



THE LINK

September 2011

NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

September Services

September 4

Shared Worship

This collaborative service will feature the worship associates sharing their experience of leading the summer services on the seven principles.

September 11

Water Communion

Rev. Don Garrett

Bring your waters and stories from your summer and share them in our annual ritual of togetherness.

September 18

Stroke of Insight

Rev. Don Garrett

We'll explore some the spiritual implications of some recent advances in neuroanatomy.

September 25

12 Steps To Compassion

Rev. Don Garrett

The value of compassion can be found at the center of all religious traditions. We'll explore the challenges and rewards of living a compassionate life.

DonSense – by Rev. Don Garrett

Welcome to September – Happy New Church Year to everyone! Our calendar's new year starts in January, but our church year follows the academic year, so when folks go back to school, they come back to church as well. Of course, many of you have been here all summer, enjoying and appreciating our summer program of services on the seven principles. Thanks to our worship associates, they did a great job.

And the first thing our new year starts with is our annual Water Communion Congregational Ingathering service on September 11. I hope you all can bring some water from your summer to share as we reunite and recommit together as a community of faith.

Later that afternoon, I will represent the UUCLV at an interfaith service commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the Allentown Jewish Community Center. Under the leadership of the Lehigh Valley Council of Churches, Christians, Muslims, Jews and Unitarian Universalists will reflect on their shared values of love, compassion, and forgiveness.

The following week will be the Service of Installation of your (nearly) new settled minister: me! It will be at 4 pm in the afternoon, and include many visiting ministers and dignitaries, a special address from retired minister and former member, Rev. Alice Blair Wesley, as well as special music by the Beacon Choir. I hope you all will be able to attend this wonderful event as well as the special reception following the service.

New hope and progress are abloom in the air as the Board prepares to charter the Building Renovation Task Force to help proceed towards accomplishing many of the long-neglected needs of our facilities, including enhanced handicap access and a remodeled Community Room. Many thanks to all those dedicated to leading in this important endeavor.

And, did you notice? This month's LINK is printed on paper! What was old is new again. It turns out that, despite the savings involved, many churches and organizations have discovered that electronic newsletters just don't get the job done as well as paper. People tend to look at them online once, if that, often not scrolling all the way through. They've also found that paper newsletters remain in people's homes as reminders of their connection with the church. People also are more likely to return to them for further information or to check calendars and events. Thanks again to all who helped move this project forward, including the folders, tapers & mailers!

There's something new from me, too. I'm offering a **Building Your Own Theology** class on six Thursday evenings, October 6-November 10 from 7-9 p.m. Class size is limited to 8 participants who are willing to commit to attend all six sessions. There will be about 2 hours of homework for the first session and one hour for the rest. Email me to reserve a space.

See you in church!

MARK MY WORDS



September, 2011

"Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January." ~ Hal Borland

Not all that long ago, the summer of 2011 stretched out lazily before us – a seemingly endless expanse of shore trips, picnics, poolside lounging and lemonade, punctuated by the sounds of sandlot baseball, growly sputtering of lawnmowers, and ice clinking in a sweaty glass. All too soon, the slower-paced days of summer have slipped away, replaced by back-to-school ads, assorted Labor Day and Columbus Day hype, and worst of all, the realization that the next time we enjoy a sunset and cool breeze on our patio may be the last such time before we stack and cover the furniture in the shed. Ultimately, we will cower in our houses – as we do every winter – looking out on the drifted snow covering that same patio, trying vainly to recall it as a place of welcome and repose.

I hope that each of you enjoyed the summer as much as I did and that you're ready to throw yourselves into the Fall season of activities and events at the UUCLV. And do we ever have a choice! Families with school-aged children will want to know that our Youth Religious Education volunteers, with the support and guidance of Lifespan Education Coordinator Jansen Wendell, will kick off the start of classes on Sunday, September 18th, with the following lineup:

Pre-K-Kindergarten	UU Alphabet
1st-2nd	UU Superheroes - Bible People
3rd-4th	Jesus & His Kingdom of Equals
5th-6th	Neighboring Faiths
7th -8th	Coming of Age
9th-12th	Freedom and Responsibility

We'll also again be offering multi-generational services each month throughout the year to furnish families regular opportunities to experience learning together. Of course, there's plenty for adults to do to keep themselves busy as well. Our popular Breakfast Forum is held each Sunday at 9 am in our Community Room. In addition to some of the best bagels in the Lehigh Valley, forum features always-challenging presentations on everything from string theory to tanka poetry to the power of mythology in culture, and everyone is welcome.

