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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, October 7, 2012

9:00 AM

WHEN THINGS DON'T GO FROM BAD TO WORSE

Facilitator: Don Morrison

We are trained to prepare for a better future and sometimes that future actually turns out to be OK. We will talk about a story of hope.

10:30 AM

CREATING A PEACEFUL COMMUNITY

UU Right Relations

How do we stay connected with each other in the context of our church life? How do we be sure our voices are heard in a way that honors our own perspective as well as that of others? How do we resolve differences or disagreements in alignment with our principles? Many UU congregations accomplish this and more through a 'Covenant of Right Relations.' At the direction of our Board, we have been working on a living statement for this congregation. Janis Cheney, Lisa Omlid, and Karen Van Fossan (in spirit) invite you to consider our progress to date and contribute to our next steps in this important process.

Sunday, October 14, 2012

9:00 AM

WAITING IT OUT

Facilitator: Don Morrison

We all have different approaches to waiting when we are not fully in control of a situation. We will talk about a story of waiting in peace.

10:30 AM

THIS I BELIEVE (AND THIS I DO)

Tyler Demars & Marnie Piehl

Marnie will explore optimism, politics, duty and heredity within the framework of at least four of our UU principles in particular: a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Marnie is the PR and Communications manager at BSC where she communicates effectively every day, and yet her own children can't seem to hear her.

Tyler will discuss the responsibility he feels in balancing affirmation with information, finding and being good "other company" who can disagree while maintaining meaningful relationships. Tyler works for Common Enterprise Development Corp. as an economic and community developer.

Sunday, October 21, 2012

9:00 AM

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE?

Facilitator: Tammy Hathaway

Our UU religious tradition embraces freedom—free life of the spirit. We will talk about some ways we as UUs live our beliefs.

10:30 AM

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE: HOW INTERFAITH
COOPERATION IS REBUILDING MINOT**

Rev. Paul Krueger

After the Minot area's devastating flood in 2011, one of the challenges was housing volunteers coming to a city that was experiencing a housing shortage even before the disaster. Pastor Paul led the way in creating Hope Village, a one-stop volunteer service center and temporary housing facility that's helped increase the number of volunteers willing to travel to Minot for flood assistance.

Sunday, October 28, 2012

10:30 AM (No 9:00 AM Service)

**LEADERSHIP, SPIRITUALITY, LOSS
AND THE FUTURE OF ND**

Clay Jenkinson

Several times in the past we have asked Clay Jenkinson to speak to our fellowship. This time he called us, hoping to find a time before the election when he could talk about the transformation of the lives and landscape of North Dakota as the Bakken Oil Boom accelerates. North Dakotans are not, in Clay's view, getting from our leaders, a sufficient supply of the candor, transparency, and vision they need during a period of unprecedented industrial transformation of our landscapes, our communities, our lives, and our North Dakota character. Clay will try to imagine the kind of address to the people of North Dakota that would help us make sense of the boom and the choices we are making as a people. The talk of "growing pains" does not, in his view, adequately cover the challenges and changes we face, or give sufficient respect to the enduring stewardship values of the North Dakota people.

Clay is the Theodore Roosevelt Center Scholar at DSC and Distinguished Scholar of Humanities at BSC.

Sunday, November 4, 2012 • Sneak Peak! • 10:30 AM (No 9:00 AM Service) • SEXUALITY: THE UU PERSPECTIVE

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.

Church Calendar
 An asterisk (*) indicates related article

Sun. Oct. 7	8:30 AM	Discussion Service Facilitator Training
Sun. Oct. 7	11:45 AM	Social Justice Committee Meeting
Fri. Oct. 12	12:00 N	Women's Lunch at Minerva's
Sun. Oct. 14	12:00 N	Program Committee Meeting
Sun. Oct. 14	12:30 PM	* CROP Walk on Capital Steps
Wed. Oct. 17	12:00 N	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri. Oct. 19	6:00 PM	* Family Night!!
Sun. Oct. 21	12:30-1:30	* Summers/Dyer Farewell Reception
Fri. Oct. 26	6:00 PM	* Circle Supper in Host Home
Sat. Oct. 27	12:00 N	* Circle Lunch in Host Home
Sat. Oct. 27	2:00-3:30	* Animal Welfare Discussion
Sat. Oct. 27	6:00 PM	* Circle Supper in Host Home
Save the Date Nov. 10 & 11		60th Anniversary Weekend!

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.

