

**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*

**Sunday, January 4**  
**ETHICS AND EBOLA**  
Coleen Reinke

Ebola is devastating parts of west Africa, but the concerns and implications reach around the world. How do we stop the disease humanely and what role does our public health system have in this fight? Colleen is a member of the church and is the Communications Director for the North Dakota Department of Health.

**Sunday, January 11**  
**JUSTICE**  
Nicole Montclair-Donaghy

So often in our society people are held accountable by what is deemed as justice. Justice is more than getting what is deserved; justice is finding peace in equality for all. Nicole Montclair-Donaghy is an oil and gas field organizer for Dakota Resource Council in Bismarck. The youngest of 12, Nicole grew up in Fort Yates on Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. She and her family live in Bismarck.

**Sunday, January 18**  
**BREATHING**  
Rochelle Williams

And justice for all. How many times have we heard or recited that line in our national pledge? Rochelle Williams will discuss how we take justice for granted and will ask us to consider where injustice comes from and how it is spread. Rochelle is a native Californian and has lived in Bismarck since 2006.

**Sunday, January 25**  
**JUSTICE**  
Dr. Sara Jumping Eagle

Our January theme on justice concludes with Dr. Sara Jumping Eagle, a pediatrician who works in Fort Yates.

## Happy New Year!



**Church Calendar**  
An asterisk (\*) indicates related article

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

- Sunday Service & children's service, 10:30 am
  - Board Meeting at 11:45 am

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

- Sunday Service & children's service, 10:30 am
- \*Seeker's Conversation, 11:45 am in UU Library

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**

Men's Get-Together, 5:30 pm at Luft downtown Bismarck

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**

Women's Lunch at Minerva's at 12 noon

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

- Sunday Service & children's service, 10:30 am
  - \*PPP Gathering at 11:45 am

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

Sunday Service & children's service, 10:30 am

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

\*Ruth Meiers Volunteers, 12:00 noon



Clara Hammond-Oakley with her grandmother, Helen Hammond, at the BisMan UU on December 28, 2014.

Photo (selfie): Clara Hammond-Oakley

Dear UU Congregation,

Thanks to you all for making my Christmas week trip to Bismarck an absolute delight. The December 28th Sunday service was moving and just as appropriate for Helen as it was for me, which is truly universal. I am so grateful for all the support this congregation provides my grandma.

Without the help of UUs, my solo visits from California might be possible but would be incredibly lonely. I am especially thankful to Pat and Dean Conrad for their car and Betty Mills and Carol Jean Larsen for cozy home stays.

I'll be visiting again, maybe when it's a bit warmer.

Much love to you all,

Clara Hammond-Oakley

## Ruth Meiers Volunteer Opportunity

We have an opportunity to serve the noon meal at the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House again on Thursday, January 29th. This is one way we can put our faith into action by providing a concrete service to those who are less fortunate than we are.

Pat Conrad needs 3 volunteers to help her. If you can fit this into your schedule, please contact Pat at [patriciaryanconrad@msn.com](mailto:patriciaryanconrad@msn.com) or 258-6388. Thanks!

## Volunteer Opportunities

January 18, 2015

11:45 am Light Lunch & Meetings

Join a People, Place, Program working group that meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the Service. All are welcome!

Take this opportunity to get to know other folks while participating in the operations of the church.

**PEOPLE AREA:** Sunday treats and Greeting; Pastoral Care; Social Events; Membership

**PLACE AREA:** Focuses on building and grounds upkeep

**PROGRAM AREA:** Plans Sunday services and special services; Coordinates religious education



## Seeker's Conversation

January 11, 2015 at 11:45 am  
UU Library

Calling all first time visitors, frequent visitors, anyone curious about this Unitarian Universalist faith community!

After Sunday service, grab a cup coffee and join Janis Cheney and Carol Jean Larsen in the UU Library for 30 minutes of informal conversation and your questions.

## THANK YOU

After 3 months teaching Sunday School, Allison Spector is taking a break. We appreciate her creative energy in developing inter-generational activities such as the Lantern Walk and Potluck.

## Annual Business Meeting Nubs

In case you missed the Annual Business Meeting at the end of November, here are a few salient items that were discussed.

- ◆ Majority voted to have carpet replaced in sanctuary and entry area
- ◆ Board of Trustees and congregation to have scheduled Congregational Meetings to discuss annual budget and operating expenses (dates to be announced)
- ◆ Vision Fund established from large donation; part-time ministry to be explored
- ◆ New Board of Trustee members: Ronya Hoblit, Stephen Crane, and Molly Brooks (from Trustee to Co-President)
- ◆ Many thanks to 2014 trustees for their service: Colleen Reinke and Tim Hathaway
- ◆ Don Morrison to join Nominating Committee

2014 Annual Reports can be found on the foyer counter. Minutes from the meeting are on the bulletin board outside the office.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2014 Annual Meeting! Input is needed and valued.



Steve Crane reads to the children during Sunday service, December 28, 2014.

Photo: Andrea Grigsby



## Candles for the Journey

Our thoughts are with LaVonne Scott who suffered a stroke right before Christmas. LaVonne and her husband, Chris, joined our congregation in 2001. LaVonne has now transitioned to Good Samaritan, 301 Lorrain Drive, Bismarck for rehabilitation. We will continue to monitor her progress as she recovers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard John Galligo who is having heart and recurring cancer issues. Richard is UU member Ronya Hoblit's brother.

## 2015 Board of Trustees and Staff

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**Check out our Website!**

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

### **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.*



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Office hours will vary.

It is ALWAYS a good idea to call first before stopping by: 701.223.6788

## Very Useful Links

### [Unitarian Universalist Association](#)

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

### [Mid America Region](#)

<http://midamericauua.org/>

### [Quest for Meaning](#)

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

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