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I know that there are those among you who get to church on time, if not early on Sunday mornings, ready to engage in worship. But I've heard enough from others to believe that this will sound familiar to some:

"Few of us give much thought to entering worship. On most Sundays, we consider ourselves fortunate to get out of bed, locate suitable clothing, swallow some coffee, and glance at the newspaper before scrambling out the door, driving to church, and sliding into the pew in time for the prelude. Add children, a partner, a spouse, or out-of-town guests to the mix, and the minimal goal of arriving in time for the first hymn may be the best one can do. At this pace, we might finally feel centered enough to "enter" worship toward the end of the sermon, or maybe not until the final hymn."

This quotation comes from a book called *The Work of the People: What We Do in Worship and Why*, by Marlea Gilbert, Christopher Grundy, Eric T. Myers, and Stephanie Perdew. I recently came across an excerpt from the book that focuses on preparing for worship. The authors argue that we will get more out of worship if we take the time to prepare for worship.

I spend a great part of my week preparing for worship. I meet with our music director to coordinate music and theme. I meet with the worship associate I am working with to discuss the topic and explore possible readings. I spend time thinking, reading, writing, listening and reflecting. I take this preparation very seriously. But come Sunday morning my preparation shifts. On Sunday mornings I try to take the time to make the space for worship to happen. I try to get out of the way, because I know that ultimately worship does not depend on me. Worship doesn't depend on the words spoken, the music played or even the silence. These elements are all extremely important, but they don't make worship. People make worship. Worship is the work of the people.

Thus, preparation is not solely the work of the worship leaders. Through preparation we make room for greater depth and power in our individual and collective experience. Gilbert et. al. suggest that preparation involves slowing down and making a transition. Slowing down is about changing our pace. Ideally it happens even before we get to church as we go about our morning routine. Physically slowing down helps us prepare for the next step, making a transition. By taking time to journal or pray or sing or sit in silence before worship, we begin the process of shifting our focus from mundane concerns to ultimate concerns. By transitioning into the spirit of worship, we prepare ourselves more fully to be changed by worship.

If you haven't thought about taking time to prepare for worship, I encourage you to give it a try. And I'd be really interested to hear about your experience.

In faith,

P.S. After much deliberation (I stress much!) my partner and I have both decided to change our names. My new name is Melissa Carvill-Ziemer.

February Sermons

February 4 *Music Sunday (tentative, depending on Hal Walker's availability)*

Please join us for Music Sunday, a special service of music and song with the many talented musicians of our congregation.

February 11, 2007 *Celebration Sunday!*

This morning we bring our "Close the Gap" Stewardship Campaign to a close. The members of the Canvass Committee and I hope you will join us for a special worship service to celebrate our shared commitment to this beloved community.

February 18 *Heresy*

The first few centuries of Christianity were a time of great diversity and creativity. The contemporary theologian Elaine Pagels has spent her career studying and writing about the diversity of the early Christian church. This service will be inspired by her latest work. What can we learn from these early Christians?

February 25 *Special guest speaker*

More information about this service will be available in the Thread from the Web.

Message from the Moderator

When you receive this, the Close the Gap Canvass will be winding down their efforts. The success of this special effort will allow us to fund the provisional budget approved at our last congregational meeting. I want to express thanks from all of us to the Canvass Steering committee: Kathy Walker, Randy and Mary Leeson, Marion Yeagler, Bob Erdman and Melissa Ziemer (Board communication link). Kathy Kerns wrote a clear task outline for them and they have proceeded with energy, enthusiasm and creativity. They have trained canvassers and recruited generous folks to host lunches and dinners. These gatherings have provided an opportunity not just to learn about the funds needed to operate our church but also for individuals to reflect on what the church means to them and share with us their hopes and dreams for our church community. Thank you all for your generosity. Plan to celebrate our success on February 11 during a special service on Celebration Sunday.

We now have a search committee in place actively working on finding a new Director of Religious Education. In the meantime Gina Maida will be working in a temporary position to be available to parents on Sundays and coordinate teacher volunteers.

Thank you, to all our teachers who are keeping the program thriving during this interim period and to the RE Committee for its valuable guidance and work.

