

# 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*

**Sunday, November 4, 2012**

**10:30 AM Sunday Service**

**WHOLENESS AND HUMAN SEXUALITY**

Katie Christensen

\*Daylight Saving Time ends—set clocks **BACK** one hour\*

The UUA and UCC churches combined forces to create OWL, which is one of the best comprehensive sexual health classes available. Katie Christensen, from Fargo-Moorhead UU, will speak about this topic, which is not typically part of our daily conversations. Sexuality is a normal and healthy part of everyone's life from birth to death, yet it is rarely portrayed in a factual and healthy manner. Katie, who has OWL training and research experience with adolescent sexuality, will discuss why the UU perspective on sexuality and sexual health education is crucial in a society filled with inaccurate and harmful messages.

Kris Kitko will be providing music for all the children!

**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**

**7:00 PM Discussion Service**

**WHO GETS TO BE RIGHT?**

Facilitator: Janis Cheney

Some of us grew up in or around very different faith traditions where theological pluralism was not respected or encouraged. We will talk about what this means and why we need to talk about it.

**Sunday, November 11, 2012**

**10:30 AM Sunday Service**

**UNABRIDGED STORIES FROM THE BAKKEN**

Kris Kitko

Kris Kitko shares stories, photographs, videos, air & water test results, and emails from people living in the Bakken, where fracking, drilling, and gas flaring are taking place at record pace.

Kris is a local educator and singer/songwriter. North Dakotans have contacted her regarding their struggles in the oil patch, and she has composed many songs pertaining to the oil boom. Kris has interviewed people living in the Bakken, state officials, activists, attorneys, scientists, and oil industry executives. She receives requests for interviews from journalists around the world and has spoken to journalists from the US, Norway, France, Germany, Canada, and Italy.

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

**7:00 PM Discussion Service**

**BAD INFORMATION**

Facilitator: Don Morrison

Unitarian Universalists commit to a search for truth and meaning; we are working toward social justice, in spite of whatever primordial, hard-wired imperatives we hear in our own heads. We will talk about acknowledging those imperatives and when to ignore them.

**Sunday, November 18, 2012**

**10:30 AM Sunday Service**

**DECENCY WITHOUT DEITIES**

Waylon Hedegaard

Waylon will talk about how a belief in God is not necessary for compassionate behavior and humanity. This is the story of his life's journey from a bigoted type of Evangelical Christianity to liberal atheism and how it has made him not only a much better person but more content with who he is.

Waylon is a long time atheist and founding member of the Northern Prairie Secular Society.

**Wednesday, November 21, 2012**

**7:00 PM Discussion Service**

**SUDDENLY, WE'RE A BAND**

Facilitator: Colleen Reinke

The theological diversity among UUs is amazing. We will talk about this and what's even more amazing: how we are able stand together with our diversities to support the cause of liberal religion and all it stands for.

**Sunday, November 25, 2012**

**10:30 AM Sunday Service**

**IN THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING**

Brian McGinness

Engaged in the process of bringing nutrition and vitality to the tables of his community, Brian has come to his own understanding of community, spirituality and ministry as they are bound up in the food we eat, our relationship to the land, action and faith. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Brian is looking forward to sharing all he's been given this season with the UU congregation.

Brian McGinness of Riverbound Farm is an organic vegetable farmer/entrepreneur.

### **GROWING A THRIVING CONGREGATION**

Let your voice be heard!

An Invitation to UU Members, Friends, & Seekers

The UU Board of Trustees urges each of you to commit to attend a 30 minute conversation on the Visionary 2013 Budget and the New Committee Model.

DATES: November 4 or 11 or 18 or 25

TIME: 11:45 am - 12:15 pm

Child care will be available.

