



# The ComUUnicator

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Lima  
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## Busy, not lazy summer!



We begin with what turned out to be an unusual twist to life. We got a letter at the Fellowship from the Earth Spirituality Education Center, located at 118 E. Northern Ave. here in Lima. They are inviting us to visit their facility, which is dedicated to, among other things, holding classes on Pagan history, meditation, ethics, circle work, communing with the Goddess and God, Sabbat series, divination and more. They also have a no-loan Library and a multiple-altar Shrine Room. Or they did.

The very same day that I opened the letter, their building was hit by a car and one of the rooms was essentially demolished! This group has worked with members of CUUPS (the UUA Pagan “wing”) in the past and certainly deserves our sympathy, if not moral as well as modest monetary support in their time of need.

In other news, we have hired **Carol Siferd’s** daughter, **Leah**, as our cleaning lady—pursuant to action by the Executive Committee explained elsewhere in this issue. As a result, we will not have our usual “Clean-up Day” this fall, but a general re-decoration for autumn and weed-pulling type of thing instead. This nice turn of events “keeps it in the family”, as it were. By yet another strange twist of fate, Leah’s

husband, **Russ**, might well be considered—if he is amenable—to serve as our general repairman and building maintenance person. Coincidence? We’ll see.

There’s more, but I am running out of room in this issue and so I will simply mention that the business of the Fellowship is current and all the bills are paid to date. You know, the boring stuff...

### **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**

Kevin Mack—July 6  
Louise Daniels—July 22  
John Bell—August 7  
Barbara Wilson—August 19  
Cris Elstro—August 29  
Liesl Sondheimer—September 16  
Katie Mack—September 25  
Rick Siferd—September 25

#### **Anniversaries**

Marilyn & John Bell—August 3

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

### August

- 06** — 9:30am - Drotos Meditation Group  
10:00am - Discussion Group—  
Facilitator: MD Wilson - Chapters 13 & 14
- 08** — 7:00pm - **Hospitality Committee** –  
Organizational/Next Year  
**Planning Meeting**  
at Marilyn's house - Everyone Welcome!
- 13** — 9:30am - Drotos Meditation Group  
10:00am - Discussion Group —  
Facilitator: [Anne Edwards](#) - Chapters 15 & 16
- 16**—12:00am - **Lunch Bunch** - Contact Marilyn
- 20** — 9:30am - Drotos Meditation Group  
10:00am - Discussion Group—  
Facilitator: [Liesl Sondheimer](#) - Chapters 17 & 18
- 21** — 7:30 pm - [Executive Committee Meeting](#) -  
[Liesl's](#)
- 27** — 9:30am - Drotos Meditation Group  
10:00am - Discussion Group—  
Facilitator:[Cris Elstro](#) - Chapters 19 & 20

### September 2006

- 03** -- Labor Day Holiday - **No Service**
- 10** -- [Water Service](#) - Service Leader:
- 16** -- 7:30 pm - [PFLAG Meeting](#)
- 17** -- [Rev. Chuck Thomas](#) –  
New Member recognition, [Jean Cinardo](#)
- 24** -- John Timmerman - Why Are We Here?

\* 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 (Annual)

Balance 7/1/05 _____	\$5,903.24
Transactions 7/1/05-6/30/06:	
Total Receipts _____	14,888.41
Total Expenditures _____	12,653.52
Balance 5/14/06 _____	\$8,037.93
Net for the Period _____	\$2,134.69

## Executive Committee Summary

The July 17, 2006 meeting was primarily an organizational one in an attempt to “hit the ground running” as the next church year gets started in September. The makeup of the Subcommittees was determined to be as follows:

- Program—**Don Mack**  
Music Director—**Anne Edwards**  
House & Grounds—**Kerry Snyder**  
Hospitality—  
**Annette Kuck & Marilyn Bell**  
Social Action—**Liesl Sondheimer**  
Membership—**Don Mack**  
Library—**Edie Dunbar**  
Public Relations—**Louise Daniels**  
Sign—**Anne Edwards**  
Website—**MD Wilson**  
Newsletter—**MD Wilson** (may change)  
Religious Education—  
**Barbara Wilson & John Bell**

In the course of later action, it was also determined that Religious Ed. should take over responsibility of maintaining the pamphlet & brochure rack from the Library.

The other major point of debate for the evening centered around adoption of a budget to last from the beginning of the year until the next Annual Meeting, when a new budget will be proposed for action by the congregation, per a motion passed at the last Annual Meeting. This interim budget is based upon the figures shown in the Excel spreadsheet on page 3.

