

Through education, advocacy and activism, UU Church friends and members promote and support equality, justice, and compassion.

Our annual Goodwill collection leads to clothing vouchers for low-income families.



As a Welcoming Congregation we speak out for the rights and dignity of GLBT people.

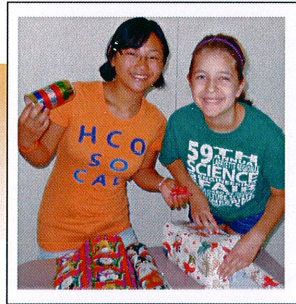
Church celebrates all unions

Unitarian Universalists hang banner to demonstrate open attitude

By Sophia Voronov

When Charles Coker and his partner and member of Lafayette in Eugene, Coker told they would form a home at Unitarian Universalist Church. There, the couple—who married last year in Oklahoma—was welcomed with open arms by parishioners, he said. And on Wednesday Coker was among 10 who helped the church celebrate the eighth anniversary of becoming a “welcoming congregation” for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. “I’m pleased to stand in solidarity and public recognition of the church’s

Many youth participate in social justice activities, including gift wrapping at the LUM Jubilee Christmas.



Film showings on controversial topics provide opportunities for learning and discussion.

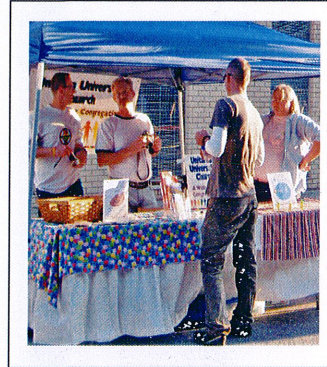
GASLAND
A film by Josh Fox
Sunday April 10, 2011
6:30 PM
Unitarian Universalist Church

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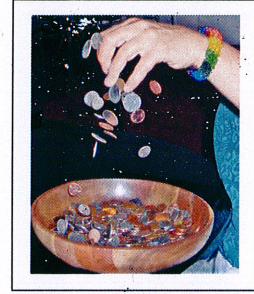
Check out the wide variety of social justice activities at the UU Church:

- *Change for Change*—coins in the Sunday offering are given to local agencies.
- Support of Family Promise program for homeless families.
- Support of Lafayette Urban Ministry.
- Annual Goodwill clothing drive, earning vouchers which are given to local agencies.
- Support of, and collaboration with organizations such as Pride Lafayette, American Civil Liberties Union, Lafayette Peace Coalition, and Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.
- Community forums, workshops, and film screenings.
- Petition drives and letters to the newspaper.
- Activities on UUA Study/Action Initiatives such as peacemaking, immigration reform, and ethical eating.
- Booth at the annual Lafayette OUTfest.
- *Caring Cans* and other special collections for the St. John’s/LUM food pantry, YWCA Women’s Shelter, and Cary Home.
- Host church for LUM Jubilee Christmas.
- Making our church building available to local groups such as ACLU, Lafayette Area Peace Coalition, and Alzheimer’s groups.
- Annual *Guest at Your Table* collection for the UU Service Committee.

Many volunteers make these activities possible. Won't you say YES to social justice?



The UU booth at the annual OUTfest is great outreach to the community and a chance to share our convictions.



The whole congregation participates in *Change for Change* at the weekly Sunday service.

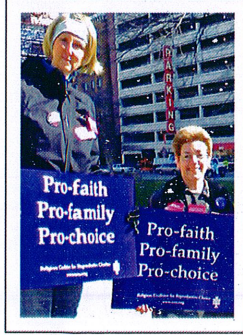
Quilting to comfort

Church group creates blankets for crystal meths youngest victims

By Beth Smith

Members of the church have been busy with their hands and hearts, creating a quilt for the youngest victims of crystal meth. The quilt is made of soft, warm fabric and is intended to provide comfort to the children who have been affected by the drug. The church group has been working on the quilt for several weeks and is proud to be able to provide this gift to the children. The quilt is made of soft, warm fabric and is intended to provide comfort to the children who have been affected by the drug. The church group has been working on the quilt for several weeks and is proud to be able to provide this gift to the children.

Making quilts for “meth babies” was part of our child abuse prevention initiative.



Groups from our congregation participate in rallies and other advocacy events in the local community and at the state’s capital.

Question:
Why should you say *YES* to social justice?

Answer:
Engaging in social justice is...

meaningful

Whether engaged in advocacy, educational activities, or providing direct person-to-person care, you will gain satisfaction from knowing you are making the world a better place.

spiritual

As an outward expression of UU principles and values, social justice helps to deepen your religious life.

social

By helping with social justice projects and activities you will form lasting friendships with others in the congregation.

flexible

From one-time, event-specific commitments to participating in the year-round work of the Social Justice Committee, there's a way for you to get involved that matches your time, schedule, and interests.

congregational growth-enhancing

By being active in the larger community, we spread the good news about Unitarian Universalism.

creative

There are so many needs to fill in the world and so many issues to tackle, new and creative approaches are welcome. What are *your* ideas?



It can be fun, too!

To learn more...

- Watch for news and announcements about social justice activities in the church newsletter, Sunday services, *Meridian Update*, and signs posted throughout the building.
- Attend an event or sign up to help with a project or event.
- Attend a meeting of the Social Justice Committee. You are always welcome!
- Contact a Social Justice Committee leader at 765-743-8812 or uuc@uulafayette.org.



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