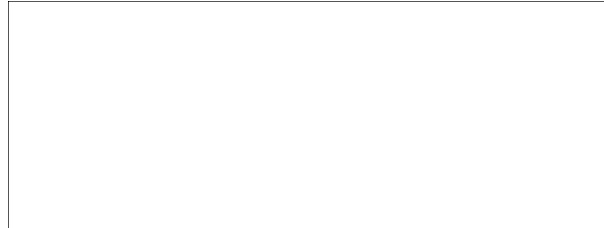




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<b>The OCTOBER Newsletter deadline:</b>	<b>THURSDAY, Sept.</b>	<b>1 at 9 a.m.</b>
	<b>THURSDAY, Sept.</b>	<b>8 at 9 a.m.</b>
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The mission of our Unitarian Church is  
 to create a vibrant, welcoming, diverse church family  
 Which  
 embraces individual searches for meaning  
 and  
 devotes itself to community good.

Our vision is to be recognized in our community as a beacon on the hill— a vibrant,  
 welcoming, thriving church that:

- Reaches out to members and community with a clear, concise, and inspiring message about Unitarian Universalism and its Principles
- Attracts and embraces people of diverse groups, ages and family types
- Feeds the mind and spirit regardless of individual pathway
- Supports social justice and social action initiatives in our congregation and the greater community
- Encourages responsibility for the earth and its creatures

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## **SERVICE, 11 A.M.**

**Sept. 4:** "Land of Hopes and Dreams" Is our vision as a country of immigrants with the hope of a better future still a valid image? I will reflect on issues surrounding immigrant labor and our religious values regarding work.

**Sept. 11:** "The Loss of Innocence (Innocents)" On this the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the crash of Flight 93, let us reflect on how those events and the deaths of so many innocent victims have impacted us and our sense of innocence.

**Sept. 18:** "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" In a world that is becoming ever more global and distant every day, this congregation provides us a place to make meaningful connections and to have meaningful conversations with others. Please join me as I share why I think this is so important and how connection circles can help to connect you to others within this beloved community.

**Sept. 25:** RSC - TBD

## **FORUM, 10 A.M.**

**Sept. 11:** Dee and Wayne Oberle. and Barb R.: Highlights of General Assembly, 2011.

**Sept. 18:** Lendol Calder: "Don't Know Much About History"

Lendol Calder, Augustana history professor and the Carnegie Foundation 2011 State of Illinois professor of the year, will use the poor results from the recent, widely reported NAEP test (the so-called Nation's Report Card) on history as a jumping off point for this forum. He says he will also have some things to say about historical illiteracy that folks will find interesting.

**Sept. 25:** Mark Ryan: Niabi Zoo: Going Forward After a Year Mark Ryan has now been director of Niabi Zoo for almost a year. He will tell about his first year and plans for the future of this 40 acre zoo, 200 acre native flora and fauna preserve, and home to 900 animals.

Effective September the Newsletter will be posted on the public side of the website.

The goal of this is to make it easier for guests or potential newcomers to find information about our congregation.

Please take this change into consideration when you are submitting personal information such as telephone numbers or email addresses. Submission of this information for articles will be considered consent to publish such information.

If you need to set up a blind email account, that can be forwarded to a personal email account please let us know.

OUR CHURCH THEN AND NOW 1911 AND 2011

A snapshot comparison! Archives Display Case -- Downstairs in the Social Hall.

Be sure to take a look.



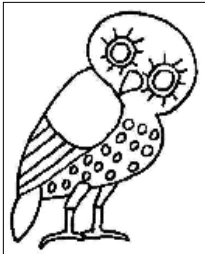
### Facebook Fever

For those who have talked to me about social media, you have heard me espouse the exponential nature of communication that social media allows. It is the new way the world is communicating with each other.

If you are not on Facebook, but would like to know more about it, please do not hesitate to ask. It is a great way to keep up with family, friends, fellow members, congregational and association news and events. We have started a Congregational Facebook Page as a way to inform individuals about events at the congregation. As of this writing we have had 41 people like our page and it is increasing every day. If you have not already done so, please “like” our page at <http://www.facebook.com#!/pages/Unitarian-Universalist-Congregation-of-the-Quad-Cities/128605400566878>. If you would like to follow my personal Facebook page please do not hesitate to “Friend” me at <http://facebook.com/jay.wolin>. I often will post inspirational quotes, news I find interesting, occasional personal musings as well as a link to the text of my sermons.