### Church Calendar

An asterisk (\*) indicates related article

Sun. Nov. 4	12:00 AM	Daylight Saving Time Ends—Set your clocks <b>BACK</b> one hour
Sun. Nov. 4	11:45 AM	Social Justice Committee Meeting
Sun. Nov. 4	11:45 AM	* “Growing a Thriving Congregation” Discussion
Tues. Nov. 6		Election Day—Get out and <b>VOTE!</b>
Wed. Nov. 7	7:00 PM	* Discussion Service
Thurs. Nov. 8	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri. Nov. 9	12:00 N	Women’s Lunch at Olive Garden
Sun. Nov. 11	11:45 AM	* “Growing a Thriving Congregation” Discussion
Sun. Nov. 11	11:45	Program Committee Meeting
Wed. Nov. 14	7:00 PM	* Discussion Service
Thurs. Nov. 15	6:00 PM	* Men’s BBQ Society
Fri. Nov. 16	6:00 PM	* Family Night!
Sun. Nov. 18	11:45 AM	* “Growing a Thriving Congregation” Discussion
Wed. Nov. 21	7:00 PM	* Discussion Service
Thurs. Nov. 22	5:00 PM	* Thanksgiving at the UU!
Sun. Nov. 25	11:45 AM	* “Growing a Thriving Congregation” Discussion
Sun. Nov. 25	10:30 AM	* Guest at Your Table begins
Fri. Nov. 30	5:30 PM	* Artwall Reception
Sun. Dec. 9	10:30-1:30	60th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Congregational Meeting

## Men’s BBQ Society

The Men’s BBQ Society will meet at Don Morrison’s home, 1849 Heritage Ave. on **Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 pm**. This group is open to anyone (well, of the male persuasion) interested in good eating and good conversation. Please bring food or drink to share and RSVP to Don:

donrm2010@gmail.com or 527-0060

## Wednesday Evening Discussion Services—Please Join Us!

Our initial discussion pilot on the first three Sundays in October at 9:00 am was quite a success! We had between 10 and 15 people at each early service who enjoyed music and lively, meaningful discussion inspired by readings from UU Minister Jane Ranney Rzepka’s book *From Zip Lines to Hosaphones*.

The second discussion program pilot will run the first three **Wednesday** evenings in November (Nov. 7, 14, and 21) at 7:00 pm (see front page for details).

The regular 10:30 Sunday morning programs will continue as usual. Feel free to attend one or both programs each week as you would like.

Our task force will analyze the success of the two pilots and provide long-term recommendations. Task force members: Don Morrison, chair; Betty Mills; Molly Brooks; Lisa Omlid; and Tim Hathaway.

*Don’t forget to sign up for a “Growing a Thriving Congregation” discussion—there’s one after each service in Nov.!*

## Family Night!

On Friday, November 16 we will have a **FAMILY NIGHT** here at the church beginning at 6:00 pm.

We provide the pizza and drinks, you can bring a side to share, if you like (most important—your presence not your food!) .

This is will be a time to come together as church families and let the kids be kids and the parents be, well, parents! We will talk about how we are doing so far, ideas, the incorporation of OWL, etc.

There will be supervision for the kids. All UU families welcome! Please join us!

## UU Sunday Treat Teams

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

### November Dates & Teams

4 Andrea & Jim Polk  
 11 Mary Mitchell & Jean Rolandelli  
 18 Beth Nodland & John Morrison  
 25 Mike & Ann Knudson

### 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!

## THANKSGIVING AT THE UU...

...by our church fireplace!

**November 22**  
**5:00 pm**

RSVP to Ann Knudson, Coordinator  
[mikeannknudson@msn.com](mailto:mikeannknudson@msn.com) or 223-2962 or cell 471-1450

Anne will provide the turkey and pumpkin pie. Tell her what you will contribute. She will need help setting up tables as well as cleaning up.

## Reminder: December 9 Annual Meeting

Members must have made a "contribution of record at least 30 days prior to a business meeting" according to our Church Bylaws.

## 60th Anniversary Memories Needed!

Please make sure to share your UU memories in order to help us build a beautiful celebration of 60 years of UU-ing in Bismarck Mandan. The program that will result from your contributions will be the heart of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary service on Sunday, Dec. 9.

We'll anchor ourselves and celebrate all we've seen, searched and found together in this community of love. Then, after the service we'll share food and look to the future together at our annual meeting.

Mark your calendars for an uplifting Sunday, Dec. 9!

Send your stories, photos, memories, thoughts, or reflections to Tammy at: [office@bismanuu.org](mailto:office@bismanuu.org).

### **Sunday December 9**

**10:30-11:30:** Memory Service of 60 years wordsmithed by our very own, Karen Van Fossan and including a video filmed especially for us, starring Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President.