Have you seen the Annex lately? Last time I looked, many of the wonderful plans by Mike Bruder were already in place. When finished we will have more space for meetings and the entire space will be more functional. Funding for this project was from a Chalice Lighter grant that Mac Goekler successfully applied for. Thanks to all the volunteers who have worked to make that dream a reality.

Planning an event? Don't forget we have a volunteer coordinator. Carol Beatty keeps a data base of people who have offered various skills and talents.

Do contact me if you have concerns or questions. If I cannot help, I will direct you to the right person or committee.

In Faith,
Trish McLoughlin

Adult Religious Explorations: Winter 2007 - Living In a World of Conflict

Fellowship Hall, 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

The world today is a world in conflict. This situation has led the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to ask congregations to explore and study two major issues: moral values and peacemaking. These discussions will lead to statements to be voted on at the annual General Assembly (GA). The study of moral values is in its second year so we shall discuss and make recommendations on a draft statement to go to GA this year. Peacemaking is in the first year of discussion, so our response to the UUA material will be in more general terms. These issues also seem to be part of a wider discussion of the response to conflict: a discussion including conflict management and forgiveness, the final two topics of this series. Come to any or all sessions and be

part of a conversation on some major social justice issues of our time.

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| January 28 | Issues of moral values: Response to GA draft statement |
| February 4 | Issues of peacemaking: Discussion |
| February 11 | Issues of peacemaking: Response |
| February 18 | Issues of Conflict Management |
| February 25 | Issues of forgiveness |

Contact Liz Erickson, Sue & Mac Goekler, Beth Straubhaar or Angela Finn for further information.

First Steps in Search for New Director of Religious Education

The members of the Search Committee in charge of finding a new Director of Religious Education are as follows; co-chairs Laura Teagle and John Marfy, Kathie Slater, Mike Hovancsek and Melissa Ziemer, ex officio. The Director of Religious Education Search Committee is in the process of determining the steps that we will need to complete in order to successfully search for a new Director of Religious Education. We will be creating a display to be located in Fessenden Hall that will enable members of the congregation to keep track of our progress. If you have any questions or comments at any time during the search process, please feel welcome to contact any member of the committee.

One of the first areas we have addressed is the need for continuity in our Religious Education Program for our children, youth and parents on Sunday morning during this time of transition. With input from the Religious Education Committee, and approval of the Board of Trustees, the Search Committee addressed this need by creating the Temporary Religious Education Coordinator position. This is a 7 hour per week temporary and paid position. This position will allow for some crucial aspects of the Director of Religious Education's duties to be fulfilled without overtaxing volunteers. Gina Maida has accepted this position. Gina's primary responsibilities will include overseeing the Religious Education Program on Sunday morning by providing support to the religious education teachers, greeting and informing new families about the Religious Education Program, and providing age appropriate activities for children during the second service. Gina will also be available for three consecutive hours once each week to prepare for the week ahead and to answer questions from parents and teachers. The times when Gina will be available each week will be posted in the Thread from the Web. Please join the Search Committee in welcoming Gina in her new role!

Thank you to our outgoing Worship Associates!

I have been so pleased with the development of our Worship Associate Team. The Worship Associates have added depth, beauty, insight and the gifts of their presence to our Sunday morning worship services. Four of our associates have completed one year terms and are cycling off the team. I want to thank Heidi Shaffer, Mike Kreyche, Damien Chapman and Linda Mishler for your service and leadership. It has been a pleasure to work with you. Kristofer Sperry, Elaine Bowen and Christie Anderson will continue serving for another year. I look forward to welcoming new worship associates to our team during a service later this month.

The training for new Worship Associates will be held in February. This training is open to interested members of the congregation who would like to learn about leading worship. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Rev. Melissa Ziemer.

WomenSpirit 2007

Saturday, May 5, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm

Cost: \$55.00 participant \$45.00 presenter

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The WomenSpirit 2007 Committee is happy to announce that WomenSpirit is alive! Our theme this year is "women supporting women".

On Saturday, May 5th, we will begin with a Continental Breakfast and Registration at 8:30 am. followed by an Opening Gathering. Workshops begin at 10:45 a.m. A catered lunch will be provided, and closing circle will be at 5:00 p.m.

During the retreat participants will be able to take 4 different workshops, each approximately 45 minutes long.

