required.  
 \$35 for six weeks.  
 (Students \$25.)

**Quick Start To Tango**

Thursdays 9 pm  
 January 28 - March 4  
 Learn to dance tango in six  
 weeks.  
 No partner required.  
 \$35 for six weeks.  
 (Students \$25).

Find more info and  
 pre-register at

<http://cu-tango.com>

*Class schedules are subject to  
 change. For the most up-to-date  
 information go to  
[www.channingmurray.org/  
 calendar.html](http://www.channingmurray.org/calendar.html).*

## WHAT MOVES US - A TAPESTRY OF FAITH CLASS

This Spring, intern Campus Minister, Kim Tomaszewski, will offer a new field test class created by Rev. Dr. Thandeka, entitled *What Moves Us*. This 10-part class will explore how for many Unitarian Universalists, personal experiences become the primary source of our religious convictions. Each week will begin by telling a story of a Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist forebear who had a change of heart that moved them to a new theological understanding in their liberal religious faith. The selections represent some major theological streams of our faith tradition and display our racial, ethnic, gender, and class diversity.

Classes will be held on **Thursday evening from at 6:30-8pm, starting February 11**. This is not a class for Unitarian Universalists only, but primarily for spiritual seekers who value the personal experience as authoritative to their spirituality.

## RHYTHM AND RAAG - INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC CLASSES

This series of classes will start the week of February 22nd and go on until May 10th. This will be 12 week of classes at CMF on **Tues, Wed, Thur, 4-6pm** and at the Asian American Cultural Center as needed. Times may be determined by the teacher and student schedules. Classes will be held in Indian Classical Music in Sitar, Tabla, and Vocal. For details please check the web page at [channingmurray.org/RhythmAndRaag](http://channingmurray.org/RhythmAndRaag).

## RED HERRING FICTION WORKSHOP

Founded in 1980, the Red Herring Fiction Workshop has been a forum for writers to critique one another's work in fiction, creative nonfiction, and play/screenwriting. The workshop is community-based and open to the public. In recent years, workshop members have given a public reading in conjunction with the annual Boneyard Arts Festival. Whether from Champaign-Urbana or beyond, beginner or been-around, seeking publication or just plain fun, all writers are welcome. Contact Elaine Palencia at 217.356.3893 for details.

**Fiction Writers**

Tuesdays at 7:30pm



## RED HERRING POETRY WORKSHOP

Channing-Murray's Red Herring Poetry Workshop—one of our longest running programs—is a poetry roundtable where poets can read and discuss their work. Bring ten copies of your poem to read and critique. All styles and types of poetry are welcome. Poetry readings open to the public are held the second Monday of every month. Contact Steve Kappes at 217.328.3218 for details.

**Red Herring Poets**

Mondays at 7:30pm



## CHANNING MURRAY FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Unitarian-Universalist ministry of the Channing-Murray Foundation provides a liberal religious center at the University of Illinois serving the campus community.

The mission of the Channing-Murray Foundation is to provide educational opportunities to explore Unitarian-Universalist spirituality, reflect our concern for social justice, and affirm diversity through outreach to the campus community of Urbana-Champaign.

The tradition of Channing-Murray is to provide, not only artistic, social, educational and religious programming, but also to be a haven for those who dream of a better world, who try to make a better world, who need a place to express and discuss their ideas and to understand the spirituality of Unitarian-Universalism. We continue in that tradition.

— Drafted and approved by the Board of Governors in 1993

*For more information regarding events at Channing-Murray, email [office@channingmurray.org](mailto:office@channingmurray.org) or check our online calendar at [www.channingmurray.org/calendar.html](http://www.channingmurray.org/calendar.html).*

*To receive regular reminders, contact our office to subscribe to the Weekly Common Light email.*



ConnectUU is an online interface to assist young adult Unitarian Universalists communicate with one another, register for events, and find Young Adult groups in their area.

[www.connectuu.com](http://www.connectuu.com)

## MANY THANKS TO OUR FALL 2009 DONORS

These generous souls make the Channing-Murray world go 'round, and for that we are forever grateful. To join the Channing-Murray donor family, mail your tax-deductible donation to 1209 W Oregon, Urbana 61801, or donate online at [channingmurray.org/donate](http://channingmurray.org/donate).