- 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.
- Provide names of each adult

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

	<u>As a guest</u>	<u>As a host home</u>
Oct. 26, Fri. supper at 6 PM	Yes	Yes
Oct. 27, Sat. lunch at 12 noon	Yes	Yes
Oct. 27, Sat. supper at 6 PM	Yes	Yes

Discussion Services Are Back and You've Got Options-Please Join Us!

As mentioned in our September newsletter, the Board formed a task force last month to learn more about how our congregation could incorporate discussion-based programs from the summer into our congregational life.

The task force worked diligently to survey at least 65 members and friends on their thoughts and the recommended pilot options for October and November.

The task force found that the summer programs were well liked by those who attended. The open discussion met a need that should be met in a fulfilling way. Most (but not all) people thought two programs on Sunday mornings are worth a try. Many (but not all) were ok with coming to an earlier Sunday morning discussion program. Some said a mid-week or evening program would not work for them. Others said attending Sunday mornings was a problem, and they would like a mid-week evening option.

So, based on the survey, the task force recommended running two pilot discussion-based program options. These will be in addition to our regularly scheduled 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning program which also will continue to be the time for children's RE and followed by treats and coffee.

The first discussion pilot will run the first three Sundays in October (October 7, 14, and 21) at 9:00 a.m. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided for attendees who will join together to sing, celebrate, read, laugh, and discuss inspirational readings from UU Minister Jane Ranney Rzepka's book *From Zip Lines to Hosaphones*. The format will be similar to the format this summer and the discussion portion will include new readings from Rzepka's book.

The second discussion program pilot will run the first three Wednesday evenings in November (Nov. 4, 11, and 18) at 7:00 p.m.

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.

The task force will analyze the success of the two discussion pilots and provide longer term recommendations. Task force members are Don Morrison, chair; Betty Mills; Molly Brooks; Lisa Omlid; and Tim Hathaway.

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 October teams cannot work their assigned Sunday, please contact coordinator **Janet Lucas** at least one week prior to your date. Her cell: 701-516-4181.

October Dates & Teams

7 Dan Christ/Ursula Conrad
14 Kris Nichols/Tonia Olson
21 Marv & Pat Hagar
28 Marnie Piehl/Anessa Pfeifer

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 Char McLaughlin, & Jim Conley, Jean King & Diane Chielens, and Karen & Don Morrison for providing treats so far this year!

Animal Welfare Discussion

Please join Christine Kujawa on Saturday, October 27 from 2:00-3:30 pm for a discussion on animal welfare. The discussion will start with a brief presentation on Measure 5: Prevention of Extreme Cruelty to Dogs, Cats, and Horses Act. Christine will also discuss Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry and the possibility of starting at chapter at our fellowship. The discussion will be held at the church.

Farewell Reception

Join us for a farewell reception for long-time members, Anne Summers & Ed Dyer on Sunday, October 21, 12:30—1:30 pm. Sweet & Savory hors d'oeuvres will be served. UU's and community friends are welcome. Moving day for Anne and Ed is early November to Bernardson, MA.

Attention All UU Parents: (New Guidelines) AND FAMILY NIGHT!

Welcome to Bismarck-Mandan UU Children's Religious Education! Below are some brief updates and guidelines as we move forward with our 60th Program Year.

First, if you have not filled out a registration form for your child(ren), please try to get those filled out as soon as possible. Family covenants will need to be reviewed and signed as well. Forms are available at the church. If you would like to have forms emailed to fill out at home, please let Tammy in the church office know (223-6788 or office@bismanuu.org).

Children will begin each Sunday in their classroom. This is a change for those of you who have been with us a while. It is very important AND FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY, that parents/guardians sign their child(ren) in before service and sign them out immediately following service each Sunday. The process looks like this:

- Name tags for children AND parents/guardians will be grouped together and located in the hallway.
- Below the name tags will be sign-in books for each classroom. Please sign your child(ren) into the appropriate classroom after retrieving your family's name tags. Teacher's will be available to assist if you are unsure in which classroom your child(ren) belongs. There are 3 plus the childcare room.
- Teachers will take the sign-in book for their age group to their classrooms.
- IMMEDIATELY following service, please sign your child(ren) out with their teacher. Please be mindful that the Sunday school teachers cannot leave their classroom until all children are safely signed out by their parent or guardian. Return your family's name tags to the board in the hallway.

Families are strongly encouraged to come to church about 15 minutes before service begins each Sunday (by 10:15 am) for two important reasons:

- So children have a chance to visit with their friends and settle in.
- So parents/guardians have a chance to get their child(ren) appropriately signed in.

