

BISMARCK - MANDAN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP & CHURCH



Sunday Services & Children's Programs: 10:30 AM

Fellowship & Refreshments: Following Service

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The Beacon

*Our Monthly Newsletter Sharing Unitarian Universalist Values
in the Capital City Area*

Sunday, October 2, 2011

"A MESS OF POTAGE: SPIRIT OF PLACE AND THE OIL BOOM"

Clay Jenkinson

Facilitator: Colleen Reinke

Clay Jenkinson will discuss what is happening in the carbon counties of ND and beyond, and whether in an "oil rush" of this sort, it is possible to maintain and spread a spiritual perspective on what is taking place.

Jenkinson, among many things, is the author of nine books; his latest, *A Free and Hardy Life: Theodore Roosevelt's Sojourn in the American West*. His newest book, *The Character of Meriwether Lewis: Explorer in the Wilderness* is due to be published this year.

Sunday, October 9, 2011

"CELEBRATING NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY"

Kris Nichols & Tonia Olson

Kris and Tonia will lead us in Celebrating the beginning of National Coming Out Week, *please see inside for the full story.*

Sunday, October 16, 2011

"EYES ON THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE: CURRENT STORIES OF
INSPIRATION"

Ashley Lauth & Don Morrison

Vignettes of inspiring, true life stories that give us tools to lead a stronger movement for justice. The stories will give examples of characteristics and attributes to emphasize in our current culture.

Today is also Association Sunday, see inside for the full story.

Members of our Fellowship, Don is publisher of the *Prairie Independent* & Ashley is an organizer for the Dakota Resource Council.

Sunday, October 23, 2011

"TURNING ON A DIME: HUMANS, THE ENVIRONMENT & REALITY"

Stephen Crane

Stephen will discuss how humans are confronting their world and their environment.

Steve is a long-time member of our Fellowship and is currently the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Sunday, October 30, 2011

"GOBLINS, GHOULS, AND FOLKSINGERS—
WHICH IS SCARIEST?"

Kris Kitko sings and tells the sometimes humorous, sometimes frightening adventures of a North Dakota folksinger singing about corruption and greed. Highlights include her "Greatest Hits of Hate Mail" and other spooky things.

Kris is a ND-based folksinger/songwriter and teacher. She is a nationally known recording artist who enjoys using humor in her songs and shows.

Wear a Halloween costume!
Stay for scary soup & salad lunch.
Free will offering

Sunday, November 6, 2011

SNEAK PEAK!

Susan Thompson

In the midst of constant change, it is the rise and fall of the wave of the breath and the settling of the mind into silence that teaches one to live undivided in the interdependent web of all existence. Susan will discuss Yoga as it allows support for spiritual growth.

Church Calendar

An asterisk (*) indicates related article

Oct. 3-5		Tammy out of the office
Thurs. Oct. 6	6:45-8 PM	* PSD Webinar: "Sustainable Youth Ministry" (Repeat Tues. Oct. 11)
Oct. 7-9	10:00 AM	* Upper Midwest UU Gathering
Sun. Oct. 9	1:30 PM	* CROP Walk for Hunger
Oct. 12-16		Rev. Lyn Burton in Bismarck
Wed. Oct. 12	6:30-8 PM	* "Our American Roots & Articulating our Faith"
Sun. Oct. 16	12:00 N	Social Justice Meeting
Wed. Oct. 19	6:30 PM	* Common Read Discussion
Thurs. Oct. 20	6:45-8 PM	* PSD Webinar: "Digital/Spiritual Literacy" (Repeat Tues. Oct. 25)
Wed. Oct. 26	6:30-8 PM	* "Our American Roots & Articulating our Faith"

Where We Stand...\$\$

With just 3 months left in our fiscal year, your Board of Trustees is reviewing options for budget adjustments to minimize our deficit spending for 2011. Those who attended our annual meeting last December will recall that the budget approved, with authority for the Board to adjust as needed, included a deficit of about \$10K. With current planning we are on track to cut that in half to just under \$5K.

We value your thoughtful consideration of ongoing support to this Fellowship. Your current pledge commitments make a difference and keep us on track financially. Continuing to meet the needs of our growing congregation will take the ongoing participation and support of every member and friend. Your additional gift allows us to pursue goals for continued growth and development. Thank you for your ongoing support!

