



# The ComUUnicator

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Lima  
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## Annual Meeting is Nigh!



And now a word about our sponsor. You. The Annual Meeting will be held following the Potluck on May 21st. As is our usual wont, the Potluck will immediately follow **John Bell's** service. At this juncture, that date is just around the corner and according to the Rules of Conduct, certain information must be published to all members six weeks prior to the meeting. Here then, are the pertinent details:

The Nominating Committee has come up with the following slate of Officers:

President—M.D. Wilson  
Vice-President—Don Mack  
Secretary—Marilyn Bell  
Treasurer—Evelyn Vanek  
Religious Ed. Co-Directors  
Barbara Wilson & John Bell  
Trustee—Louise Daniels

Additionally, there will be some proposed amendments of the Code of Regulations presented for a vote of adoption at that time. Thanks go to **Colin Dunbar** for both making the initial proposal and coming up with the wording on the first one. It is proposed that suitable re-numbering be done to insert the following:

### Article VII. Trustees

**D.** The Board of Trustees shall prepare each year a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The Board shall present it to the members of the Fellowship at the Annual Meeting for consideration, possible amendment, and a simple majority vote on adoption. The proposed budget shall be contained in the notice of meeting.

Yet another proposed change in the C. of R. was initially made by **John Bell**. The Executive Committee has already adopted similar wording for its own internal use. To make it applicable across the board, it must be inserted into the C. of R. An additional article would be inserted:

### Article XII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the Fellowship in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Code of Regulations and any special rules of order the Fellowship may adopt.

For the full current text of the Code of Regulations, you may go to the website at: [http://www.uulima.org/UULima\\_CodeOfRegulations.html](http://www.uulima.org/UULima_CodeOfRegulations.html) or you may simply ask any officer for a hardcopy.

Oh yes, and one more thing—we will be voting on “switching” ministers back to Chuck Thomas as our regular 1/4 time minister and Richard Venus as an occasional one. In other words, to put things back the way they were.

I mentioned about you being our sponsor. Well, I was not referring to your monetary support at this particular juncture, but rather your participatory support. Oh no, I don’t mean your attendance at services, hosting or attending SNLs or pitching in for special events either. I am referring to your participation in our various Standing Committees. These are the formal means of making all the rest of the above actually work. And you can help. You don’t even have to be a member.

A few newsletters back, I made note of the fact that I could find absolutely NOTHING in the Code of Regulations that prohibited non-members from serving on committees other than the Executive Committee. Now while you are entirely welcome to be a “permanent visitor” if you wish, you are also welcome to serve as a member of one of these committees. Not required, not even urged—but invited. After all, everyone is also invited to attend an Exec. Comm. Meeting, as a matter of well-established precedent. You will be welcome to have a voice without a vote at any particular meeting—though Liesl might like to know how many are coming...

For a description of these committees, you may get them at the website, or at the Annual Meeting.

[http://www.uulima.org/UULima\\_CommitteeDescriptions.html](http://www.uulima.org/UULima_CommitteeDescriptions.html)

While you are perfectly to join a committee

at any time by simply contacting the chair, the absolute best method is to come to the first Executive Committee meeting of the following church year. That is when the Exec. Comm. organizes itself. Check out the list of current committee chairs at:

<http://www.uulima.org/ExecCommPage.html>

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*The past is history - the future a mystery.  
But today is a gift, which is why it's called  
the Present!*

### **Birthdays**

M.D. Wilson—March 17  
Brian Mack—March 22  
Connie Hornung—April 4  
Sarah Mack—April 12  
Marilyn Bell—April 16

### **Anniversaries**

None on record for the period.

If I missed your birthday or anniversary it is because I was not aware of it. Please inform me of same and I will add your information to the list.

## **Event Schedule**

### **April**

- 02 -- [Rev Chuck Thomas](#) - *God Revisited* -  
Music: Connie
- 08 -- 5:00 pm - **Dinner at Burgundy's** –  
call Liesl for reservation  
7:00 pm - **Movie: Iraq** - at Liesl's
- 09 -- [Mary Beth & Rick Siferd](#) -  
*Public vs. Private Faith*
- 10 -- 7:30 pm - [Executive Committee](#) Meeting -  
[Liesl's](#)
- 16 -- Flower Communion & Brunch  
Music: Connie
- 21 -- **UU Newsletter Deadline!**

- 23 -- [Denny Weaver](#) - *How Black, Feminist and Womanist Theologies Speak to Everyone*  
 29 -- 6:30 pm - **Saturday Night Live**  
[Evelyn/Twyla/Anne](#) - at Evelyn's house.  
 30 -- [Bob Rudolph](#) - TBA

May

- 07 -- [Tree Service](#) - Music: Connie  
 14 -- [Rev.Chuck Thomas](#) - TBA  
 19 -- **UU Newsletter Deadline!**  
 21 -- [John Bell](#) - *Getting the Monkey Off of Darwin's Back*  
 (Annual Meeting after Potluck)  
 28 -- [Ted Hughton](#) - TBA

\* Full Schedule at <http://www.uulima.org> \*  
 Did you know that we also have a Church Calendar? You may access it at:  
[http://calendar.yahoo.com/uu\\_lima](http://calendar.yahoo.com/uu_lima)

### Treasurer's Summary

Balance 1/31/06 _____	\$6613.61
Transactions 2/1/06-3/13/06:	
Total Receipts _____	1429.38
Total Expenditures _____	499.05
Balance 3/13/06 _____	\$7543.94

### Executive Committee Summary

At the March 13, 2006 meeting, it was decided to proceed with laminating the recently acquired anti-war poster and then mount it, along with frequently updated total fatality numbers, in the east Wayside Pulpit frame.