Folks who really enjoy singing and are willing to share their gifts are encouraged to give our Beacon Choir a try. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join and you

don't need to read music, though it's a plus if you can; many learn by listening and pick up reading skills along the way. Beacon Choir meets Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary and sings in the service every other week. In addition, our committees can always use a hand. Whether you're interested in serving with Membership, Finance, Property, or perhaps furnishing clerical assistance to the Church Office staff, I hope you'll make a point of enriching your experience here this year by becoming a part of the action, if you've hung back from doing so in the past. Feel free to call the office or talk to any of the church leaders for more details.

Finally, one of the more important events to occur in the life of our congregation this program year will take place on Sunday, September 18th, at 4 pm, in our sanctuary. Joined by the district executive of the Joseph Priestley District, the Rev. Dr. Richard Speck, as well as a number of visiting clergy and other VIPs, we will at last celebrate the formal installation of our new minister, the Rev. Don Garrett. This will be a joyful affirmation of our mutual covenants together as congregation and minister and I hope each and every member and friend of the UUCLV will make every effort to attend and join in this special occasion. A reception and refreshments will follow in the Community Room.

Blessed be!

Mark Albright, *President UUCLV*

TIME & TALENT IN ACTION

Stewardship would like to recognize time and talent contributions as well as the financial support of the church. Financial support is what sustains our church family and our facilities; but without the day-to-day efforts on the part of our members and friends, we would not be able to carry out our mission.

With that in mind, we would like to begin a monthly column in The Link called "Time and Talent in Action" to pay tribute to those who have gone above and beyond routine service to help foster this mission of the UUCLV. Maybe it's extra work around the grounds, or helping with the Service Auction or Spaghetti Dinner, or a special project for a committee, but we believe those who take the time to make these events happen deserve recognition. We realize many people serve faithfully and judiciously on committees, but what we are looking for is the names of anyone who went above and beyond simply attending meetings. Please forward any nominees and their contribution to Chris Davis at Davisucr@gmail.com by the third Thursday of each month so they can be placed in The Link for the coming month.

NEED TO RESERVE A ROOM AT UUCLV?

We have the easy way to do it! Use the **Room Request Form** on the **UUCLV web site**. Provide the requested information and just submit the form. You will receive a response from the office (Mon, Wed or Fri only) with your confirmation. No phone calls, no printed forms, etc. needed! Don't forget - any and all use of the facility - meetings, RE events, outdoor events - requires a Room Request Form.

A TASTE OF CAKES

The Women and Religion Chapter of the Joseph Priestly District is holding their annual fall gathering September 30 - October 1, 2011. This year's theme is "A Taste of Cakes: A Celebration of the Feminine Divine." The gathering will be at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD, a comfortable retreat center near Frederick, MD. Great food, good beds, wonderful country site. For information, see the poster on the Wall Street Bulletin Board or visit <http://www.jpdw.org/>

WE'RE CALLING YOU

Like to chat? We thought so.

Want to help create a stronger sense of community at UUCLV from your home? We thought so.

Well, Community Callers, a new program starting soon at the UUCLV is just for you. An outgrowth of the Stewardship canvas, The Community Callers program focuses on forming and maintaining caring relationships throughout the year.

How? Each volunteer "Caller" is assigned four to six people to contact four times per year. These conversations would involve how things are going, how can our church better serve you, is there anything you need or would like to share, etc. When it does become pledge time in the spring, the relationship will already be established so the process won't be as traumatic. However, we are thinking beyond finances. We really want to foster a sense of caring community. We want our contacts with each other to go beyond always asking for something.

Interested? We thought so. Let us know by e-mailing us at cc@uucvpa.org, We look forward to hearing from you.

-- Frank Claps, Pat Herring, Ilse Zinnes

SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST FORUM

September 4

Ken Burns's America: The Statue of Liberty

Dan Hazleton, Presenter

Ken Burns presents a portrait of this great lady of the American imagination that became a towering symbol of America's open-door immigration policy. This 45 minute film examines the meaning of the statue and of liberty itself. - DVD

September 11

Darwin: Part II

Frank Stone, Presenter

Along with "The Origin," Darwin wrote seven other pioneering works on nature, including "The Descent of Man," which firmly placed humanity in the evolutionary picture. Before exploring those, however, we should look at the reception "The Origin" received, particularly the encounter between Thomas Henry Huxley and Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, where we will try to sort out the fact from the legend in that legendary meeting.