Rev. Jay

### Our Whole Lives (OWL) Classes for Levels K-3, 4-6 and 7-10



OWL is a comprehensive sexuality education program designed for use in religious and secular educational settings that equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, society and culture. Specially trained facilitators are available for each level.

OWL Parent/Guardian Orientation will be on September 11 at 9:30am for levels K-3 and 4-6, and at 6:30pm for level 7-10.

### Religious Education 2011-2012

#### Unweaving Our Seven Principles

We teach our young people that Unitarian Universalism offers a way of living the best lives they possibly can. They can do this through exploration, responsible choosing, global citizenship and a sense of our spiritual connection with all that exists. We believe in acting on these values in daily living, and our youth come to understand the principles of our faith and to see the relevance of these principles in their own lives.

**Parent/Guardian Orientation and First Day of Classes, September 11 at 10:30am!** Meet the Religious Education Committee and Teachers while enjoying bagels and signing your child(ren) up for the 2011-12 church school year. Registration gives us important information about your child and allows us to keep you informed about upcoming events.

## UUA Stewardship Visit – Weekend of October 2<sup>nd</sup>

On September 30 – October 1, UUCQC will host Mark Ewert, a Stewardship Consultant from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Mark will meet with the Board on Friday evening and on Sunday afternoon and will meet with various committee chairs and others on Saturday to complete an assessment of our congregation with a particular emphasis on how our congregation gathers resources – time and talent (volunteers) and financial support to support our mission and vision. Funding to support the cost of this visit was previously donated for this purpose – no impact on the current year's budget. Mark will report to the congregation as a whole right after the service on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. He has asked that we remain for 5 – 7 minutes to hear his brief summary. He will then join us at coffee hour where you are welcome to introduce yourself and share in conversation with him.

Mark is a member of the All Souls Church in Washington D.C. He did a great presentation about stewardship at General Assembly where I heard him; and I think he'll provide lots of food for thought for our congregation!

Hopefully as a result of this visit, we will organize ourselves to find (1) more volunteers more easily (rather than relying on some people to burn out) and (2) more folks to generously support the churches mission financially.

Barb R., Stewardship Chair

## The Minister's Mind

Social Justice has always been at the fabric of my life. Every year growing up, during the Passover Seder we would read the words “because we were once slaves in the land of Egypt, we are commanded to champion the cause of those who are downtrodden and oppressed bidding us to join our efforts with all those who struggle for peace and freedom throughout the world.” Now it is true we as Unitarian Universalists are not commanded to do anything. We **choose** to work for justice and we have a long history of working for justice. The second principle that Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote is “Justice, Equity and compassion in human relations” I ask you to consider how we as a congregation are living out this principle. There are many social service and social justice activities that many members of the congregation are involved in. However I would like us to brainstorm and discern why, how and what projects we as a congregation should be focusing our energy and resources on as a congregation. I will be leading a 5 session social justice training and discernment class to discuss and share ideas on these issues. We will look at where the needs of our community are and where the skills and resources of our congregation may meet those needs, so that we can have an impact on and transform our society for the better. Classes will be on Wednesdays September 7<sup>th</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, and November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

with a grateful heart

Rev. Jay Wolin

## **Report of the Social Justice Task Force:**

At the request of the Board, the Social Justice Task Force has been formed to (1) develop a method of communicating about our members' social justice and community service activities to new and continuing members of the congregation; and (2) examine how the UUA might assist the congregation in developing effective social justice programs that support our principles. Elaine Kresse has been appointed to lead this Task Force.

Considerable time was spent to (1) develop a method of communicating about our members' social justice and community service activities to new and continuing members of the congregation. The Task Force has developed a description of the activities now identified as active within the congregation. This information will be shared with the congregation by newsletter in September after presentation to the board in August.

It also developed a list of non-profit interests of Members/Friends. This list will be available to the Welcome Team and Social Justice Team. This list will need to be expanded and administered as new information is submitted to the participating teams. This list will help members connect with each other based on common concerns.