A Social Opportunity... ...for UU Members, Friends and Seekers

October Circle Suppers or Lunch

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, with the exception of the "kid friendly" Oct. 21 date.

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.

RSVP to UU office: 223-6788 or office@bismanuu.org

	<u>As a guest</u>	<u>As a host home</u>
Oct. 14, Fri. supper at 6 PM	Yes	Yes
Oct. 15, Sat. lunch at 12 noon	Yes	Yes
Oct. 15, Sat. supper at 6 PM	Yes	Yes
Oct. 21, Fri. supper at 6 PM (Kids are welcome.)	Yes	
Oct. 22, Sat. supper at 6 PM	Yes	Yes

Adult Learning Opportunities

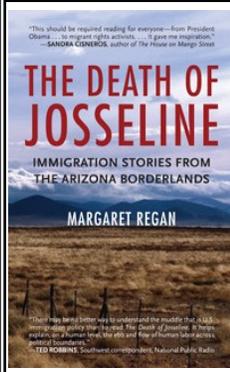
Our American Roots & Articulating Our Faith

"What Do You Say After You Say, 'I AM A UU'?"

Two short videos on UU's American roots set up each session followed by exercises and conversation on how we articulate our UU beliefs.

Dates: Oct. 12 & 26 and Nov. 16 & 30

Time: Wednesdays 6:30-8 PM at the UU



Common Read

"The Death of Josseline: Immigrant Stories from the Arizona Borderlands" by veteran reporter Margaret Regan, is the book designated for a "Common Read" in the denomination.

The discussion was begun by Tom Disselhorst and will be continued with Betty Mills starting in October.

The introduction to the study points out "The book evokes a human and religious response, rather than a political debate, and it draws the reader into the physical, economic, and above all, the personal terrain of immigration in the borderlands."

Wed. dates: Oct. 19, Nov. 2 & 9
Time: 6:30-8 PM at the UU

Copies of the book are available for \$14.00 in the foyer with a discussion sign-up sheet.



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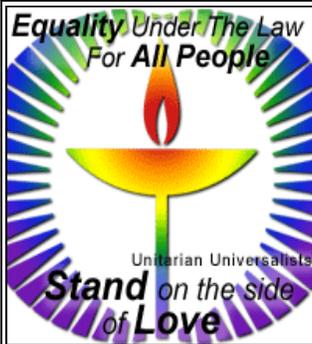
Leadership Opportunities Using Webinars

Our congregation continues to participate in the monthly webinars sponsored by Midwest UU Leadership. The online workshops are 75 minutes long, with a presentation and discussion time. Please feel free to join in on a subject of interest to you. Contact the church office: 701-223-6788 or office@bismanuu.org.

Thurs., Oct. 6 & Tues., Oct. 11 "Sustainable Youth Ministry" (Link)

Thurs., Oct. 20 & Tues., Oct. 25 "Digital/Spiritual Literacy" (Link)

**Prairie Star District Webinar Workshops—
6:45-8:00 PM in the Church Office**



Celebrate National Coming Out Day

National Coming Out Day: October 11
National Coming Out Week: October 9-15

Join Kris Nichols and Tonia Olson, members of our Fellowship, on Sunday, Oct. 9 for a brief history of “National Coming Out” Day and their personal story. Kris and Tonia may invite those willing, to tell theirs.

Unlike most other minorities and even though there is a “National Coming Out” day for a gay, lesbian, or transgender individual, being gay is something that isn’t obvious and has to be repeatedly declared—from dealing with sales people to doctors to insurance to friends and co-workers. Words have to be chosen carefully and consideration for who you are talking to. Referring to each other as spouse or wife is something that heterosexual people don’t always think we have a right to do or is something we even question if we have a right to. Those people who are more supportive of us ask if we have had some sort of ceremony.

Tonia was born in Sioux Falls and raised in Fargo. She got her BS in Economics from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, and an MBA with an emphasis in Health Care from the University of Mary. Currently, she works for Coventry Health Care in Bismarck as a Customer Service Rep and does not formally use her degrees. Her career goal is to become a coffee house philosopher. She came out to herself as a freshman in college and out to her friends during her freshman and sophomore years, but did not come out to her parents until her junior year. Tonia has been a resident of Bismarck-Mandan and married (although not formally or legally) to Kris for about the last 8 years.

