



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

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

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# The Beacon

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

## Summer Discussion Services Move Back to Sunday Mornings

Change is good for the soul. We thought you'd agree!

Our Summer Discussion Services will move back to Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning on July 13. It turns out that Wednesday evenings are not working as well for most folks, so it's back to Sundays we go! There will be no additional Wednesday evening services this summer, and there will be NO service on Sunday, July 6, during the holiday weekend.

The format remains the same. There will be music, community, fellowship and we'll keep the service relaxed and engaging. We will share a brief themed reading based on UU Principles, followed by a time for discussion and reflection. The theme for July is Art and in August we will dig into authors such as Thoreau, Emerson, Fulghum and Church.

There are no children's religious education programs during the summer, however children are invited to join the service and discussion.

All are welcome!

### Schedule Recap:

- No additional services on Wednesday evenings this summer
- No Sunday service on July 6 during the holiday weekend
- Summer discussion services return to Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on July 13 and run thru August 24
- July Potluck Picnic will follow Sunday service from 12:00 n - 2:00 p.m. on July 13 at the Hathaway's Homestead; carpools available from the church
- August Potluck Picnic will follow Sunday service from 12:00 n - 2:00 p.m. on August 20 at Wachter Park
- Hiking Church will continue in July and August - stay tuned for details
- No service on August 31; there will be a coffee hour and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. for those who wish to attend
- Regular Sunday services begin again on Sept. 7, 2014

### Potluck Picnic

Sunday, July 13, 2014  
12-2 pm, following Sunday Service  
At the Hathaway Homestead  
2800 Susan Dr., Bismarck

Carpooling from the church available following service.

\* Please bring a food item to share, lawn chairs and sunscreen.

Directions:

- 1) East on Bismarck's Main Ave/Hwy 10 (toward Menoken);
- 2) RIGHT onto 66th St. SE;
- 3) At first stop sign continue straight and over railroad tracks to 2nd stop sign;
- 4) LEFT onto Lincoln Rd.
- 5) LEFT onto Susan Drive to #2800 -Last house on the LEFT.

Hathaway cells: 426-9307 or 426-9306

## Watch the Fireworks on the UU front lawn!



It's the best seat in town! Bring your lawn chair or blanket, bug spray, whatever snacks and beverages you would like (not required!) and enjoy the fireworks display in Fellowship on Friday, July 4! All are welcome! Find out details of events happening that evening on the Capitol grounds by clicking [HERE](#).

### Church Calendar

An asterisk (\*) indicates related article

#### Sunday, July 6

- NO Sunday Summer Discussion Services in honor of Independence Day Weekend

#### Wednesday, July 9

- Program Area Lunch at Fiesta Villa, Noon

#### Sunday, July 13

- Summer Discussion services moves back to Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- Potluck Picnic at the Hathaway's, 12-2 p.m.

#### Tuesday, July 15

- Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.

#### Thursday, July 17

- PPP Gathering beginning at 5:30 p.m. for People and Place; Supper/Fellowship 6:15-6:45 p.m.; Program 6:45 p.m.

#### Friday, July 18

- Women's Lunch at Minerva's, noon

#### Sunday, July 20

- Summer Discussion Service, 10:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, July 27

- Hiking Church – carpool leaves the church at 8 a.m.
- Summer Discussion Service, 10:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday, July 30

- All Area Budgets Due!

#### Thursday, July 31

- Volunteer Opportunity at Ruth Meier's Hospitality House 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \*

# Program Area Lunch Meeting

Wednesday, July 9 at noon at Fiesta Villa

The Program Area needs volunteers!

All those interested in planning Sunday services, please plan to attend this meeting!

Some of the work of programming is task and detailed oriented: crafting the order of service, performing music, facilitating, presenting, and technical assistance. If you want to learn a new skill, such as running the sound system or making podcasts, then the Program Area is a great place to join.

