

**BISMARCK - MANDAN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP & CHURCH**

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Sunday Services & Children's Programs: 10:30 AM  
Fellowship & Refreshments: Following Service

# The Beacon

*The BisMan UU Monthly Newsletter—Sharing Unitarian  
Universalist Values in the Capital City Area*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Sunday, January 6**

SOS: SAVING OUR SACRED SPACES

Valerie Naylor

Facilitated by Colleen Reinke

Sacred spaces are important to everyone. Yet a place sacred to one person may not be to another. How do we determine what is sacred and how do we save those places? North Dakota is at a critical juncture.

Valerie Naylor has been a Unitarian Universalist since before she knew the denomination existed. She lives and works in the beautiful North Dakota badlands.

*\*Guest at Your Table Boxes will be collected today.*

*\*\*Today is the last day for the UU Kids, "Food for Fido". Please bring any pet food donations you might have with you to church. All donations will go to the Dakota Animal Shelter. Thank you!*

**Sunday, January 27**

THIS I BELIEVE (AND THIS I DO)

Jean King & Paul Breiner

Facilitated by Molly Brooks

Jean and Paul will share their journeys to find and articulate what they believe.

Paul grew up in a typical religious family, but the religion never provided him "fulfillment." Over many years, his journey, a journey that continues today, has led him to a broader, more holistic view of the universe.

Jean King is a past president, treasurer and board member of the Bismarck UU Fellowship and currently serves as choir director. She almost singlehandedly served for 30 years as the sole balance to outmigration from the state of ND to CA, and has recently retired from that lonely vigil as the Bakken has boomed. She also has two grown children, a degree in math, and an eclectic reading list.

**Sunday, January 13**

GENES & JUSTICE, PART II: FROM A SPECIAL NEEDS

PARENT PERSPECTIVE

Beth Nodland

Facilitated by Steve Crane

Genes and Justice, Part II: from a special needs parent perspective Beth shares updated thoughts on spiritual and social justice challenges that face parents of children with special needs, as well as the citizens of the village that it takes to raise them.

Beth Nodland is a member of the fellowship and a third-term Trustee. She and husband John Morrison have a 4 ½ year old bundle of energy who happens to sport one extra chromosome.

**Sunday, January 20,**

SITTING DOWN FOR WHAT YOU STAND FOR

Molly Brooks

Facilitated by Don Morrison

To honor Martin Luther King, Jr., we'll celebrate social justice in a discussion-style service. We will focus on unpacking and applying Minister Marilyn Sewell's "Living Like a Warrior" sermon, which features powerful MLK quotes. We'll also review methods for putting into action our UU belief in Justice, Equity, and Compassion in Human Relations.

*\*Ingathering of our 2012 Members.*

### Church Calendar

An asterisk (\*) indicates related article

Tues Jan 1		UU Office Closed—Happy New Year!
Sun Jan 6	10:30 AM	* Guest at Your Table Boxes Collected
Sun Jan 6	10:30 AM	* Last Day of Pet Food Drive
Sun Jan 6	11:45 AM	Social Justice Meeting
Sun Jan 6	11:45 AM	Program Committee Meeting
Thurs Jan 10	7:00 PM	Meditation with Elicia Faul
Fri Jan 11	12:00 N	Women's Lunch at Minerva's
Sun Jan 13	9:00 AM	Program Committee Meeting
Mon Jan 14	7:00 PM	* Adult RE Conversation
Tues Jan 15	7:15 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sun Jan 20	10:30 AM	Ingathering of New Members
Thurs Jan 24	7:00 PM	Meditation with Elicia Faul
Fri Jan 25	6:00 PM	* Circle Supper in Host Home
Sat Jan 26	6:00 PM	* Circle Supper in Host Home
Mon Jan 28	7:00 PM	* Adult RE Conversation

**Adult RE Corner**

Calling All Adults for Conversation

Are you a new comer?  
Are you a lifelong UU?

All are welcome to come and share conversation together based on the 88 page The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide.

Time: Mondays 7:00 - 8:15 pm  
Dates: Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25.  
Place: UU Library  
Facilitators: Janis Cheney & Carol Jean Larsen  
Books Available: \$7:00

***A Social Opportunity...***

***...for UU Members, Friends and Seekers***

**January Circle Suppers**

Let's get to know one another better by sharing a Potluck Meal together in a host's home with 6-8 people. The host provides the main dish and then suggests a food item for each guest to bring.

These 2 hour events are for adult members, friends and seekers.

- **Please RSVP soon for every date that you are available to be a guest or provide a host home.**
- **Note if you are Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, or Allergic to Pets.**
- **Provide names of each adult**

**RSVP to UU office: 223-6788 or [office@bismanuu.org](mailto:office@bismanuu.org)**

	<u>As a guest</u>	<u>As a host home</u>
Jan. 25, Fri. supper at 6 PM	Yes	Yes
Jan. 26, Sat. supper at 6 PM	Yes	Yes



**Move'n On Into Our 61st Year**  
Carol Jean Larsen  
Board President

December 9 was our jam packed 60th anniversary celebration. All three events were well attended with great opportunities for conversation. Thank you to all who showed up and participated. We are planning a "post" 60th summer event in early July when it is more conducive for out-of-state guests to attend.