We are still looking for presenters for these classes. You must be a member of a Unitarian Universalist Church to be considered as a presenter. Please keep in mind that our theme is "women supporting women".

Some workshop ideas may include reflexology, drum, crystal bowl meditation, shamanic journeying, "loving your body", spiritual water-color, women and money, women's health, etc.,

The workshop times are not aimed at teaching a complete course, rather to give the participant a chance to experience something new, and perhaps they will go on to learn more on their own, or with that workshop presenter at another time.

Please contact Rebekah Benner with any questions, or your workshop proposal by February 9th.

Martha Kluth

Third Annual UUCK "Soup"er Bowl

Imagine being cold and hungry . . . imagine how comforting a bowl of hot, delicious soup would feel . . . you and I can help. You and I NEED to help our neighbors.

Sunday, Feb. 4 is the UUCK "Soup"er Bowl to collect cans of soup, chili & stew plus cash & coin for the Kent Social Services food pantry. Stop by the table downstairs in Fessenden Hall before, between and after services to drop off your donations and have a little thank-you treat. ADDED INCENTIVE: each person who donates will be entered into a drawing for a pot of homemade soup of the winner's choice. The goal is to better last year's score of \$116 and 75 cans. I know Team UUCK and this team can score big against hunger in Portage County.

Thank you in advance for your generosity
Elaine Yehle Bowen

No to Torture, Yes to Peace!

The Social Justice Committee sponsored two vigils in January to call for peace and an end to torture. In the wake of President Bush's announcement that he will send more than twenty thousand additional troops to Iraq, our committee teamed up with the Portage Community Peace Coalition to hold an "America Says No!" rally in downtown Kent on Thursday, January 11th. Between 80 and 100 people turned out in the chilly weather to say, "NO!" to more troops. The following Sunday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, the Social Justice Committee sponsored a vigil outside the church between our two services to say, "No to torture, yes to peace." We stood vigil in a cold, steady rain to mark the 5th anniversary of the opening of the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay. Members of the Social Justice Committee are calling on our government to close that detention center and to respect human rights. We also protested the President's plan to send more troops to Iraq. We recalled King's commitment to active non-violence and his call to use peaceful means to achieve peaceful ends.

Our special offerings for social justice projects and programs continue to draw a generous response from members of our congregation. On Christmas eve, we raised \$430 for the Townhall II Medical Clinic, which provides medical care to low-income people in Portage County. At the end of January, we will take a special offering for the group Kent State United for the Gulf Coast, to send one or more students from Kent State University to the Gulf Coast in Mississippi over spring break to help people rebuild from Hurricane Katrina.

On Saturday, February 3rd, the Social Justice Committee will sponsor the second annual "Peace and Justice Soulful Singalong," in Fessenden Hall from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Your \$6 donation provides you with dessert and beverages and uplifting songs. Children are free. This is a service auction item, to benefit the church, and the event is open to all who show up.

I hope to see everyone at the singalong and at other Social Justice Committee events.

Vivien Sandlund
Chair, Social Justice Committee

Tai chi at church

Beginners- 8 pm

Intermediate- 7:30 pm

Advanced- 7:00 pm Mondays.

Does your New Year's Resolution include being more active or doing something for yourself? Consider tai chi -- a non-impact "meditation in motion." Although you can study it for a lifetime, by coming you do not make a commitment for any number of sessions -- come when you can. You are welcome to start any Monday night. Wear loose fitting clothing, as it is participatory.

Questions? Contact Susan Goekler, certified tai chi instructor with the Tai Chi Association of Atlanta, GA
Susan Goekler

Vivien Sandlund, Steward of the Month

It is January 14th, and I am interviewing Vivien Sandlund for Steward of the month. It is entirely appropriate that she answers the questions while standing in a cold rain in front of the church. You see, Vivien is always present at the vigils against torture and the war in Iraq. Social Justice is her "Personal Ministry", her passion to make the world a better place. She is dedicated to activism for many social justice causes. Hunger and homelessness, racial issues, Economic issues, to name a few. "We haven't yet obtained our stride in social justice causes within the church and I intend to continue being a part of it"