Not all the work of the Program Area is detail and task oriented. We also set the direction of the ministry of the church. What topics will be discussed and presented in Sunday services, what part of the wider world we bring into our church every Sunday, what values are promoted from the pulpit; these are also part of the mission and work of the Program Area.

Program Area needs volunteers of all types. Those who are detail and task oriented. Those who wish to shape the vision of our ministry. It is working with people. It is working with things. It is working with ideas. And we sincerely hope, that it is the chance for us to work with you.

~Tammy Hathaway and Don Morrison

If you have any questions about the PROGRAM AREA or wish to volunteer, please contact Tammy Hathaway: office@bismanuu.org or Don Morrison: donrm2010@gmail.com.

## Financial Task Force

The Financial Task Force appointed a small group to formulate a plan for a stewardship drive. Jim Lennington, Jean King, Angela Harmon, and Colleen Reinke reviewed several chapters in a UUA financial guide book and came up with a time table for the year, and a strategy to address stewardship with the congregation. The Board has voted to approve the tentative structure of the stewardship drive, while awaiting consideration by the full FTF, which will meet on July 7 at the church.

The biggest change is that the BUDGET process will be moved up considerably. The groups that normally do their budgets in the fall are asked to get them to the Board by the end of July. This will allow the FTF and the Board to focus on meeting the needs of the congregation in the upcoming year as the stewardship drive takes place. If the stewardship drive does not raise enough funds to cover the proposed budget, the congregation can make the decisions on what should be trimmed from the budget at the annual meeting in December.

This is a departure from the way the pledge drives have been conducted in the past, but we feel it will help move us forward in our mission in a more efficient and meaningful way.



Dustin White photo

This summer has been filled with surprises. With dramatic shifts in the weather, we have been able to experience a variety of days thus far. During those brief moments of beautiful weather, not only humans, but a host of animals also enjoyed the time outdoors.



### **Candles for the Journey**

Please keep Jim and Barb Lennington in your thoughts. Barb was recently diagnosed with colon cancer and has had surgery. Further treatment will depend on lab results. We join them in hoping for good news

We celebrate Janis Cheney's completion of her rounds of radiation treatments in late July.

### **Serving at Ruth Meiers**

We will be serving the noon meal at the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House on Thursday, July 31st. The volunteer gig runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pat Conrad needs three individuals to help her. Ruth Meiers is currently only serving the noon meal to folks who live in their facility, but that runs between 30 and 50 people. Please contact Pat if you can provide assistance.

### **Capital Pride**

Our congregation will be helping to sponsor the Capital Pride event hosted by Dakota Outright. As part of our sponsorship, we will also be hosting an inter-faith service for the event, showing our support for the GLBT community.

August 1 is the kickoff day for the Capital Pride event. Throughout the month, we will be sending out updates, so that anyone interested in participating has the chance.

### **Summer Hiking Services**

This event was cancelled because of rain and high winds. The next hike will be at the end of July – either the last Sunday or the last Saturday. Stay tuned for more information!



Dustin White photo

Summer, thus far, has brought forth a wide array of beautiful sights. As we continue through July, make sure to keep an eye out.

### **Adult RE Programming**

#### **Skeptics Meeting**

The Skeptic group will resume meetings in August. We have a number of exciting topics in which we will be exploring.

#### **Movie Night**

Our first movie night began with a few bumps. However, we

are not letting that keep us down. Throughout July, we will be working to iron out the wrinkles, and we will relaunch the program in August.

#### **Suggestions?**

Do you have any suggestions for the RE programming? Would you like to see something in particular added to our RE program? We are happy to hear any questions or comments that you may have. Contact our RE coordinator, Dustin White at [Dustin@Belzian.com](mailto:Dustin@Belzian.com).

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**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.*

**Summer Church Office Hours**  
Tuesday and Thursday: 10-3 p.m.

**Very Useful Links**

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

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

[Mid America Region](http://midamericauua.org/)

<http://midamericauua.org/>

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

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

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