FAMILY NIGHT!

On Fri., Oct. 19, 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!

Smorgas-Board

Tidbits From Your UU Board of Trustees Prez

This is what your UU Board has been up to:

- We formed a task force to consider the discussion group service format and space issues at the church – and asked them to make recommendations regarding a possible second service. And the task force came through! (see full article)
- We will start a second service pilot project in October with Sunday services at 9 am and in November on Wednesdays at 7 pm – see the article in this newsletter. The Program Committee will take on the additional duties of planning this second service.
- We approved a contract to have a local architectural firm do a study on our space issues at the church. More on that in an article in this newsletter.
- We will be putting together a budget for 2013 based on input from the committees and members of the congregation.
- The Pledge Drive will begin soon!
- We have approved a Covenant of Right Relations for the congregation – this living document will be presented to the congregation by the CRR folks (Lisa Omlid, Janis Cheney, and Karen Van Fossan) at a service in the very near future. We will be looking for input from the congregation to refine this document as we move forward. Read more in an article in this newsletter.
- We approved adding additional hours to Tammy's schedule so she can assist the Religious Education (RE) program with administrative duties. We will pay her with monies originally budgeted for RE training, which has been postponed to next year.
- We signed a letter asking US Senator Hoeven to support continued wind energy tax policies in congress.

Nominating Committee Working

According to our bylaws, a Nominating Committee nominates candidates for the Board of Trustees as well as officers on the Board. The slate of candidates is presented to the congregation at the annual meeting, where all members can vote on the slate (or on individuals if someone so moves).

Our congregation's 2012 Nominating Committee has begun the annual process of identifying potential new members to serve on our Board of Directors. This year we are looking to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and one Board position. The first step in our process will be to interview each of the existing board members to ask if any would be interested in continuing in their current position or in a different position on the Board. We will also be asking for each individual's ideas on things that could be done to make the functioning of the board, and the overall organization, better. If any member of the congregation is interested in being considered for a position on the Board of Directors, please contact one of us.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Karen Morrison, Mike Knudson, and Pat Conrad. We thank them for their service!

Religious Education Updates

We are off to a great start in RE this year! On Sept. 16 we had 22 children in our 4 classrooms!

Our nursery lead is Marnie Piehl who strives for lots of giggles and fun!

Early Elementary (age 4-7) is led by Liz Anderson. Ages 8 and 9 year olds is led by Heidi Demars. Ages 10+ is led by Tim Hathaway.

Our teachers will be using the UUA curriculum, Tapestry of Faith., which is a series of programs and resources for all ages that nurture Unitarian Universalist identity and spiritual growth.

Later in the year, all of the elementary classrooms will be integrating the Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum. Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality. Our Whole Lives not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. As we integrate this special curriculum, parents will be kept informed and involved every step of the way. For more information about OWL click: <http://www.uua.org/re/owl/>

The Board approved Tammy to add hours to her work week using the \$\$ in the 2012 RE budget to help in administration of the RE program.

The Business of Running a Church Musings From Your Board Prez

For a small, lay-led congregation, our church tends to run pretty smoothly. Because things run smoothly, we tend to take for granted that our church, our congregation, will be there for us. We will have bulletins on Sunday, there will be coffee, lights will come on when we flip a switch, the sanctuary will be warm in the winter, the sidewalks will be shoveled, and so forth. I admit that when I first joined the congregation, I felt the same way. I did not give much thought to HOW or WHY things worked – I didn't even notice what was working. I only noticed if something didn't work. No TREATS? Harumph! (not considering that I had not brought any either)

My perspective changed two years ago when I was elected to the Board of Trustees, and has changed further since I became Board President last year. I have a much better perspective on what it takes to make this church run smoothly.

- Part of it is the tremendous amount of coordination that our office administrator does – we rely on Tammy Hathaway for virtually everything and I cannot imagine going back to a time when we did not have a paid office administrator.
- Part of it is the work done by volunteers. If folks did not step up to help, we would have no Religious Education program for the kids; we would have no treats after church and no coffee (!); we would have no fires in the fireplace; we would have no programs on Sunday morning, and so on and so on. In short, our church activities would grind to a halt without volunteers. Part of it is the financial support the congregation pledges every year to sustain the church. This support provides heat, lights, RE materials, furnishings, and outreach activities, along with our administrator's salary, to name just a very few things.

This latter point is a bit sticky. After all, we go to church or belong to a congregation for spiritual reasons, to connect with community, to change our world, or for any number of personal reasons. We do not go to church to worry about money – we want to leave those concerns at the door.