September 18

Neighborhood Networks

Rocky Bayer, Neighborhood Networks
Facilitator, Presenter

Neighborhood Networks is a U.S. Department of H.U.D. initiative requiring developers of multi-family, subsidized housing complexes to provide social and educational services to the residents. Programs include computer training, job readiness, and G.E.D. preparation. We will learn about the site in Bethlehem where offerings include a homework club, summer breakfast club, a food bank, and special events throughout the year.

September 25

US Presidential Election - 1968

Philip Reiss, Presenter

What do you remember of the presidential election of 1968? Reviewing the candidates and the issues that they addressed as well as the ones they chose to ignore.



FROM THE LIFESPAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

WHAT'S NEW FOR THE FALL IN LIFESPAN RE

In addition to our regular RE classes that are starting on September 18th, which you can find out about by visiting the RE Welcome table in the community room after services or by visiting the church web site, I want to let you know about a few exciting initiatives starting planned for this fall.

Family Choir for children, youth and adults

The purpose of the choir is to get people of all ages and abilities to sing and learn UU hymns and have fun doing it. For our initial performance, we will sing Wade in the Water for the Sunday service on October 30. Sometime in the spring we'll sing for another Sunday service and if there is interest, we may add more dates. Rehearsals for the Oct 30 performance will be on Sunday mornings, Oct 16 and 23 at 9:30am. Participants must come to at least one rehearsal and a parent should accompany their younger children. There is no age limit and you do not have to commit to the entire year. Choral experience or ability to read music are not required. We'll also sing a few other songs during rehearsals just to become familiar with the hymns. My primary resource book will be *Come Sing a Song with Me*, produced by the UU Musicians Network and available on the UUA bookstore (product code 1266). It has 25 of the most popular and accessible hymns from the *Singing the Living Tradition* and *Singing the Journey* hymnals, with simple arrangements. Music can convey our UU values in a distilled yet compelling way. I look forward to making our hymns more accessible and fun for you and your children.

Being a Unitarian Universalist Parent adult RE class

With only about 30 hours per year of UU classroom religious education for our children, the majority of their religious education occurs in the home, either explicitly or implicitly. For most children, parents are the primary source of spiritual and religious development. Parents are continually asking how they can better understand and interpret UU values during the week. They feel under pressure to help their children respond to such questions as: What is the Bible? What do UU's believe about God, or what about heaven and hell? Parents want to know how they can make their homes stronger centers for UU values. In five sessions, this course will

- Do an initial theological exploration with discussion by participants
- Examine ways we can encourage a greater sense of our religion in our family lives

- Provide an opportunity for parents to raise and discuss real-life childrearing questions and challenges and how these might be answered from a UU perspective.

Sessions will be on Sundays from noon to 1:30, October 16, 23 and 30 and November 13 and 20. Childcare will be available and lunch will be provided for the first session, with a \$5.00 fee to cover the food. If you are interested in or have questions about either of these programs, contact Jansen at lec@uuclvpa.org.

In faith,

Jansen Wendell, Lifespan Education Director



MEMBER & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEWS

It's official; I've taken the plunge and joined the Unitarian Universalist Association of Membership Professionals (UUAMP)!!! I quote from that association's website:

"The vision of the UUAMP is to fulfill the sacred ministry of membership, growing Unitarian Universalism by welcoming the stranger, providing newcomers with education and resources, and by encouraging membership as expressed in community involvement, spiritual deepening and stewardship."

Interesting to note the language of radical hospitality (...welcoming the stranger, sacred ministry, spiritual deepening...) The UUAMP is well grounded in the religious dimensions of belonging and the code of ethics reflects practices to allow for the flourishing of that belonging.

As a membership professional, I have ethical obligations to myself, to this church, to my colleagues on staff, and to the larger Unitarian Universalist community. Sympathy with UU principles is not just assumed by the UUAMP; indeed it is the first thing listed in the code of ethics. I will assume good intentions. I will maintain confidentiality in both my personal and professional selves. Mindful of the responsibilities of being on the staff of this church, I will take care to remain impartial and trustworthy in all dealings with congregants. I will maintain businesslike and collaborative relationships with other staff members and will focus on the total ministry of the church. I will look for continued professional educational opportunities and will share what I learn. I will be a good steward of the church's resources, and I will exercise leadership within my realm of professional responsibility.