Kris was born in Milbank, SD and raised between a small town in SW MN and St. Paul. She got Bachelor Degrees in Plant Biology and Genetics and Cell Biology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, a Master’s in Environmental Microbiology at West Virginia University, and PhD in Soil Science from the University of Maryland. Currently, she works for the USDA as a Soil Microbiologist. Kris did not ever come out to herself but fell in love with Tonia. Since then she has struggled coming out to family, friends and co-workers. She recently just came out formally in the “40 under40” article in the Bismarck Tribune (article on the UU hall bulletin board). Kris has been a resident of Bismarck-Mandan and married (although not formally or legally) to Tonia for about the last 8 years.

The Bismarck-Mandan UU Fellowship & Church is a 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. The rainbows on our church name-tags mean, “I wear this ribbon in Solidarity with my Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Sisters and Brothers.” For your rainbow, please see the ribbon on the podium next to our nametag board in the foyer.

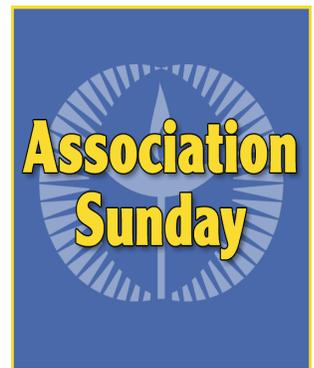
Association Sunday—Oct. 16, 2011

Since 2007, the UUA has asked congregations to participate in annual Association Sundays to recognize and support, both spiritually and materially, the national work of the Association. Association Sunday is a special opportunity for thousands of UUs across the nation to simultaneously celebrate our shared commitment to Unitarian Universalism.

Our congregation will celebrate Association Sunday 2011 on October 16. **As part of our service, we will take a special collection to affirm our common bonds and purposes as Unitarian Universalists.**

The theme of this year’s Association Sunday is *Celebrating Excellence in Ministries*, and funds raised from special collections at participating congregations will support the UUA, Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA), Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network (UUMN), Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA), and other professional organizations. Grants to these organizations will support a range of projects, including scholarships, continuing education, an assessment of our ministries, and other projects that help religious professionals get the ongoing training they need to support thriving congregations.

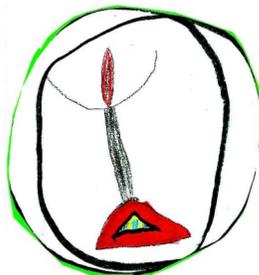
If you will not be able to attend service on Oct. 16, click [HERE](#) to donate from the comfort of your living room!



See Jane Run.—Tim Hathaway

Have you noticed how easy it is read? Many of us can remember those primers where we followed along with the adventures of Dick and Jane. When I was reading their exploits (as culturally biased as they were), it was slow going; halting at best really. But I kept getting stronger every time I picked up that book.

I have heard a few folks express their sense that they were not sure they were grounded enough in UU ideas to



feel comfortable engaging more deeply. Wow! Do I get that! I remember several desperate conversations where I said the exact same thing. And I remember the time someone reminded me it was really all about serious seeking and thoughtful questioning.

You may have it all figured out or you may be trying to get grounded.

Whichever category you find yourself in, you are welcome here. This is the

place where we make that effort to listen deeply and think boldly; however halting that effort might be. Even when I am suspicious that maybe I am still at the primer level, I know that this is a place to draw strength in the journey.

Whether you are a spiritual phonetic speller or speed reader, the Spiritual Education and Development (SED) program here at the UU has something for you. Contact Tammy, Tim or Carol Jean for more information.

Seeds for the Sowing—Nov. 4 & 5 in Des Moines, IA

Large congregations have them. So do mid-size congregations. Isn't time for Small Congregation Conference? We think so! Join us for a two-day conference specifically designed for congregations with fewer than 150 members.

The featured speaker will be Rev. Andrew Pakula, senior minister of New Unity-Unitarians, a small congregation in London, England which is grown



from 35 to 100+ members in just 5 short years.