However, virtually everything we do has a financial cost associated with it. When we have an ice cream social, we buy supplies; when we sell satay, we pay for ingredients up front; when we send people to regional and national meetings, we pay for at least part of the expenses; when we need professional services, we pay for them; when the furnace goes out or the roof needs replacing, those things have to be handled; if we want a banner to advertise our church as a welcoming congregation, we pay for it. That is just reality, just as it is in your own personal lives.

The way things have generally been done since I have been here is that our church conducts a pledge drive and then decides what should be done with the money that has been pledged. That is backwards from how most churches operate. Most churches determine a budget and then ask for pledges to meet the needs. The budget outlines the goals the board has for the upcoming year, so when you are asked to pledge, you know what you are being asked to pay for.

The Board will be putting together a budget for 2013, and THEN conducting a pledge drive based on the budget. The 2013 budget will probably look a lot like our last budget, but we do constantly try to move the church forward with new services to enhance congregational life. For example, we would like to train people to teach kids in the Our Whole Lives program – which takes money. The Board does not get ginned up on the idea of spending the congregation's money. We are very mindful of the balance between moving forward, saving for emergencies and known necessities (such as a roof or furnace), and being good stewards. If pledges do not meet the budgetary goals, we will adjust the budget accordingly.

We can determine what people value by looking at what they spend money on. Conservatives are very good at putting their money where their hearts are. They "get it." This is evangelicals and fundamentalists out-donate (based on relative income) religious liberals by a considerable, and to me, a very surprising, margin. Religious conservatives often embrace "tithing," – donating 10 percent of their income to charity. Conservatives who believe strongly that there should be no abortions, ever, and that there should be no gay marriages, ever, and so forth, commit a tremendous amount of their personal resources, financial and otherwise, to achieve those goals. As an example, in a recent Bismarck Tribune article, the Minnesota Catholic Conference has asked more than 400,000 MN Catholic households to contribute whatever they can to fund television commercials in support of a constitutional amendment against same sex marriage. I have no doubt they will raise a LOT of money.

Perhaps liberals think that change comes through the government instead of their churches or other charities...I'm not sure what explains the relative differences in levels of giving. However, we, as a liberal religious community committed to social justice, equality, and all the other things we value, must learn from the conservatives and begin to put OUR MONEY where OUR HEARTS are. What a difference we could make if we did so!

Satay Report

It's Tasty!



Vicki Voskuil & Steve Crane were among the 25 volunteers on the final UU Satay gig during the Downtowner's Street Fair. Thanks again to all who skewered the beef cubes, prepared the gallons of sauce, hauled grills, set up and

tore down the booth, washed the boxes and aprons. It really does take a village of UU's to pull this off!

Capital A'Fair (100 lbs. beef)

Profit: \$1,690.26

Downtowner's Street Fair (130 lbs. beef)

Profit: \$2,050.98

UU Social Justice Tabling

You may have noticed on some Sunday mornings there are folks at a table in the back ready to talk with you about a community event, action or idea related to Social Justice. If you have an idea that you might like to share, please talk about it with a member of our Social Justice Committee: Wayde Schafer, Lisa Omlid, Tom Disselhorst or Anessa Pfeifer. Or contact Tammy in the church office and she can get you in touch with a member of the committee (223-6788 or office@bismanuu.org)

Many, Many Thanks to Tyler Sanford....

...of Precision Lawn Works, who has volunteered his lawn mowing service to our Fellowship for the summer! This is a wonderful offering and will help us tremendously in meeting our budget for this year! If you need lawn or snow removal services from Tyler, you can contact him at 701-426-1156 or tyler@precisionlawnworks.com.

Remember Our UU Reading Room!

The mission of our church library is to provide materials supporting the spiritual and intellectual pursuit of congregation members and friends.

Our esteemed librarians, Christine Kujawa and Eric Stroshane, have received a large number of donations over the past few months and will be working on cataloging them this fall.

Please check it out our library, by visiting it in person at the church or online at www.librarything.com/catalog/BisMan_UU, (or by clicking [HERE](#)) or by scanning the QR code on the right with your mobile device! (QR Code scanners can be found, free of charge, through your mobile device's app store.)



Candles for the Journey

Please keep Helen Hammond and her family close to your hearts as she continues her recovery from multiple breaks in her arms and hip which she suffered from two separate falls in her beloved garden. Helen continues to improve. She has moved to a new room with a better view of Missouri Slope's garden. She is able to stand for 5 minutes on her good leg, and is looking forward to her physician giving her permission to attempt to put weight on her other leg. She is reading, and really enjoyed the articles in the most recent UU World.