There was discussion of a possible fundraiser concert instigated by receipt of two separate solicitations for such services.

Standing Committee discussions included a possible bi-monthly cleaning person from House & Grounds. Does anyone have the

name of someone who is reasonable? **Kerry Snyder** was also authorized to replace the kitchen sink faucet. Social Action brought mention of possible future Wednesday night Buddhist services co-chaired by **Danny Drotos & Anne Edwards**. Anne's Hospitality report is below. **Liesl Sondheimer** also offered to host Saturday night movies at her house. The first one will have already taken place by the time you read this. PR—**John Bell** reports receipt of more UU World tapes. **Colin Dunbar** revamped the storage space above the buffet and the storage for the sign's letters. Anne is just ecstatic at how much easier it is now to work with the sign letters. Library: **Louise Daniels** engaged the group in a discussion of a possible Dedication Ceremony after the May 14th service, perhaps with a reception to follow. And speaking of upcoming services, it was mandated that the Flower Communion service be suitably emphasized in this issue. There will be a brunch following, and that brings to mind the year we had edible flowers... In the meantime, everyone is invited to join what turned into very nearly a sporting event. The discussion concerning what to do this summer session featured a plethora of possibilities. Too many, in fact. So, why not submit your own idea? Join the crowd, so to speak. Lastly, the Nominating Committee was charged with having a slate of officers in my hands before April 9th. This issue will be suitably delayed in order to publish their results. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held April 10 at Liesl's.

### *Hospitality Happenings*

Anne Edwards

**Jean and Chuck Cinardo** hosted a great Valentine's/Birthday celebration in Feb., and we all enjoyed getting together with **Ellen's** daughter **Chris** and with **Therese, Danny** and their daughter **Audrey**.

Jean not only treated us to a fun evening, but she also provided delicious goodies after the Sunday service throughout February.

The Ladies' Luncheon has been inactive during late winter. It may resume when some of those who were Florida-based for the winter return.

This month we'll share a soup, salad and sandwich luncheon after **Richard Venus's** service on Mar. 19th.

As of this writing, we'll take a little break from SNLs during March, and then when spring flora appear in late April, **Evelyn, Twyla** and **Anne** will host a gathering on April 29th. [At Evelyn's house.-mdw]

Special thanks to Jean for her February generosity and to everyone who pitches in so willingly to tidy up--it makes it fun, and a nice time to chat with someone you may not know too well.

It has been delightful to welcome **Therese** and her family during February and **Erica** and **Felicia** and their family, and to get to hear about **Sarah** and **Joe's** journeys and their new plans. Our fellowship seems to attract very special people.

## Flower Communion

Remember to bring a flower of your choice on April 16!!

The flower communion was brought to the United States in 1940 and introduced to the members of our Cambridge, Massachusetts, church by Maja V. Capek. The service has spread to many of our Unitarian Universalist congregations and has been adapted along the way.

Then, as now, people were asked to bring a

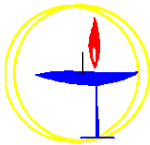
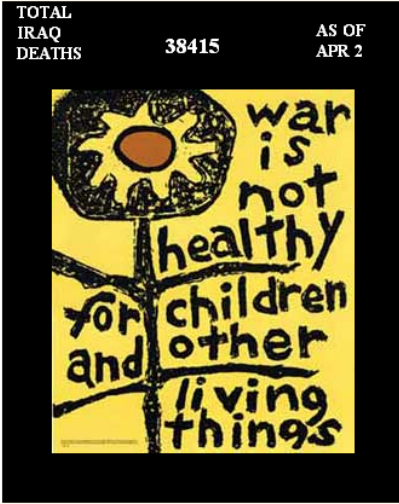
flower of their choice, either from their own gardens, or from the field or roadside. When they arrived at church a large vase stood waiting in the vestibule, attended by two young members of the Church School. Each person was asked to place their own flower in the vase.

This signified that it was by their own free will they joined with the others. The vase that contained all the flowers was a symbol of the united church fellowship.

The young attendants helped with the arrangement of the bouquet. Later they carried the vase up to the front of the auditorium and placed it on a table there. Maja's husband, Dr. Capek, then said a prayer, after which he walked over and consecrated the flowers while the congregation stood. The two attendants then took the vase back out into the vestibule.

After the service, as people left the church, they went to the vase and each took a flower from the vase other than the one that they had brought. The significance of the flower communion is that as no two flowers are alike, so no two people are alike, yet each has a contribution to make. Together the different flowers form a beautiful bouquet. Our common bouquet would not be the same without the unique addition of each individual flower, and thus it is with our church community, it would not be the same without each and every one of us. Thus this service is a statement of our community.

By exchanging flowers, we show our willingness to walk together in our Search for truth, disregarding all that might divide us. Each person takes home a flower brought by someone else - thus symbolizing our shared celebration in community. This communion of sharing is essential to a free people of a free religion.



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