However, If you missed the Dec. 9 Sunday service, I encourage you to read about it [HERE](#). If you missed the catered delicacies, be assured they were tasty. If you missed the annual meeting, your bright red Annual Report (AR) awaits you in the church office. Please pick it up and then read it. Ok?

The Annual Report contains our 2013 congregational road map as represented in the Budget (AR pg 8-9),

the new People, Place & Program structure ((AR yellow insert), the Sacred Space Report (AR pg.10) , and the Covenant of Right Relations Report pg. 11.

Please stay informed via a full reading of this monthly newsletter, Sunday bulletin announcements, and reminder emails. In this newsletter check out the Circle Supper opportunities for small group conversations on January 25-26, as well as the upcoming Lifelong Learning opportunity for adults on Monday evenings using The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide. This is for all seekers, new members, lifelong UU's.

And if you have forgotten to return your 2013 pledge card, it is never too late! New treasurer, Lisa Omlid, is open for business. You can email pledge information to: [office@bismanuu.org](mailto:office@bismanuu.org)

## UU Sunday Treat Teams

Following Fargo UU's successful technique, we are now assigning members and friends to an 11:30 AM spot. If any of the following January teams cannot work their assigned Sunday, please contact coordinator **Janet Lucas** at least one week prior to your date. Her cell: 701-516-4181 and email: janetlucas317@gmail.com

### January Dates & Teams

6	Greg & Margie Enerson
13	Tammy & Tim Hathaway
20	Kat & Brian Wacker
27	Heidi & Tyler Demars

### Team Duties (Posted in kitchen)

Provide simple treats for about 48  
 Arrive at church at 10:00 AM  
 Empty dish washer, check the tea items.  
 At about 12 noon, clean up.  
 Thank you to those folks who provided treats so far this year!

## UU Kids Religious Education Corner

Check Out the Exciting Opportunities to Support Our UU kids!



The UU Kids Hot Cocoa and Cookie Fundraiser raised

**\$217.96**

Thank you to all who participated by donating time, cookies or dollars to this endeavor!

### Pet Food for Fido!



The last day of the Pet Food Drive will be Sun. Jan. 6.

Please bring pet food to the church for donating to the

*Central Dakota Animal Shelter.*

Thank you for all the pet food donated so far!

## UU Website

Molly Brooks has been working very hard to get our brand new website ready to launch! Stay tuned for this exciting announcement!

## UU Men's BBQ Society

The Men's BBQ Society will meet this month and be announced at a later time. This group is open to anyone (well, of the male persuasion) interested in good eating and good conversation. If you have any questions, contact Tim Hathaway: hathaway.timothy.1@gmail.com.



## Guest At Your Table 2012-13

By celebrating Guest at Your Table, we are helping nurture a spirit of gratitude and "justice, equity, and compassion in human relations." Guest at Your Table fosters understanding and awareness of the UU Service Committee human-rights work. For more information on the UU Service Committee, click [HERE](#).

**Guest at Your Table Boxes and donations will be collected at Sunday service on January 6.** If your final gift totals \$100 or more, it will be eligible to be matched dollar for dollar through a grant from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y.

## Candles for the Journey

We light a candle for Monica Wilkinson as she was hospitalized at St. Alexius on January 1.

Keep Tom Disselhorst and his spouse, Arlene Andre in your prayers as she continues chemotherapy.



In Newtown, CT,  
two women were killed  
as they ran toward the  
gunman, saving untold  
numbers of children.  
Here is my promise and  
prayer to the world:

I will run toward the person  
who is willing to hurt you.  
But more than that, I will  
run toward a world that  
recognizes peace as the  
answer to keeping our  
loved ones safe.

– Ronya Hoblit

[www.pcand.org](http://www.pcand.org)

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**Check out our Website!**

[www.bismanuu.org](http://www.bismanuu.org)



## REGULAR UU OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00—2:00 PM

### ***Vision Statement***

*We will be a vibrant, caring, spiritual community for all who seek an inspirational and religious home.*

### ***Mission Statement***

*We are a fellowship of free minds, welcoming all, a beacon of enlightenment and sanctuary, and offering a call to build a better self, community and world.*

### ***Religious Education Mission Statement***

*The Bismarck-Mandan Unitarian Universalist Fellowship seeks to provide a path for spiritual inquiry for people of all ages.*

### ***Welcoming Congregation***

*We are a Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation that seeks to be a spiritual home for people of free faith regardless of race, color, gender, affectional or sexual orientation, age, national origin, socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability.*

## Very Useful Links

[Unitarian Universalist Association](http://www.uua.org)

[www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

[Prairie Star District](http://www.psdoua.org)

[www.psdoua.org](http://www.psdoua.org)

[Church of the Larger Fellowship](http://www.clf.uua.org)

[www.clf.uua.org](http://www.clf.uua.org)

[Quest for Meaning](http://www.questformeaning.org)

(Church of the Larger Fellowship Young Adult Forum—VERY cool!)

[www.questformeaning.org](http://www.questformeaning.org)