Quite an undertaking! I look forward to this upcoming church year with all of you.

Tara Stephenson, Member and Volunteer Coordinator

CHANGING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?

Help us help you by telling us when your contact information changes. For instance, many people change e-mail servers and tell their friends, but forget to tell the church office and the maintainer of the uuclv e-news. If you could let us know by using the Change Request form on the web site, www.uuclvpa.org, we'd appreciate it!

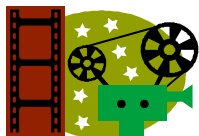
SEPTEMBER FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE MADNESS

7 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

UUCLV COMMUNITY ROOM

MOVIES: *OUT IN THE SILENCE* and *TREVOR*

Held in conjunction with the Lehigh Valley Humanists



Don't ask/don't tell may be a thing of the past in the military, but gays still face considerable prejudice in many parts of this country. It is especially difficult for

young people. Come see how one small American town dealt with having open gays in its midst; and one young teenager came to terms with who he was. Be prepared for a stimulating discussion afterward. Contact Frank Claps at benchpress1@verizon.net, Judy Claps at sejumatt@verizon.net, or either at 610-346-7629.

THE BOOK CLUB



Our next book discussion is Sunday, September 11th at 12:00 noon in the RE Library. The book for September's discussion is: **THE LACUNA** by **Barbara Kingsolver**; pub. 2009. The novel takes

place in Mexico and the southern U.S. and can be enjoyed for its passages on nature, archeology, and food, but also portrays some of the early 20th century's most radical political and artistic figures. For more information contact Don Barry tikster9@yahoo.com 610-865-3193 or Pat Herring pat@patherring.com 610-967-6776

NEW ADDRESS FOR LINK

Please note: the new email address to send your Link newsletter articles to is theLink@uuclvpa.org. Please update your address books. The Link submission deadline is still the 3rd Sunday of the previous month. Thanks, the Link Staff

FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday September 24 and 25 and the next weekend October 1 and 2 from 9AM to 3PM will be our fall native plant sale. We will have all native perennials. Please mark your calendar and tell your friends and neighbors.

Check out your garden and look what you need: spring bloomers? Fall bloomers? Fall is a great time to plant to get the moisture of fall and winter and to double your enjoyment for the coming year(s).

If you like to help with setup on Friday September 23 please let me know. Also, we need help selling plants on the 4 sales days between 9am and 3pm. Volunteers on September 23 and early morning September 24 get first choices of the sale.

Contact Ilse Stoll Zinnes Zinnes@verizon.net (610)868-2153.

eNEWS DEADLINE!

The UUCLV eNews is published weekly on Wednesdays. Please send all submissions by **noon Wednesday** to uuclvnews@uuclvpa.org

We cannot guarantee that your article will be included in the eNews if sent elsewhere, or if sent late. We are a group of volunteers serving you, our congregation, on our own time.

-- eNews Volunteers

ADULT RE UPDATES

UUCLV Christian Fellowship

Lost Christianities: DVD & Discussion

(Bill Bekkenhuis & Guest Co-Facilitator Cease Blocker)

Join us as we work our way through Dr. Bart D. Ehrman's Teaching Company course on the varieties of Christian belief later deemed unorthodox by the Christian church and its Roman Empire patron.

Sunday September 11, 2011

12 Noon. Rm 208 (Location subject to change)

Lesson 1. The Diversity of Early Christianity

Lesson 2. Christians Who Would Be Jews

Sunday September 25, 2011

12 Noon. Rm 208 (Location subject to change)

Lesson 3 Christians Who Refuse To Be Jews

Lesson 4. Early Gnostic Christianity—Our Sources

SECOND SUNDAY SERIES



SAVE THE DATES...

The UUCLV Second Sunday Concert Series committee is pleased to share with you the schedule for the exciting 2011-2012 season. We hope you will put the dates on your calendar right now and plan to join us.

We are grateful for the terrific support, financial and "in-kind," that members and friends showed for our inaugural season, and hope you will continue to provide support for the upcoming season. Please see any member of the committee - Ilse or Allan Zinnes, Bob Cohen, Cease or Ginnie Blocker, Jan or Sue Phillips, Barb Forry or Larry Lipkis to learn how you can help. Our most important need to kick off the season is financial help, to cover the cost of printing and mailing our brochure.