Additionally, the task force learned the following.

There is an existing description of a social justice liaison on file but it is not an active position.

Elaine Kresse is the social justice representative from the board on the building use panel

There is no social justice committee.

Considering (2) The committee examined how the UUA could assist the congregation in developing effective social justice programs that support our principles.

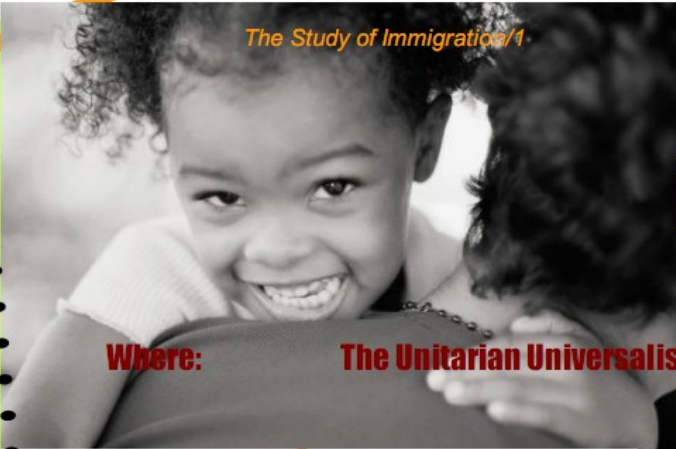
UUA offers a program called **Social Justice Empowerment Workshop**. Rev. Tom Capo at the Peoples Church UU in Cedar Rapids has used this program. They spoke very highly of it and the churches focus on social justice is evident in their current structure. They shared with us several copies of the UUA Social Justice Handbook. A preliminary request was submitted to the endowment committee for UUA social justice workshop funds. It was the feeling of the task force on July 6<sup>th</sup> that we did not need to enlist the UUA, but we did need to move forward to achieve those same ends and should be able to do that without a consultant.

It is our recommendation that we involve the congregation in establishing a social justice committee or team. We further recommend that this committee develop a policy that among other things coordinates with the Group and Fundraising policies approved by the board in 2011. Of particular concern is the establishment of a "social justice table" policy. This table might be available each Sunday at coffee hour and be the place for information, sign up, or sales. We suggest permission to display at this table would be administered by the social justice team. This table could encompass RE approved causes and individual sales needs like Girl Scout Cookies or school fundraisers. It is suggested that other UU churches be contacted to gather some diversity in ways this is handled.

On August 3rd Sandra Evers, Wayne and Dee Oberle, Kriss Wells, Regina Clewell, Christine Powers, Sue Witte, Judy Kasper, Emily Smith, Lloyd Kilmer, Rev. Jay Wolin, and Elaine Kresse came to the final task force meeting, reviewed the report and discussed a way to proceed. Rev. Jay Wolin will lead 5 meetings beginning Sept. 7th to discern and develop the future of social justice at the UUCQC. Jay will put information about this in the newsletter and announcements.

IMMIGRATION:  
THE LOST  
BRIDGE  
Thursdays 6:30

# The Lost Bridge



**Where: The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities,  
3707 Eastern Ave. Davenport, Iowa**

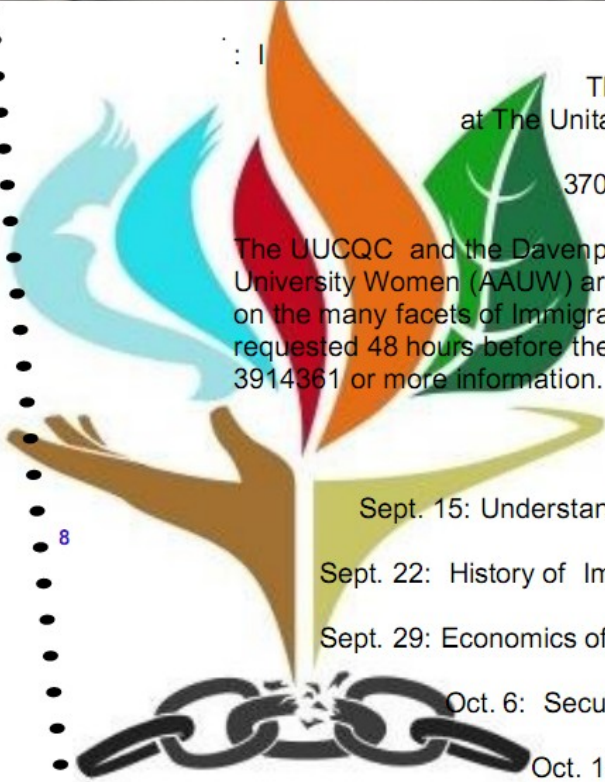
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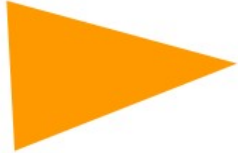
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Thursdays at 6:30 -8:00 PM  
at The Unitarian Universatist Congregation  
(UUCQC)  
3707 Eastern Ave. Davenport