Vivien began attending our church in 1996, after being steered here by UU friends in North Carolina and Akron. The welcoming atmosphere profoundly impacted her and she decided this was to be her church home. Teaching History at Hiram college, while living in Kent, Our church is both accessible and spiritually enriching for her. She especially appreciates the love and support she gets for her 5 year old daughter Ana. Ana has a grandfather too. Vivien's dad has always supported her dreams. In fact, Vivien's dream for our church was influenced dramatically by a trip to Springfield, Missouri at the age of 9. It was 1964 and she watched a civil rights march with her dad. Her father's words stay with her to this day, "Be glad you weren't born black" (a sad truth at that time of history). Or perhaps it was another "parade" in Atlanta, prior to the Iraq War, where she observes, " It was a MLK civil rights parade and I saw an Army vehicle with the words, " Keep the dream alive" it just didn't seem right to me"

Vivien's favorites:

Food: Not broccoli - Cheesecake

Color: ALL colors, the rainbow

Animal: Cats, (Elsa, Willa, and Margaret live with her and Ana)

"Ana" memory: Lifting off the ground in a plane leaving for USA from Guatemala City.

Sermon: Today's sermon on MLK, "We need to think deeply about his messages"; All of them.

Activity,: swimming with Ana

Charity: UUSC

It is the personal connections with people, and those who care for Ana that keeps her coming to our church. "My daily spiritual practice is raising a daughter."

Thank you Vivien, You make our church SHINE. We therefore dub you "Vivien the Valiant".

Rebecca Haines

So many people give of their time, talents and treasure to support the life and work of this church. Ours is vibrant community of faith thanks to the abundant generosity and deep commitment of so many members and friends. We are grateful for the gifts we share.

The Board of Trustees, along with the minister and the church staff, has decided to highlight that gratitude by formally recognizing one person each month (through June 2007) for their dedicated stewardship of our shared ministry.

It's Not All About Groundhogs...

...though weather predictions do have a history in the Celtic traditions of Imbolc. Imbolc - a Celtic word meaning 'in the belly' - the second great feast of the Celtic year, is celebrated around February 1st, halfway between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox. As the wheel of the year revolves surely toward spring, life, now dormant for a while, is stirring in the belly of the earth. Brigit, the midwife, Goddess of the holy well and sacred flame is honored, to thank her for the sun growing stronger and the earth growing warmer. Soon, come spring, the earth will be reborn, and we turn our thoughts to preparation for and nourishment of newborn life.

In her aspect of Goddess of the well, Brigit is known as a giver and sustainer of life, as water is the life's blood of Mother Earth. Yet Brigit is honored not only for nurturing life, but for fostering knowledge and inspiration. The "fires of inspiration" are attributed to Brigit, and she was muse to the poet Taliesin. Other cultures have given her different names. She is patroness of artisans and weavers, like the Greek Goddess Athena, who taught the handicrafts to humankind, and she is Goddess of Arts and Sciences, like the Roman Goddess Minerva.

We celebrate Brigit, and Imbolc, with many traditions. At our house, we bake Brigit's Serpent, bread with jam in its center, twisted into a snake-shape with raisin eyes, and say 'May Brigit's serpent bring you inspiration' as we share it. Brigit's snake symbolizes fertility and knowledge. Other traditions include Spring Cleaning (Oh, boy!) and creating a Brideog doll or Brigit's cross from straw, wheat sheaves or other natural materials.

The Maida/O'Mearas, Kent CUUPS



Close the Gap Pledge Drive off to Strong Start

The 'Close the Gap' **member and friends** canvass is off to a strong start. With about 38% of prospects contacted, the gap is down to about \$7000. The figure changes daily, sometimes hourly. We are all grateful for the generosity and commitment of the who have been able to increase their pledges.

We will celebrate the bridging of 'The Gap', at a special service on Sunday, February 11th. There will also be a special gathering to which all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Look for more information in the Thread.

For more information about the 'Close the Gap' drive, contact Marion Yeagler or Mary Leeson.

Winter Warmth Potluck and Game Night

Join us on Friday January 26, in the church basement for a fun night with friends. We'll start with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Let's make it interesting-bring a dish that has a story. Maybe it's related to your ethnic heritage, maybe you got the recipe in an interesting way, or maybe it was the quickest thing you had time to pull together (which gives you the opportunity to create a GREAT story). No pressure, don't stress about it--just do it if you can. We'll have interesting dinner conversation. Also, bring a few games and we can play after we eat. Plan on arriving at about 6:15, we'll eat at 6:30.