Light a candle for Dean Conrad (and his family), whose older brother Roan Conrad in New York City has been diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer.



Is A UU Altar Society An Oxymoron? - Char McLaughlin

Possibly, if by altar you mean a “place at which sacrifices are offered to gods”, or as in the Bible, a “communion table”. However, there is another definition in Webster’s unabridged dictionary, which is “a ledge for supporting the feet or shorings”.

The UU Altar Society (currently a committee of one) is inviting anyone interested to join and would love to have help in taking care of our INDOOR plants, keeping fresh flowers, and other seasonally appropriate decorations on our “altar” up front in the Sanctuary, and also by the front door. If you are interested please let Tammy know and you will be gratefully welcomed into this growing “new” society.

UU Artwall Exhibit

“Portals”

The front wall in our Sanctuary, also known as the UU ARTWALL, will have a new exhibit, “PORTALS”, beginning in October and continuing through mid-December.

Graham McLaughlin, who grew up in Bismarck and attended our Sunday School, will show a small selection of his recent pastels. Graham is the son of Char McLaughlin and grandson of Gordon and Adina Robinson, who were founding members of the Marin Congregation Of UU’s, which also began as a Fellowship in their living room in 1951, almost the same time as this congregation, whose 60th anniversary we will be celebrating this fall.

Artist Statement: “My interest in art grew out of my fascination with book covers, the greatest influences being fantasy themed art, and the wood block prints of Hokusai and Hiroshige. I was exposed to abstract techniques from my grandfather’s work, Gordon Robinson, a prolific artist, who I painted with for many years at Sight and Insight, (now O’Hanlon Center for the Arts) in Mill Valley, CA. (www.ohanloncenter.org).

“My current work sprang out of an artist group I belong to, Art Club San Rafael, which meets every Thursday night to draw, paint, and socialize. Currently, I use pastels, colored pencils, ink and pens. One of the more popular modern formats is the ATC, (Artist Trading Cards) which are 2.5 by 3.5 inch cards, created with every media imaginable.

UU Music

The Fellowship is always in search of musicians willing to perform; this includes special music in the service, a prelude, offertory or postlude, or accompanying the church choral group on hymns. We also need people to substitute when Jean King or Tom Disselhorst or both are not available. Contact Jean King (258-7151) or Tammy Hathaway, our office administrator, if you are interested in helping our services reflect the musical diversity in our UU Fellowship!

For Pondering: ND Century Code 54-06-19

54-06-19. Appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils - Gender balance.

Appointments to boards, commissions, committees, and councils of the state established by this code, if not otherwise provided by law, should be gender balanced to the extent possible and to the extent that appointees are qualified to serve on those boards, commissions, committees, and councils. Any appointment in accordance with this section should be made in a manner that strives to seek gender balance based on the numbers of each gender belonging to the group from which appointments are made. Ex officio members are not to be included in determining gender balance under this section.



Join us at the 2012 Bismarck-Mandan CROPWALK for Hunger on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at the North Dakota Capitol steps. We will begin with registration, games and activities for all ages at 12:30 p.m. The walk will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Many people must walk daily to seek food, shelter and safe water. "We walk because they walk." CROP means "Communities Respond to Overcome Poverty." We walk to educate, exercise, advocate and seek justice.

Hunger lives right in our backyard. The CROPWALK provides support for local agencies as 25% of funds raised are shared with the Abused Adult Resource Center, AID Inc., the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry and Ruth Meiers Hospitality House.

We walk to end hunger, one step at a time. Thanks to dedicated walkers and sponsors, the 2011 CROPWALK raised \$12,117.75. Let's make it a goal this year to raise even more! We walk to celebrate the 43rd anniversary of CROPWALKS for Hunger which began right HERE in Bismarck in 1969.

Make plans to join us, as a united community, to make a difference not only here in Bismarck-Mandan, but in the lives of those around the world! How? Become a Hunger Walker or donate to a Walker today! For more information, contact a recruiter from your church, email bismancropwalk@gmail.com, call Allison Germolous at 701-400-0053 or check out our facebook page!

Contact a member of our Social Justice Committee to find out more. You can have 75% of funds YOU raise be dedicated to the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)!

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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

[Prairie Star District](http://www.psdoua.org)

www.psdoua.org

[Church of the Larger Fellowship](http://www.clf.uua.org)

www.clf.uua.org

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

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

www.questformeaning.org