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## The Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant



**Restaurant Hours**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**11am-3pm**

**ASHA'S SAMBAR:  
EATING FOR EDUCATION**  
**Feb. 10 \* March 17 \* April 7**

Come to the Red Herring on  
**Wednesdays 6-8pm.**

Sambar is a popular campus event serving **delicious, authentic South Indian Food**. It is run by volunteers of the Urbana-Champaign chapter of ASHA for Education, a non-profit worldwide student organization that raises money for education of underprivileged children in India.

## *Krishna Karma-Free Dinners*

Come to the Red Herring on  
**Mondays 5:30-7:30pm**  
during the U of I Fall and  
Spring Semesters for a \$5 all-  
you-can-eat vegetarian feast.

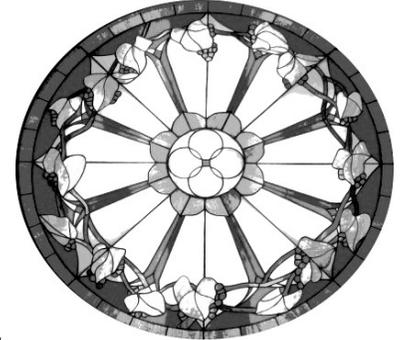
The Urbana Krishnas have been providing this meal to the community for over two decades. Volunteers are always welcome.

For more information and for a complete menu, email [Krishnacenteruiuc@hotmail.com](mailto:Krishnacenteruiuc@hotmail.com).

## SUNDAY SERVICES AT CHANNING-MURRAY

1 p.m. in the Chapel

Please join us **Sundays at 1pm** (when U of I is in session) as we invite people from a rich variety of perspectives and traditions to share their core beliefs, values, and faith journeys with us. Our Unitarian-Universalist Sunday Services are informal, participatory, and non-judgmental. Persons from all faith backgrounds are welcome! Please stay to enjoy refreshments and conversation following the service. Our spring schedule is shaping up nicely. Check out our Channing-Murray Weekly Update (email) for details on upcoming Sunday topics. To subscribe to the Weekly contact Anna at [office@channingmurray.org](mailto:office@channingmurray.org)



### January 24 - Campus Minister Kimberly Thomaszewski

As we begin this New Year and new semester, let us remember that we are not alone in these new beginnings. In the book of Corinthians, the author Paul writes, "Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body, that would not make it any less a part of the body."+++

Academia can be competitive; we compete with others and with ourselves. How can we do this in the healthiest ways, while being Spirit-filled, and of one body as we start anew?

### January 31 - I Sing the One Body of Consciousness – Dr. Pam Blosser

Each religion of the world presents a unique understanding of the cosmos and humankind's place in it. Each religion purposefully and intentionally gives meaning to the people who are devoted to it. Dr. Pamela Blosser, director of the School of Metaphysics of Urbana (which teaches the practical application of truths found in all holy books of the world), will share her views on humankind's inner connectedness and our responsibility in this. Having just returned from attending the Parliament of the World's Religions in Melbourne, Australia, she will relate her experience there and the role of the Parliament in the evolution of the planet.

### February 7 - Dances of Universal Peace - Naomi Wilansky, Dan Liechty

>>>Please note time change: from 2-4 p.m.<<<

Join us in joyous and deeply meditative interfaith circle dances. Easy to learn and open to all, whether dancing or just in presence. They combine simple folk dance movements and walks with sacred songs and chants drawn from the Earth's many spiritual traditions. No experience necessary, new arrivals and old hands form the circle anew each time. No partners are needed, but feel free to bring your friends and/or partner for a joyful, spiritual afternoon of song and dance. These participatory dances have been held at the Unitarian Church of Bloomington, IL. We are delighted to be able to offer them here in Urbana!

### February 14 - Campus Minister Kimberly Thomaszewski

Is love what makes the world go round? As Unitarian Universalists we believe in Universal salvation; that all souls are loved and worthy of the Divines care. On Valentines Day, a day thick with both Pagan and Christian tradition, come explore what it means to love all souls, and especially our own.

### February 21 or 28 - The Spirituality of Song – John Coppess

This will be a service featuring people connected with Channing Murray who will be singing and playing original compositions. We will also have them talk about the meanings of the songs and what inspired their compositions.

### March 7 - Campus Minister Kimberly Thomaszewski

It's been just two months since the start of 2010. Did you make a resolution for the New Year? How successful have you been? What motivates us? And what is the spiritual importance of having such goals for ourselves? Come and explore the New Year in March.

### March 14 - Poetry of Spring: The Rebirth of Life - John Coppess

This service will be a celebration of spring poetry. We welcome all who want to attend and encourage to bring their favorite spring poems to share aloud or have them read by someone else. We also especially encourage anyone to bring their original poems that celebrate spring.