Kelley Plishka

7th Annual OMD Winter Institute

President's Day Weekend February 16-19, 2007

This relaxing and "schedule and stress free" weekend is an intimate gathering for UU's of all ages. There are frosty outdoor activities like sledding, hiking and cross country skiing. For those that choose to stay in their slippers all weekend, there is a beautiful lodge with its many cozy corners and fireplaces. The pool and hot tub are truly a wintertime treat. There are fellow UU's always ready to play board games or to join in the community jigsaw puzzle. We have wonderful community worship services and great conversations.

It is at Salt Fork State Park near Cambridge. The park has a beautiful lodge with an indoor pool, game room with pool tables, ping pong tables and video games, lounge and hiking trails. The lodge is handicap accessible. To register go to the omdsi.org website for a registration form. Also you will need to call Salt Fork to make a reservation at 1-800-ATAPARK. Ask for the Unitarian Universalist rate. Hope to see you there.



Social Justice Film Series -- "The Empty Chair"

Friday Feb. 9th at 7:30 PM.

Film and Discussion of the Death Penalty. Join us to view the "The Empty Chair," a moving 42 minute documentary that examines the pros and cons of the death penalty through the experience of victims' family members. Followed by a discussion of the issues. Led by Mac Goekler and Judy Maruszán (ACLU of Ohio Education Coordinator). Jointly sponsored by the UU Church of Kent Social Justice Committee and ACLU of Ohio.

Mac Goekler

Food and Wine Pairing

Kristofer and Evelyn Sperry, owners of Myrddin Winery, have graciously offered a food and wine pairing at their winery on Sun. March 11, 2007. The two hour educational presentation will discuss the qualities of wine and how to properly match wine with different types of food. Samples of wine and food will be offered during the presentation. Afterwards, you are invited to stay for hors d'oeuvres. Wine will be available for purchase. Two presentations will be offered -

1 - 3 pm with hors d'oeuvres from 3 - 4 pm, and
4:30 - 6:30, with hors d'oeuvres from 6:30 - 7:30.

The cost for each session is \$25. **The entire purchase price is being donated to the "Close the Gap" campaign.** Invite a friend and come enjoy the Sperry's warm hospitality. To register please contact Mary Leeson.



Introduction to Pewter Casting

Indulge your creative spirit and join us at the church on Sat. March 3, 2007.

From noon until 4 p.m., Evelyn Sperry will teach us how to create our own design and carve out a mold from plaster of Paris. We'll then pour pewter into the mold and have a finished piece to take home. The cost for this unique class plus materials is only \$40. All proceeds are being donated to the "Close the Gap" campaign. This workshop is appropriate for youth 12 - 16 when signing up with an adult. Tell your friends and register early- space is limited. Contact Mary Leeson to register.

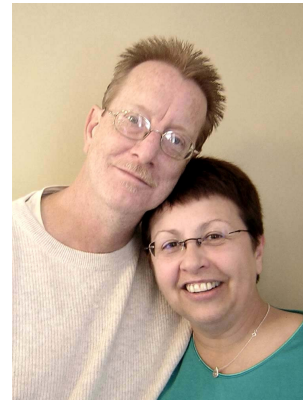
Calling all Hogwarts Students

It's that time again! The winter Hogwarts session will be held Sat. Feb. 17, Sun. Feb. 18 and Mon. Feb. 19 from 9:30am-2:00 pm. If you are not on the Hogwarts mailing list and would like your child to attend Hogwarts School, please contact Liz Erickson or Sandy Bowers for an application. Enrolment is limited to 50 students so be sure to return your application to Liz or Sandy, or mail it to the church, attention Hogwarts. The deadline is Feb. 11.

Adult and youth volunteer positions are still available. All will have a magical time! Hope to see you there.

Lynette Morrow

New Member Spotlight



New members
Brad and Joanne Slease

Please join us in a very enthusiastic welcome to new members Brad and Joanne Slease and Carrie Shelly. You can often find Brad and Joanne pitching in with the dishes during coffee hour, and Carrie has volunteered in the office.

