



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 2

CHRISTIAN OPPOSITION TO MEASURE 1

Camille Grothier

Camille Grothier, a member and lay worship leader from the United Church of Christ in Bismarck, shares her thoughts about why Measure 1 should be defeated.

Sunday, November 9

THIS I BELIEVE—YOUTH STYLE

Owen Piehl, Nola Demars and Quinn Hathaway

As UUs, we hold a belief in 7 Principles and the sentiment that what we do while here on Earth matters. Today, we will spin this popular service format a bit differently and hear three young people, who have grown together in our Religious Education Program, share their thoughts on spirituality and how they live our UU principles.

Nola, a 6th grader at Horizon Middle School, loves painting, animals, basketball, music, and spending time with her friends. She is a free spirit and has a big heart.

Quinn will be 13 this month. He is one of the most compassionate people there is. This will be Quinn's last opportunity to speak before the congregation as he is moving to NY at the end of the month.

Owen is an 8th grader at Mandan Middle School who frequently draws on his UU upbringing in conversations and debates. He plays football, baseball, guitar and euphonium, and is involved in theater.

Sunday, November 16

GRATITUDE

Liz and Jean Anderson

At this time of year we often think of gratitude and what, in our lives, we can be grateful for. Liz and Jean Anderson will share their spirituality of gratitude.

Liz is an involved member of our church and daughter, Jean, is in 5th grade at Menoken school.

Sunday, November 23

DOWN MEMOR LANE

Betty Mills, Dean Conrad and Sherry Mills-Moore

What is the role of the history of this UU Fellowship in the religious experience of today? Charter member, Betty Mills and charter children, Dean Conrad and Sherry Mills Moore, will recall some of the stories from our past in search of that relevance.

Betty has served on both the Prairie Star District (now MidAmerica) and national UUA Boards.

Dean and brothers Roan and Kent were among the first children in the RE program at the Fellowship. Dean went on to be active in college UUA activities, including the "March on Washington" holding the UUA banner. He and Pat were married in a Unitarian Church in Cincinnati.

Sherry Mills-Moore is an attorney, a quilter, and a lake enthusiast.

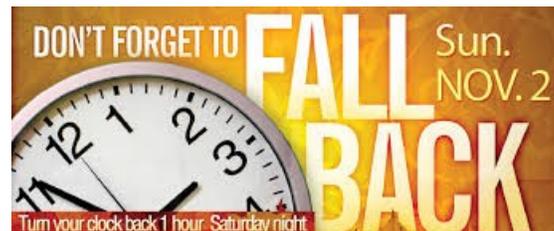
Sunday, November 30

THANKSGIVING MYTHS AND TRUTHS

Sandra Bercier

Sandra Bercier, Training Director at the Native American Institute, will share a different perspective of Thanksgiving.

Sandra is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and was born and raised on the Turtle Mountain Reservation. She has a BA in Social Work from the University of Mary and her MBA from Gonzaga University. Sandra also does extensive volunteer work in the field of Domestic Violence.



Church Calendar

An asterisk (*) indicates related article

* SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Daylight Saving Time Ends—See Above

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Last day of OWL instruction, 5:30-7:00 at UCC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Sunday Service Planning Meeting, 8:45 am

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Wilkinson Memorial 12:00 pm—See pg 3

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Inter-generational Lantern Walk & Potluck, 5-6:30 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

People, Place, Program Gathering w/light lunch, 12:00 N

* SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BisMan UU Annual Business Meeting, 12:00 N—See pg 2

* SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Farewell Dessert Social for the Hathaway Family following the Annual Meeting—See pg 2

* SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Potluck, 5:00 pm—See pg 3

Annual Business Meeting

November 23 - 12:00 PM

at

**Bismarck-Mandan Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship & Church**

11:45 AM:

**Light lunch preceding meeting
Childcare Available**

12:00 N:

**Annual Meeting Agenda Includes:
Discussion and passage of a 2015
budget
Election of Trustees**

Following Adjournment:

**Dessert Reception for the Hathaway
Family as they leave North Dakota**

Hathaway Family Leaving ND

By Carol Jean Larsen

Tim and Tammy Hathaway and sons will be re-locating to Albany, NY in early December. Tim will become Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse New York.