**11:30-12:30:** Share a healthy lunch catered by Angie McGinness of Riverbound Farms and Renee Ewine

**12:30-1:30:** Annual Meeting. All are welcome, but only members can vote.

## Smorgas-Board: Tidbits From Your UU Board Prez

- The Board has been looking at the Fargo UU model of committee structure as a way to make our church more effective in utilizing volunteer hours. Janis Cheney and Carol Jean Larsen have interviewed Fargo UU leadership on it's successful four-years of using a creative committee structure. These findings were presented to the Board. **Learn more at one of the conversations after church each Sunday in November.**
- The Board has asked Colleen Reinke, Carol Jean Larsen, and Janis Cheney to lead the 2013 Stewardship Campaign.
- The Board approved the request of the children in RE to add an AQUARIUM and FISH to their Sunday School rooms! The children will be incorporating their UU principles with caring for the aquarium, and they will be raising the money to fund the fish project themselves!
- The person who hosted our website has moved, and the Board has approved moving the site to a new host. We thank Molly Brooks and Tammy Hathaway (mostly Molly!) for their assistance in working on this task.

## Let Your Voice Be Heard!

### Calling All Members & Friends

Carol Jean Larsen

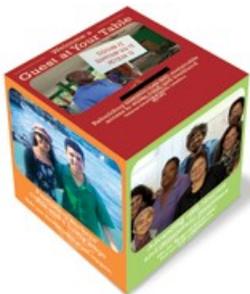
Board Treasurer

We are a small congregation that relies on volunteers to operate and fund the church. Currently we have too many committees and too few chair people. The gaps in essential work have been filled with a few volunteers who are in need of relief.

SO....what to do? Well, the Fargo-Moorhead UU church has a simpler model for its organizational structure. They divide the work into three areas: People• Place• Program [PPP]. Each area is staffed by a very part-time PAID person and a Volunteer Chair. Once a month, the church has a simple supper and meeting with volunteers interested in People or Place or Program. The Fargo UU reports that this is a great time for socializing and getting to know one another. AND the work gets done.

**Learn more about this exciting new structure at one of the conversations after church each Sunday in November.**

There will be a conversation with you on the new Committee Model and the 2013 Proposed Budget which includes part-time staff for People, Place and Program. Members and friends will also receive their 2013 pledge card which asks for a financial and a volunteer time commitment. Your pledge card becomes an essential part in the Board's final development of the 2013 church budget. Please return your pledge card by **November 25**.



## Guest At Your Table 2012-13

**Begins at the Bis-Man UU on November 25!**

By celebrating Guest at Your Table in our congregation, 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.

Guest at Your Table is an annual tradition in which congregation members learn about people with whom UUSC is working. This year, the UUSC is featuring some of our particularly innovative partnerships. These people are your "**guests**," and you are asked to share your blessings with them to support our shared mission.

## Candles for the Journey

Helen Hammond continues to recover at Missouri Slope from her injuries received from falls while working in her beloved garden. She does enjoy visitors!

Light a candle for Dean Conrad and his family, whose older brother Roan Conrad passed away in NYC. Roan was the first ever Sunday school student in our UU Fellowship in 1952.

Keep Jeff Evenson and his family in your thoughts as his mother passed away.

Keep Wayde Schafer close to your hearts. His dad died in July and his mom just passed away Oct. 21.

Keep Tom Disselhorst in your prayers as his wife, Arlene faces some difficult health issues.



## Reception for ArtWall Artist

A public open-house and reception for our current artist, Graham McLaughlin, will be held on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> here at the Fellowship from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. You are all invited as well as your friends and family. Please come, visit with Graham, hear about his current and future art projects, and enjoy refreshments. The larger pastels on our wall are available for purchase framed or unframed, or if you prefer, commission a brand new one, incorporating your preferences, colors and ideas.



Join us for appetizers, refreshments and camaraderie on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

## Volunteer at Ruth Meiers'

Four or five volunteers are needed to serve the noon lunch at Ruth Meiers' Hospitality House on Thursday November 29, the Thursday after Thanksgiving. The group will work from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM, and will prepare the beverages and serve the meal. No cooking or clean-up is required. Anyone interested in joining Pat Conrad for this activity is asked to email her at [patriciaryanconrad@msn.com](mailto:patriciaryanconrad@msn.com)

## Thank you!

Thelma Saxby for the lovely new chimes that hang above the piano.

Thanks to Mike Knudson and Carol Jean Larsen for cleaning the church.

AND for all the wonderful volunteers who make our church such a fine place to be!

## Board of Trustees and Officers

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**Check out our Website!**

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## 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)