So - without further ado - we share the schedule with you and hope to see many of you on second Sunday afternoons as the season progresses! (Note: due to the Easter holiday, the April concert is on the 3rd Sunday)

October 9, 2011, 3:00 P.M.

MICHAEL TOTH AND FRIENDS

Audience favorite Michael Toth returns to the Second Sunday series with friends Deborah Davis, cello; John Schwartz, clarinet; and Stephan Xhori, violin, in a performance of Olivier Messiaen's gripping WWII masterpiece, "The Quartet for the End of Time."

November 13, 2011, 3:00 P.M.

JUSTIN SOLONYNKA

For nearly fifteen years, Justin Solonynka has performed his virtuosic fusion piano music throughout the greater Philadelphia area. He combines his delightfully captivating compositions with his gift for storytelling to create shows that are enjoyed by people of all ages.

February 12, 2012, 3:00 P.M.

EUGENE ABULESCO

Eugene Abulescu's remarkable talents garnered him the prestigious Grand Prix du Disque Liszt in 1994, awarded for the best Liszt recording of the year. Since then, Mr. Abulescu has maintained a successful career in the United States and abroad, and is currently on the faculty of Lehigh University. His program will include works by Chopin, Bach, Mozart and Haydn.

March 11, 2012 3:00 P.M.

MARTHA SCHREMPPEL

Martha Schrempel has been praised by the New York Times as "a pianist of taste and technical finesse... Every-

thing she played had a warm, intimate tone and a textual transparency. Debussy...was brilliantly handled as a diamond-hard study in sonority." She will present an all-Debussy program in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth.

April 15, 2012 3:00 P.M.

DAVID LEONHARDT JAZZ GROUP

Internationally acclaimed jazz pianist and composer David Leonhardt will perform a concert of improvised music based on songs you know and love and some new ones too! Always lyrical and creative, this veteran performer will embark on a musical journey.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

As part of the Sunday morning spiritual experience and a reminder of the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, the flowers on the altar are a key component. We would like you to consider donating flowers from your garden or yard, money to purchase flowers, or your time to arrange donated flowers. In return you will receive acknowledgement in the Order of Service, undying gratitude, and appreciation of the inherent worth and dignity of every person (namely, you!)

Please contact Margo Dixon at 610-419-0219 or margojsd@bellsouth.net to volunteer or ask questions. And our thanks for Ann Gasteringer for co-ordinating the flowers for the past year.

UUCLV CIRCLE DINNER REPORT

From our Mid-Summer Circle Dinner hosts Colleen & Mark Albright:

"We had plenty of nice variety of wonderful food, beverages and an evening of engaging conversation. The only thing is that our neighbor decided to use a chainsaw during the time to cut down their tree! Noise level was disturbing."

WANTED: CIRCLE DINNER HOST

Currently, we are looking for a Circle Dinner host for October or November. As a host, all that is required is to supply a warm and inviting setting, the entree and the beverage. And you chose the date and start time. The host will organize who brings what dish to complete the meal. Circle Dinner groups are typically a maximum of 8 people which includes the host.

If you are interested in being a host and/or attending our next dinner, please email your UUCLV Circle Dinner coordinator, Dora Davenport at circledinners@uuclvpa.org or call 973-256-5936.

2010-11 PLEDGE "HONOR ROLL"

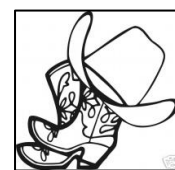
The Finance and Stewardship committees wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the members and friends listed below who have fulfilled their pledges for the church year that ended on June 30. Their timely payment of pledges helped us close out 2010-11 in very good financial shape.

We believe the list is up-to-date as of July 31. We sincerely apologize to anyone whose name we may have missed. If your name is not listed but you believe you have fulfilled your 2010-11 pledge, please contact Allen Zinnes at zinnes@verizon.net or 610 868-2153.