Tammy has served as the UU Office Administrator since April 2009. Most recently she also has staffed both the Place and the Sunday Service teams.

Tim has served two terms as Vice President of the UU Board of Trustees as well as coordinator for children and youth religious education, including the current Our Whole Lives curriculum.

Both have served as exemplary leaders in our congregation and will be deeply missed.

Join the Board of Trustees for a dessert reception in their honor following the Annual Meeting November 23.

Thank you

By Tammy Hathaway, UU Office Administrator

"Never make your home in a place. Make a home for yourself inside your own head and heart. You'll find what you need to furnish it - memory, friends you can trust, love of learning, and other such things. That way it will go with you wherever you journey."

by Tad Williams

I'll be taking you all with me to New York. Each one of you has touched my life and changed it for the better.

I will forever love this church for its people, its support, its love and its wonderful quirkiness! It will remain in my heart as the place where I had the honor to work and live my values every day.

I thank you for that, from the very deepest places in my being.

And so....the journey continues....

Stewardship Drive Update!

Pledge packets were mailed out October 23 and Pledge Cards are coming in!

If you have any questions about the Stewardship Process, please contact Colleen Reinke: cjreinke@gmail.com.

Remember to get your pledge cards in! It's vital to have those cards in advance of our Annual Meeting!

Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

November 27

5:00 pm—Dine by the blazing UU fireplace!

Will be provided: The roasted turkey and one pumpkin pie from Ann and Mike Knudson.

Add your favorite Thanksgiving food or beverage to this bountiful festival.

If you have visiting relatives, bundle them up and bring them along.

Please sign up on the "Turkey Day" clip board to be found on the lobby counter.

Religious Education News

Allison Spector has joined our children's Religious Education Team. She and her family recently relocated from Ferndale, WA. Allison and husband, Check Van Zee, were involved with the children's programming at Blaine Free Church. Their 2 children are Emily, age 7 and Devin, age 4. The family has just become members of BisMan UU.

Katie More Aitchison is engaged with our teen group on the first Sunday of the month. Katie grew up in our congregation and is now teaching her favorite curriculum, "Church Across the Street".

In cooperation with United Church of Christ, Tim Hathaway is currently co-leading the children's portion of Our Whole Lives instruction being offered to our 4-6 graders.



Guest At Your Table

Begins at the Bis-Man UU on November 23!

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 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) human-rights work.

UUSC is the Social Justice arm of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) but it does not receive UUA funding. UUSC relies on donations from churches like ours and people like us. For more information about Guest At Your Table, click [HERE](#).

Wilkinson Memorial Set

UU member, Monica Wilkinson, died at her home last summer at 61. She had serious health issues. Monica had no family in North Dakota.

On Sunday, November 9 at 12 noon, join the UU Pastoral Care team by the Peace Pole in the UU front yard if you wish to share a memory of Monica.

Bad weather? Gather in the UU library

2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following individuals are being nominated to serve 2-year terms on the congregation's 2015 Board of Trustees. They will be joining board members Marnie Piehl and Lisa Omlid, who each have 1 year remaining in their current term.

MOLLY BROOKS

Molly, an attorney, is the director of the Criminal Justice Information Sharing program for the state. She has been a Bis-Man UU member since 2012 and has served on the board of directors for the past several months, completing a vacated position. Molly has also been involved in the People and Program areas, and has a passion for social justice work and long-term vision & strategy planning for the future of our Fellowship.

RONYA HOBLIT

Ronya has been a member of the BMUU since 2007. She has served on the Sunday Service and Caring committees and as a greeter. Currently, she is in her senior year of study to become a Social Worker and will be serving her internship with Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota (PCAND). Her immediate family includes her son, JP, and her granddaughter, Sophia.