The UUCQC and the Davenport-Bettendorf American Association of University Women (AAUW) are partnering to provide a 6 week course on the many facets of Immigration. Sitter service will be available if requested 48 hours before the class. Contact Elaine Kresse 563-3914361 or more information.



- Sept. 15: Understanding the Causes of Migration
- Sept. 22: History of Immigration in the U. S.
- Sept. 29: Economics of (Immigration
- Oct. 6: Security, Enforcement and Human Rights
- Oct. 13: Who Benefits from a Broken System
- Oct: 20: Seeking Solutions



## Connection Circles

Intimacy and Ultimacy – Rev. Jay Wolin

Part of the mission of this congregation includes “embracing individual searches for meaning.” One way this can be done is through Connection Circles. I believe that one of the purposes of Connection Circles is to enhance the spiritual life of the participants of this beloved community by providing a safe place for exploring intimacy and ultimacy.

When I typed the word ultimacy in Microsoft Word that red line appeared underneath it that indicated an incorrect spelling. When I right clicked for a correct spelling, it had no suggestions. So as usual because of that I sat and dwelled on the meaning of ultimacy. James Luther Adams, a UU theologian said “People come to churches for Ultimacy and Intimacy”. The Reverend John Morgan commenting on Adams, said “People come into our communities looking for a place to belong (intimacy) and a place to seek meaning (ultimacy) about living and dying and the spaces between”.

I have found that if I right click on red squiggly line, I can add the word into my dictionary. So now Ultimacy is officially a word in my Microsoft Word Dictionary. Now if only I could find the meaning of life so easily.

Please come share your life’s journeys, and to seek meaning with us through Connection Circles

Groups meet once to twice a month for approximately two hours. The format of the meetings include: a chalice lighting, check-in, opening reading, topic discussion, closing reading and check out.

If you have any questions about or if you are interested in joining a Connection Circle please contact Rev Jay Wolin at [minister.uu@mediacombb.net](mailto:minister.uu@mediacombb.net) or John Dunsheath at [connections.uu@mediacombb.net](mailto:connections.uu@mediacombb.net) or always feel free to call the office to talk to me.

Fellow UU's,

Our mission statement uses three adjectives to describe what we want our church family to be: "The mission of our Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities is to create a **vibrant, welcoming, diverse** church family..."

The Welcome Team and Hospitality Committee would like to provide you with an opportunity to work toward all three of those descriptors: **Hospitality Training.**

It's always difficult to know how to approach someone you haven't met. And sometimes it's even difficult to approach church members you already know! But, just like anything else in life, it's easy with a few tips and a little practice! At our Hospitality Training, we'll talk about why it's important to be good greeters, and we'll practice ways to be welcoming to new visitors and old friends alike!

Time: **Sunday, October 9th - 1:00-3:00pm**

Location: **The Downstairs Lounge**

**-Snacks and drinks will be provided. All you have to do is show up with an eagerness to make our church a welcoming place!**

-RSVP appreciated, but not required.

We hope you'll take advantage of this excellent opportunity!

Tyson Danner ([tysondanner@gmail.com](mailto:tysondanner@gmail.com)) and the Welcome Team and Hospitality Committee

Katy McCluskey, Archive Committee, provided the following information on the Community Meal:

Our congregation became involved in the Community Meal program in 1983 when our area lost the manufacturing jobs associated with agriculture and finding many people without adequate resources for feeding their families. It was known then as the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen.