Jose Abud * Susan Adleman
Moon Eagle Arndt and Craig Dahlin * Cathy Barrett
Don Barry * Brenda Barton * Sharon Beckhard
Ellen Bell and Phil Reiss * Barbara Benner
Jane and Michael Benning * Bill and Karen Berry
Fred Bomberger * Nancy Bouchard * John Brennan
Chris Briggs * Julie and Rich Brooks *
Bryant and Maggie Brown * Linda Brown * Nancy Brudelite
Bernie and Lorraine Bujnowski * Nancy and Bob Butow
Robin Capoor * Sonia and Korey Castillo
Judy and Frank Claps * Dorothy Cockrell and Bill Licht
Amy and Bob Cohen
Cecelia Collura Eberhard and John Eberhard
Dora Davenport * Don and Jean Davis
Christine and Henry Davis * Phil and Cookie DePietro
Barbara Diamant * Ed and Inez Donley * Tom Egan
Bob and Margie Ensminger * Myra Fenza
Kerri and Seth Finkle * Jan Forse
Ted Foster * Lisa Gerstenblith * Lilly Gioia
Bud and Lois Glaser * Corinne Gunkle * Linda Hanna
John and Hope Wesley Harrison * Carol Haskell
Doug and Ellen Heath * Pat Herring * Peggy Hobbs
Erica Hoelscher * Deb and Gene Hunter * Gloria Hutchison
Chris and Shana Johannessen * Phyllis and Bob Johnson
Kerry and Maura Jones * Drew and Mary Stock Keister
Fran and John Kennedy * Joka Klaassen
Gail and Bob Kriebel * Gwin Krouse * Jan and John Landis
Pat Laxar * Nancy Light * John and Amanda Loper
David Lyons and Pam Shields * Ruth Maletz
Jeff and Monica Miller Marsh * Rory Maruschak
Claire McCrea and Peter Moore * Howard McGinn
Tim and Rachel Moeller * Maurizio and Tess Mondello
Craig Moore * Serena Moser * Mike Parry * Ann Peaslee
Peter Pellegrino * Philip Petrino * Jan and Sue Phillips
Dan Poresky * Richard Redd * Dave Roper
Lynn Rosenquest * Laura Rothkopf * Julianne Schieffer
Chuck and Christine Smith * Natalie and Dan Sobrinski
Jordan and Melissa Sonnenblick * Maggie Spilner-Brotzman

Kathy Stagl * Barbara Stearn and Phyllis Scarff
Lynne and Robert Stein * Tara Stephenson
Frank and Joan Stone * Vince Stravino * David Style
Lesley Swanson * Ann Stuart Thacker * Molly Trimble
Marie and Win Tweed * Gail Uhl and Vickie Lindquist
Janet Warren * Sue Weber * Joe and Alice Blair Wesley
Diane Williams * Bob Williamson
John Williamson and Sue Spaziani * Jerri Wood
Judy Wright * Natalie Yepsen * Allen and Ilse Stoll Zinnes

2011 WESTERN HOEDOWN & SERVICE AUCTION November 19, 2011



Howdy Partners,

Step out and join us for this Rootin-ootin time of your life down on the range! The Saloon opens at 4:30pm with sarsaparilla, buckin' root beer, and other beverages. Sample the corndogs, chips and western munchies. **New this year will be CAMPFIRE STEW cook-off with prizes for the best cook! The western dinner will include baked beans, hot dogs and more followed by sign-up portion of the auction. A foot stomping, hand clapping western show will take stage before our lively action-pack live auction. Childcare with special Western activities will be available. How can you miss for a \$5.00 admission which entitles you to a chance to participate in **Best Western Plaid Shirt contest for prizes!** Yee Haw – **don't forget your checkbook and calendar!****

How can you help at this Western show? Can you help by preparing western munchies or campfire stew? Can you help with the setup, cleanup, or kitchen duties? Ask Dora Davenport or Ilse Zinnes (cowgirls of the hoedown and auction) at where help is needed (auktion@uuclvpa.org). Now is the time to assess your talents and gifts. Plus, volunteers will get the first chance to participate in the sign-up portion of the auction.

What could YOU offer at the auction? If you are planning a specific event, please set a date so people can plan. If the event is for a specific number of people, please tell us, also. All kinds of offerings are appreciated; such as, pet sitting, helping someone for the day, a theme gift basket, baby sitting, chauffeuring, and more. See UUCLV church website to fill out a service offer form and to view the service auction catalog.

Stay tuned for details on special auction items dedicated to the Coming of Age Class. Spread the word about this event. Bring friends, relatives and neighbors. It's Western Hoedown & Service Auction Time!

- Dora Davenport