This budget is significantly larger than last year's, which was quite successful in 1) finally making up for the losses incurred by the 50th Anniversary and 2) having the least amount of expenditures of the last few years. This budget takes into account lessons learned during the past year and antici

	2005-06		July 17 Initial 2006-07
	Budget	Actual Ex- penses	Budget
<b>Conventions</b>	\$250.00	\$725.00	\$800.00
<b>Hospitality/Kitchen</b>	\$250.00	\$29.72	\$250.00
<b>House/Grounds</b>	\$1,800.00	\$1,090.09	\$1,800.00
<b>Insurance</b>	\$900.00	\$877.00	\$900.00
<b>Library</b>	\$200.00	\$59.94	\$200.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$200.00	\$168.00	\$200.00
<b>Music</b>	\$600.00	\$615.00	\$600.00
<b>Office Supplies</b>	\$500.00	\$89.21	\$500.00
<b>Programs</b>	\$6,000.00	\$5,205.80	\$6,000.00
<b>Public Relations</b>	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
<b>Religious Educa- tion</b>	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
<b>Social Action</b>	\$0.00	\$27.45	\$50.00
<b>Utilities</b>	\$3,000.00	\$2,386.31	\$3,500.00
<b>UUA/HD Dues</b>	\$2,000.00	\$1,380.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,200.00</b>	<b>\$12,653.52</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>

pates an expanded role for select Subcommittees, RE being one. One disturbing note was that our bank account dropped at one point last year to about \$4000. Now, if one subtracts last year's Actual Expenses from THIS year's budget, the difference is around \$5000! The closeness of those two figures explains why it was decided to table for later consideration the motion passed at the Annual Meeting which made it mandatory for the Exec. Comm. to OPTIONALLY consider putting some of our "excess" monies into a CD or some other interest bearing vehicle. Perhaps things will be clearer by the next time it is brought up.

The only other piece of business actually finalized was the decision to purchase a packet of UU bumper stickers from the UU Bookstore and urge the membership to purchase them for \$2 and use them to engage the public at large in a discussion of what UU philosophy is all about. This is a part of the Uncommon Denomination program initiated at the Annual Meeting and there will be

a lot more about this sort of thing as time progresses.

Discussed and assigned for further investigation were a handyman to take the load off of **Kerry**, whereas a cleaning person to take the load off of all of us was approved pending **Twyla's** successful search. (We aren't getting any younger...)

The six hymnals authorized at the last meeting are here and stowed in the bookshelf in the foyer alongside the others.

Executive Meeting dates have been standardized as being on the third Monday of the month. Hence, the next Executive Committee meeting will be held August 21 at **Liesl's**.

## Church of the Larger Fellowship

### More Online Courses at the CLF

Dear COL Friends,

Online courses, offered through the Church of the Larger Fellowship, can provide a mechanism for Church on Loan (COL) members to deepen their spirituality 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Please forward this email and the attachment about online courses to other members of your COL group.

Also -- remind your members that everyone in your group has full access to the password restricted area of the CLF web site:

Go to [www.clfuu.org](http://www.clfuu.org)

Click on For Small Groups

Click on Church on Loan

Click on Online Resources: Login

Username: XXXXXXXX

Password: XXXXXXXX

Let me know if you have problems opening the attachment, or if you have any questions. We love hearing from you.

Beth Murray

Church on Loan Coordinator

The Church of the Larger Fellowship's mission is to provide a ministry to isolated religious liberals, and to offer a spiritual home within the Unitarian Universalist movement. Learn more about CLF at [www.clfuu.org](http://www.clfuu.org).

Beth Murray works most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some weekends. If you have an email request or question that requires immediate assistance, and you think Beth is out of the office, you may want to contact Lorraine Dennis: [ldennis@uua.org](mailto:ldennis@uua.org).

## President's Pulpit

The size of our website has just taken a jump upward by a factor of about a third or so. The new area is accessed only by a brown "button" at the top right on the Main Page (or Home Page) labeled "Fellowship".

[Fellowship](#)

(Click blue text link to go directly to site.)

In similar fashion, the only way back to our "regular" pages is through the button labeled

"Main" at the top of the first of these new pages. Throughout the rest of these special pages, this first page may be re-accessed by clicking the "Hearth" button. The entire mood on these pages is much different than that on our "regular" pages.

Simply put, our website to date has described our physical facility and how to get there, as well as what we do as a formal group. These new pages are designed to show what we do (in most cases) outside of the formal envelope. They are intended to not show what we are, but who we are. In short, to demonstrate the fellowship of the Fellowship. The task of doing this is not finished.

In fact, one entire category is essentially empty, "Work Parties". If anyone has any pictures of this kind of activity—or any other of the listed categories—then, please send me a copy. To date, I have relied upon **Louise's** vast collection to document the various categories—but she surely is not the only member to ever have snapped a picture of a special event. You can help by digging through your old snapshots and either scanning them yourself or giving them to me to scan. Ask not what your Fellowship can do for you, but what you can do for your Fellowship! (With suitable apologies to JFK.)

And now for something completely different... I have purchased, and will donate, an additional telephone—which I will install in the office. Once completed, I will move the answering machine back to the office as well. This will allow one to process the calls in the relative quiet of the office, away from the distraction of the discussion normally taking place in its current location. I mention this for one reason—eventually one will need to check the line to see if the other extension is in use before dialing. Sorry, but that's progress...