Interested in joining our church community? The next opportunity to sign our membership book will be Sunday, February 25th, following the completion of our winter New U session. You can contact Kay Clatterbuck for more details.

Among Ourselves

Martha Hursh, who had surgery this fall, asks that we share the following note: "I want to thank everybody for helping me get through the last year. I appreciate the people who gave me camaraderie and for being with me at the holiday dinner on December 25. I thank everybody for being a friend. I hope everyone has peace, love and patience in 2007. I am so glad I came to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent."

Safer Futures Collection

The Abby Danforth Women's Group is sponsoring again an all-church collection of items needed for the battered women's shelter, Safer Futures. Safer Futures provides safe, emergency shelter for battered women and children.

The "Wish List" of items needed falls into three categories: shelter items, items for the children, and items for new housing. The list will appear in the Thread for the Web and on posters in the church. There will be baskets in the lounge area for the collection Feb. 11-Mar. 11.

Martha Kluth

February Church Events

				1 4:30-6:00 Yoga 6:30-8:00 Yoga 7-8:30 RE Com- mittee mtg. (EA)	2	3 10 am-noon Breathing workshop 10-4 Winter Walden (p 8) 6-10 Social Justice Singalong (p. 4)
4 11:10-11:30 Children's Choir (EA) 11:30-12:30 New U class (EA) 4-6 Yoga and meditation 6:30 Adult Choir (S) 7:00 AA (FH) 7:30-8:30 Women's Choir (S)	5 10:15 am Yoga 5:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7-8 Pagan 101	6 5:15 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7-9:30 Build Own Theology (EA)	7 9:30 am Yoga 1-3 Praxis mtg. (EA) 7:15-9:15 Board Mtg. (EA)	8 4:30 Yoga 6:30 Yoga 7-9 Men's Group (EA)	9 7:30-10:30 Movie - "Empty Chair" (S) (p. 5)	10
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Tai Chi: 7:00 Advanced, 7:30 Intermediate, 8:00 Beginner - Yoga and Tai Chi are held in Fessenden Hall
 *EA- Eldredge Annex; FH- Fessenden Hall; FL- Founders' Lounge; S-Sanctuary
 Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after January 20

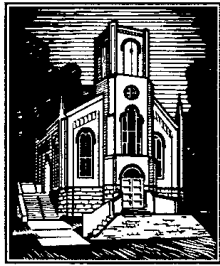
New Calendar System

Since we're now a busier congregation, we've begun using an on-line calendar that you can access directly at www.localendar.com/public/uukent, or through our website at www.kentu.org. We can update it as often as necessary and you can consult it any time day or night.

Don't have Internet access or really hate computers? Not to worry, paper versions of the same calendar will be available in the weekly *Thread from the Web* and monthly *Chalice Flame* newsletter.

Judy Brannan

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Out to Lunch Bunch

February 4	El Campesino
February 11	China City
February 18	On Tap
February 25	China City

Book Club

February 13 at 7 pm, meet at the Kluth's. Read a book by Bill Bryson.

Mar. 13, 7 pm, meet at Betty Kendrick's. The book will be *Beneath a Marble Sky* by John Shors. This novel deals with the Taj Mahal.

Martha Kluth

Celtic Clan

2/5/07	7pm	Tower 43, Kent
2/12/07	7:30 pm	Practice sanctuary
2/19/07	7:30 pm	Practice sanctuary
2/26/07	7pm	Brookside Senior Living

Where's Walden This "Winter"?! Quail Hollow State Park

Come snow, rain, sun, or whatever, UUs of all ages are invited to join Henry Thoreau and others to reconnect with nature and our "transcendentalist heritage."

Date: Saturday, February 3. Ingathering in the manor house at 10 a.m., farewell at 4 p.m., with a potluck lunch in between. Further details and a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fessenden Hall. Questions? Call Liz Erickson, Gordon Vars, Colleen Norris, Jill Forsman, or Ed Stolish. Please join us.

Pagan 101 Classes

This open series of lectures is for anyone interested in learning more about Paganism and other earth based spiritualities. Lectures are held on the first Monday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Upcoming lectures-

Monday, February 5 – Introduction to Paganism 101
March 5 – Wheel of the Year
April 2 – Basic Rituals.

Watch for more class listings in the Newsletter and Thread from the Web, or contact Beth Straubhaar.