Later, there was a plea for help on this project and Churches United drew in more churches. We were handling meals twice a month at first but later went back to once a month allowing larger churches to take on more responsibility for supporting the meal service. Various churches are assigned for the days of the week, Monday through Friday; each church preparing their own menu. With more churches involved, our commitment is now bi-monthly on the third Thursday. The cooks arrive in the early afternoon and with tested recipes to begin the lasagna preparation. Currently, Judie and Ross Lance purchase and prepare the meal and have done this for the past three years. Peaches, bread and butter, milk, and cookies complete the meal. The baked lasagna is transported to the Salvation Army site on Harrison Street in Davenport and five volunteers from our congregation serve the food which takes about thirty minutes. The pans and utensils are brought back to church, washed and put away.



Our next Community Meal will be Thursday, September 15th; volunteers arrive at the site at 5:45 p.m. to serve the food.

## PIZZA AND GAMES NIGHT FRIDAY, SEPT. 9th

Join us for a meal and games on  
Friday, SEPT 9, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.  
in the church Lounge (downstairs).

We'll provide pizza.

Bring your favorite games; we'll find you some friendly opponents!

Also bring a dish to share, if you like.

See you there! George R.



### POTLUCK POTLUCK POTLUCK LABOR DAY LABOR DAY LABOR DAY

Welcome in the fall season with an all church potluck on  
Labor Day. Sept. 5th. Doors open at 4:00 eat at 5:00.  
Bring a dish to share and your own place settings. Coffee  
will be there and the grill will be going!

### WOW (a social gathering)



Sept. 6, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.  
O'Melia's Supper Club  
2900 Blackhawk Road  
Moline, IL

October 4, 2011 @ 5:30 pm  
Trattoria Tiramisu  
1804 State St  
Bettendorf, IA

**Everyone is welcome.  
for more information,  
Call Sarah Smet.**



September 30, 5-8pm

We'll have pizza, games and crafts!

Meet us in the Social Hall

## CARING TEAM SEEKS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FOR 2011-12 CHURCH YEAR

Gratitude is expressed to the following persons who have served for the 2010-11 year: Martha Harris, Connie Barrett, Jackie Erikson, Elsie Anderson, Sarah Smet, Dottie Wala, Ruth Wirtz, Marilyn Kester, Nina Slone, Mary Boyle, Ed Hazen, Anita Hatalsky, and Noreen Best.

There are four basic categories new persons might find to their liking: Visitation (long & short term), help with social gatherings following Memorial Services, new parent support, and On-call for different situations.

If any of these areas tweaks your interest, please be in touch with Jackie E. Joanne M or Sue W. for more conversation.

Minimal meetings are held in that e-mail, silent announcements, phone and the QCU are viable ways communication takes place.

The Caring Team strives to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and seeks to facilitate a ministry of hope and caring so that members and friends of the congregation can feel connected. Serving on the team is a good way to know more intimately persons in our UUSQC.

Also, contact Jackie, Joanne or Sue if you desire Caring Team attention or know of someone who does. Here's to a best 2011-12 church year ahead.

Joanne M. and Sue W. - co-chairs

Adult Religious Education will offer several classes in Fall term. For example, try your hand at writing nature poetry to engage your spirit. Kathleen Lawless Cox will lead a Saturday morning workshop on October 15, 9-12. There will be child care available for all evening classes. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights--also during some of those days--we will offer various book discussions, film viewings, art presentations, and writing classes. Plan to take part! Watch for our announcements and forthcoming brochure.

*Poetry*



Brightest Blessings, Full Moon Ritual will be held Sat. Sept. 10th at 7:30pm. Since this is a Harvest Moon it is fitting that everyone attending bring at least 2 canned good items for the churches food bank. We would like to have a good turnout and afterwards if everyone would also bring a veggie or fruit tray for after ritual socializing that would be great. If you have any questions, please let us know. See you all on Sat. Sept. 10th. Jeff and Barb M.