Hear Andy's inspiring story on Fri. evening, then choose from a variety of workshops on Sat. morning and afternoon. Workshop topics will focus on using social media,

music in worship, right relations, religious education, attracting young adults, membership, and more! Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Conference Information

When: Friday, November 4 -- Saturday, November 5, 2011

Time: Friday evening 6:00 pm -- Saturday afternoon 4:00 pm

Where: First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, Des Moines, IA

Registration Deadline: Oct. 28. Contact UU office 223-6788 or office@bismanuu.org for travel details.

CROP Walk 2011

10-9-11 is the date!!!! for the annual CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk for Hunger. YOU are invited to walk or sponsor a walker in the 2011 Bismarck/Mandan CROP Walk for Hunger on Sun., October 9, at 1:30 PM on the Capitol Steps.

Let's keep the ecumenical tradition of CROP Walk strong. The CROP Walk began 42 years ago, in Bismarck, North Dakota! Church World Service, our sponsoring organization, is made

up of 35 different denominations of churches all working cooperatively to help people here and around the world. You can even designate the money you raise to go to a specific supporting entity. (ex. Heifer Project, Lutheran World Relief, etc.) Last year alone, \$13,385.55 was raised! Every year 25% of the funds raised stay to help local organizations. This year in



particular, we are designating an extra 25% of funds raised to Midwest Flood Relief, to aid in flood efforts.

Sign up today to walk or sponsor a CROP Walker!

To take part, contact the CROP Walk recruiter from your church, sign up online at www.cropwalk.org or contact Allison Germolus at 400-0053.

The Great 2011 Satay Report

\$3,384.00

That's the profit from our Satay booth at Capital A'Fair in August and Downtowner's Street Fair in September.

Each event involved 30 volunteers (15 were new) working 2-3 hours each. The tasks: inventory and purchase supplies, schedule shifts, prepare the tasty sauce, skewer, grill, sell, set up & tear down the booth, count money, clean those sloppy tubs and have some fun!

Nice job UU team!

"Let's Talk"

A half-hour discussion of community issues from faith perspectives

SUNDAYS at 8:00 p.m.

Host Don Morrison talks about the "good society" with Rev. Jake Kincaid, First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck

Community Access Chanel 12 (Midcontinent Cable)

October 9, 16, 23, 30

Sponsored by: Progressive Faith Network

Produced by: North Dakota Center for the Public Good

Thanks to Verle Reinicke for camera and editing, and Dakota Media Access for instruction and assistance.

Candles for the Journey



Continue to keep all those who have been effected by the flood in your thoughts. Even though all of the folks in our congregation are back in their homes, they are still facing challenges that could be long lasting.

Continue to keep the Seth Family close to your hearts as they cope with daughter, Sonali's brain cancer. They enjoy visitors.

Please keep Bonnie Braaten, long-time UU friend in your thoughts and prayers as she copes with terminal cancer. Cards may be sent to: 110 Cherokee Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501



UU Refreshments

Thank you to those folks who signed up to provide refreshments in Sept. and to Char McLaughlin & Jim Conley for Oct. 2. Now it's YOUR turn! Please sign up on the clip board hanging in the foyer at the church. Thank you!

Respect Our Guests

The Jewish Community will be celebrating Yom Kippur in our UU building on Oct. 7 from 8-10 PM and Oct. 8 from 9 AM-6:30 PM. Please respect their services. If you must enter the building, do so by the back door during this time.

UUSC Rep Needed

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. We envision a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights. Interested in keeping the congregation informed of UUSC activities? All you need is an email address. Click [HERE](#) for more info on UUSC. Email the UU office: office@bismanuu.org, if interested.

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www.bismanuu.org



Rev. Lyn Burton, in Bismarck, Oct. 12-16

Our Consulting Minister can be reached via

cell phone: 651-336-4439 or

email: uulyn2008@aol.com.

She is also available for personal appointments during her Bismarck visits.

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

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FALL UU OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 9:00—1:00 PM

Know Anyone or Can YOU Upholster?

We are looking into re-upholstering our old reddish-colored chairs. Structurally they are in decent shape. Appearance wise...well let's just say they need some TLC. Do any of you know someone who can do this? Or perhaps you have this wonderful hidden talent? If so, please contact the church office: 223-6788 or office@bismanuu.org.