STEVE CRANE

Steve, a BMUU member since 1986, is a photographer for Basin Electric Power Cooperative (although rumor has it that he will soon be retiring). He is a former board member and treasurer, is active in the Place Area group, and is involved in the choir and managing the sound system on Sunday mornings. Steve and his wife Janis Cheney have two grown daughters, Bobbie & JoJo.

2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following individual is being nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2015. He will be joining committee members Liz Anderson and Andrea Grigsby, who have 1 year remaining in their current terms.

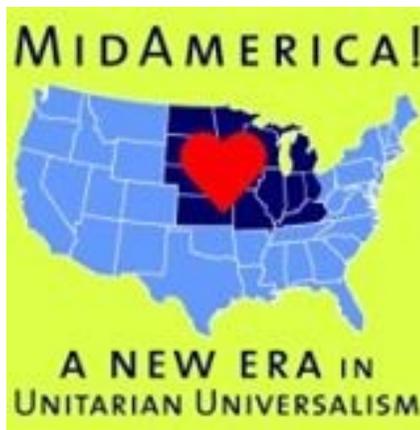
DON MORRISON

Don, a Minot native, is Executive Director of Dakota Resource Council. A UU member since 1988, he taught Sunday school, was on the UU Board years ago, and is currently chair of the Sunday Program Group. He and his wife, Karen, have two grown children.

Respectfully submitted by the 2014 Nominating Committee: Liz Anderson, Andrea Grigsby, Karen Morrison.

Regional Webinars

If any of the webinars listed below sound interesting, please call the church office. Webinars can be done either as a group at the church or with personal computers at home in your slippers.



November 6, 2014	WEBINAR: UU History and Your Congregation Thursday, November 06, 2014 07:45pm - 09:00pm EST
November 13, 2014	WEBINAR: Creative Inclusion: Living Into Our Radical Welcome Thursday, November 13, 2014 07:45pm - 09:00pm EST
November 20, 2014	WEBINAR: Creative Inclusion: Living Into Our Radical Welcome Thursday, November 20, 2014 07:45pm - 09:00pm EST



During the October 26 Sunday service, the BisMan UU joyfully welcomed 5 families into membership.

If there are other friends who would like to know what membership entails, please contact Carol Jean Larsen at 701.516.7848 or cjlarsen43@bis.midco.net. She welcomes conversation.

Candles for the Journey



In October, two wonderful women suffered falls. Betty Morgan fell in her garage, banging her head on the floor. The wound bled profusely, but no concussion was immediately apparent. Maggie Kolhs fell and broke both bones in her lower leg requiring surgery. Neither Betty nor Maggie are driving yet, but both seem to be on the mend. Hey folks, be careful. We don't want these problems compounded when the sidewalks and roads become icy.

Ruth Meier's

On Thursday, October 30th, three members of the congregation helped serve the noon meal at the Ruth Meier's Hospitality House. Lisa Omlid, Carol Jean Larsen, and Pat Conrad are to be thanked for helping fulfill the congregation's promise of help to this important community agency. Liz Loos volunteered to help but was needed at home with her sick little one.

Inter-generational Lantern Walk & Potluck

Sunday, November 9, 2014

5:00—6:30 pm

Come share the warmth of community with the BisMan UU children. They are eager to show you their creative lanterns. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet our newest families. All are welcome!

5:00 pm: Bring your simple potluck food or beverage item to share. Then bundle up and we'll car pool to the State Capitol's west parking lot (nearest Governor's Residence)

5:15ish: UU Lantern Procession moves along the nature trail, stopping for short readings from the children and singing favorite songs. **Time for adults to pull out flashlights!**

5:45ish: Back to the UU for hot drinks around the fireplace and a bountiful potluck supper.

NOTE: Bad weather? Then all of the activities will be inside.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing the church: office@bismanuu.org.

2014 Board of Trustees and Staff

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Check out our Website!

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

Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00—2:00 PM

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

Very Useful Links

[Unitarian Universalist Association](#)

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