Thank  
You

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Many thanks to all who helped send me to the UU Musicians Network Conference in Arlington, Virginia. It was wonderful to meet so many UU musicians from all over the country. Dr. Janet Galvan was an amazing clinician and choir director. The workshops I attended for musicians new to UU, on congregational singing, and on vocal technique were very instructive. Worship services, recitals, and new music reading sessions were inspirational. Expect to hear some new music coming from the choir, composed by the many UU composers I met at the conference!  
Sheila Doak

Come sing a song with me! Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 24th, 5:45-6:45pm. Our first Sunday singing is Sept. 11th. If you can't make it to rehearsal, or even if you can, stop after service and pick up some music to take home and practice. Newcomers welcome! We also practice the hymns for Sunday within the first 15 minutes of rehearsal, and anyone is welcome to come just for that too.



Seeking instrumentalists of all sorts and types! Play a little guitar for fun, doodle on the flute, and tap a tambourine? Let me know and we'll find a place for you to share your music with the congregation!

Looking forward to hearing from you! Sheila Doak, Director of Music

### **Update on the Community Supported Agriculture Project with World Relief**

Thanks to several new drivers, on Saturday Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, we were able to take 7 World Relief families to the Davenport Farmer's Market. Each left with their reusable bags loaded with fresh eggs and vegetables from the Oak Hill Acres stall. Weekly trips will continue through September 10<sup>th</sup>, and possibly longer if the punch cards last.

Our next and final CSA special event will take place on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. , We are going to Stone's Apple Barn in East Moline instead of driving to Atalissa to visit the Oak Hill farm. At Stone's, we can ride a wagon to the orchard to pick our own apples, take an old-fashioned hay rack ride, pet the animals (deer, llamas, goats, donkeys, chickens) and purchase pre-picked apples, pears, and other tasty goodies in the barn. Will you join us? No RSVP required. Leaving from Rock Island, the drivers and families should arrive there about 2:30 p.m. The more the merrier! Stone's is very family friendly, and who wouldn't love to eat apples they picked with their own hands?

Judy Kasper

## **QCA CROP WALK -- SUNDAY October 2, 2011 Modern Woodmen Park**

**Registration and Rally -- 1:00 p.m. Step-off -- 2 p.m.**

This walk follows a ~ 6 mile route through downtown Davenport, over the Centennial Bridge, through downtown Rock Island and back across the bridge to the start. People may walk as much or as little of the route as they would like.

Purpose of this event is to raise money to help reduce and eventually eradicate hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Some other things you might want to know:

In our community this is a multi-faith event. Check out the list of past participating groups in the brochure attached to this email.

25% of the money raised stays in the local community and is shared among the following organizations: the Meal Service of Scott County, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program of University of Illinois Extension (EFNEP), Kid's Café, Humility of Mary Housing as well as Churches United of the QCA.

75% of the money raised goes to the hunger programs of Church World Service or to the organization that you select. Approved organizations include UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) and AFSC (American Friends Service Committee among others. The person donating makes the designation and it is donated right on the envelope that the walker/fundraiser turns in on October 2.

### **How you can participate:**

You may support financially myself or another walker by giving your donation. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP.

You may take an envelope, raise some money, and walk if you wish. Also, you can just attend the rally if walking is not an option, or just turn in your envelope to me.

A third option is to donate online via our team at: <http://www.CropWalkOnline.org/QuadCitiesIAIL>

I plan to be in Church on August 28, September 11, 25 and October 2. I will be handing out envelopes and accepting donations on those days. Ann Hailey. will be in Church on Sept. 4 and possibly the 18<sup>th</sup> doing the same.

Please call or email me with any questions.

Marcy Doyle

[mjdq@hotmail.com](mailto:mjdq@hotmail.com)

### **•STOCK UP•STOCK UP•STOCK UP•**

By the time you read this, we should have received a huge shipment from Equal Exchange. Many of you requested specific items, which were ordered. Chocolate Lovers might want to stock up, because this is the last order of chocolate we will receive until next Fall.

Also, because minimum requirements for free shipping have been raised, we will not be ordering as frequently. Stock up now--you might have to wait in the future!!!

Please make your purchase during the first half of coffee hour. Checks should be made out to "UUCQC" with "fair trade" in the memo line. Cash is also accepted.

Thanks,

Jeanne, Julie, Jim, and Ann