

2008 was a busy year at CVUU. I'm certain that I haven't remembered everything,

We said goodbye to several people, some temporarily, and some permanently. We said goodbye to Karen McFarland and Zakir Henson as they moved on other churches. We said goodbye to the Janecke-Evans family and the Jackson-Smith family. They will be back, but we dearly miss them this church year. Robin Pendery is also missing from our lives this school year. And we miss her.

We also miss our Isabel Katana deeply. It is because of her that we created the Isabel Katana Center for Social and Environmental Justice.

We have done some amazing things here in our church home. We finally convinced the City of Logan to allow us to declare our home open for assembly. This makes it possible for us to offer our wonderful space for those who would like to rent it. We planted our Peace Pole in our back yard. And, we opened the Jeri Miller Memorial Book Room. To continue our upgrades to our home, we received a Chalice Lighter grant from the Mountain Dessert District.

And, we are beginning to speak to one another about what is in our hearts. We have completed another Evensong adult religious education course. We have begun a series of This I Believe services, and Leslie has offered two workshops on being a Unitarian Universalist (RUaUU).

I know that I've missed the consistent contributions of the many. And, I'm sure I've missed some big milestones, and for that I apologize.

So, what will we do next year? I already know about some of our plans. We will continue our adult religious education offerings with Building Your Own Theology to begin in January. If you are interested, please talk with either Jay or me. We will continue the This I Believe series of services.

Earlier this past month we prioritized our Social and Environmental Justice efforts.

We will have a membership Sunday, also in January. If you are interested in becoming a member of Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists, let Leslie know.

And, joy of all joys to anticipate, is the return of our traveling members and families!

Join in and help us create a wonderful 2009. But, for the next few days, enjoy the winding down of 2008.