### April 18 - Channing Murray Mosaic Service - John Coppess

This service will be a collection of all the things that represent who we are. Bring your favorite songs, recordings, readings, poems, or pictures to share. All that we love collected together forms a Mosaic of who we are individually and as people who cherish Channing Murray.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CHANNING-MURRAY

Volunteer opportunities abound at Channing-Murray! Help sustain this campus landmark by contributing your skills and enthusiasm. It is only with your love that we will continue to grow.

**Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant** – Get a free lunch for 1 hour of work!

Stop by between 11 and 3, or email [restaurant@channingmurray.org](mailto:restaurant@channingmurray.org).

**Red Herring Coffeehouse** – Work the counter and get Free Coffee/Tea and Soup!

Friday Early Shift 8pm to 10:30pm or Late Shift 10:30 to 1am

Saturday Early Shift 8pm to 10:30pm or Late Shift 10:30 to 1am

Sunday Open Stage 7:30pm to 10:00pm Email [coffeehouse@channingmurray.org](mailto:coffeehouse@channingmurray.org).



**Other volunteer opportunities** at Channing Murray include helping with yard work, building beautification, technology maintenance, mailings, event photography, and flyer design and posting. If you have special skills, such as carpentry, plumbing, photography, or graphic design skills or ANY OTHER special talents you would like to share with us, please email [office@channingmurray.org](mailto:office@channingmurray.org) or [director@channingmurray.org](mailto:director@channingmurray.org).

## BUILDING REPAIRS THANKS TO P.A.C.A



Dave Wolfe working on stucco using the lift generously provided by Tom Gillespie of Gillespie Roland Real Estate.

Our building has been getting some repair work over the last few months funded by a grant from P.A.C.A. (Preservation And Conservation Association) of Champaign County. The three projects are:

- The stucco on the front of the building has had holes patched and previous patches texturized to more closely match the original work.
- The front doors are in the process of having the red paint removed and the original finish beneath restored.
- The floor of the chapel is being patched and repaired using original materials extracted from behind the chancel rail.

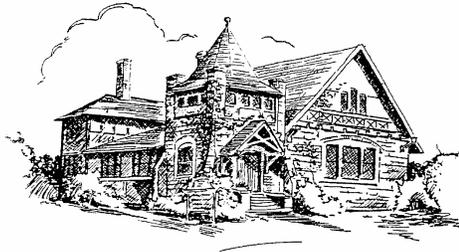
These projects are expected to be completed by the end of February.

## WHAT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST BELIEVE

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUMS

### **SICK AROUND AMERICA**

**JANUARY 23 , 3 PM** FILM & DISCUSSION

*As the worsening economy leads to massive job losses—potentially forcing millions more Americans to go without health insurance—the producers of this film travel the country examining the nation's broken health care system and explores the need for a fundamental overhaul.*

**17% of Americans still have no health care coverage.** Is the debate over health care losing momentum in all its complexity? Let's see if we can make some sense of what is in store as the Senate and House grapple with a final bill.

### **CRIPS AND BLOODS: MADE IN AMERICA**

*Narrated by Forest Whitaker, CRIPS*

**FEBRUARY 24, 7 PM** FILM & DISCUSSION

*AND BLOODS: Made in America combines in-depth interviews with current and former gang members, educators, historians, family members and experts with historical and present-day footage to graphically portray*

*the rivalry between African American gangs in South Los Angeles.*

The 1950s were a period of black prosperity in Los Angeles, fed by the abundance of industry-based jobs. By the end of the decade, however, those industries began to disappear, resulting in high rates of unemployment. Could the factors which converged to create disenfranchised youth on the West Coast be present here in our own community? If it had been a white community, would our government have stepped in to investigate the crisis, counsel the victims, heal the community, and direct funds towards a lasting solution?



*These courageous young people, with parents and without; staying in shelters, motels, abandoned*

**MARCH 17, 7 PM** FILM & DISCUSSION

*buildings, doubled-up, living in vans, substandard trailers, or as "couch surfers" hopping from one fragile living arrangement to another have one important thing in common: They all have hopes and dreams just like children who have their own four walls. More than 30,636 of Illinois's children experience homelessness each year. What factors are contributing to this growing statistic and how can we ameliorate conditions in our own communities?*

For more info, please contact Pat Nolan, Social Justice Committee Chair at [Justice@ChanningMurray.org](mailto:Justice@ChanningMurray.org)