

UU SPIRIT

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Dedicated to sharing the Unitarian Universalist message in the Red River Valley and beyond.

February 2011 Programs, Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday services are followed by coffee and conversation.

Feb. 6: Charlie Sawicki, *The Curse of Certainty*

Certainty gives people a self-satisfied safe feeling, but is it justified? In societies, it encourages extremism with contempt for the rights of those who are different in thought or behavior. In the case of religion, it also promotes the flawed and dangerous concept of "absolute morality" which historically has resulted in the deaths of millions in support of imaginary absolute truths. Certainty is false security established on ignorance and maintained by deception. Certainty is a feeling most often unrelated to reason.

Feb. 13: Joshua Boschee



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE LGBT rights and immigration/undocumented worker rights are both foci of the UUA's Standing on the Side of Love Campaign. As a member of Fargo's Human Relations Commission and leader of the FM Pride Collective, Josh Boschee sees the injustices, the activism, and social justice efforts experienced by both groups.

There are several exciting statewide and community initiatives coming into being. Joshua Boschee will talk about those and share stories of direct experiences in "living our values boldly" as UUA President Peter Morales urges us all to do.

Feb. 20: Darcy Asche, *The Sojourners in Your Land*

Throughout the world, history, religions and cultures, we are reminded that hospitality to the strangers among us is central to our humanity. As migration increases due to environment, economics, war and other reasons, we ask, "How do we prepare ourselves and our communities for this?" Darci Asche is Community Support Services Supervisor for New American Services, a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. She has been involved in welcoming refugees to the state of North Dakota for the past 15 years. Darci was born and grew up in North Dakota. She and her husband, Roger, farm near Gwinner, ND. They have two children, four grandchildren, four foster children and four foster grandchildren.

Feb. 27: Tom Carlson, *The Effect of Spiritual Living on White Privilege*

Dr. Tom Stone Carlson is an associate professor in the Department of Human Development & Family Studies at North Dakota State University, where he serves as the program coordinator of the Couple and Family Therapy master's program. He is a founding member of NDSU's anti-racism team and regularly gives trainings to the campus and community related to issues of racism and white privilege. His research interests include the role that social injustice plays in the emotional and relational health of individuals and families. Additionally, he is interested in the many ways that spirituality can be used as a resource for change in the therapy process. He is the co-author of the book *Spirituality and Family Therapy* by Haworth Press. He will discuss how spirituality calls us to dismantle systems of privilege and oppression.

February 2011 FMUU Church Calendar



Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to shovel our walks during snowfalls of less than two inches. Snowfalls more than two inches are done by a local service. If you are able to volunteer to shovel for one or two weeks, please contact the office at fmuu@fmuu.org or 235-0394.

Worship Leader Training

We will have another training session for worship leaders on Sunday, February 13, at 12:30 in the sanctuary.

Please RSVP to Laurie Baker at: emsdatter@gmail.com if you plan to attend or wish to attend but need a different date.

Drumming Circle Feb. 13 & 27 at 3 p.m.

For adults who like to lift their spirits with a beat. The second and fourth Sundays at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Some extra instruments are provided but bring drums, rattles, and other rhythm instruments if you have them. Everyone is welcome and no experience necessary.

Recorded Sunday Services

We make mp3 recordings of all our Sunday services, which are available by request. Contact the church office at fmuu@fmuu.org or (701) 235-0394, if you would like to hear a service you may have missed.

Day	Date	Time	What
Fri.	2/4/2011	6:30 p.m.	Serving with Grace Study Group
Sat.	2/5/2011	10:30 a.m.	Immigration As a Moral Issue at Atomic Coffee in Downtown Fargo
Sun.	2/6/2011		Food Pantry Collection Day
Sun.	2/6/2011	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	1/16/2011	12:30 p.m.	New Member class, UUism
Wed.	2/9/2011	5:00 p.m.	Leadership Council Meeting
Wed.	2/9/2011	6 p.m.	Pizza Social
Wed.	2/9/2011	6:30 p.m.	People & Program Meeting
Sun.	2/13/2011	9 a.m.	FMUU Board Meeting
Sun.	2/13/2011	12:30 p.m.	Leadership Training Class
Sun.	2/13/2011	3 p.m.	Drumming Circle
Tue.	2/15/2011		March Newsletter Deadline
Sun.	2/20/2011	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	2/20/2011	12:30 p.m.	Place Committee Meeting
Fri.	2/25/2011	7 p.m.	FMUU Movie Night
Sun.	2/27/2011	10 a.m.	Sunday Morning Forum
Sun.	2/27/2011	3 p.m.	Drumming Circle

Hello Fellow UU members!

The UU Pagans invite the members of the congregation to send in or write down anything they would like to learn, discuss, and or question about Paganism, Wicca, or Heathenism. We also welcome your questions about us, the UU Pagans. We really enjoy sharing information with the fellow UU members and are interested in knowing what the congregation would like to learn. There is a decorative purple box on the information table (left of the sanctuary doors) with paper for you to write your questions and then drop back in. You may also email your questions to fmcuups@live.com. We will pick the question that comes up the most and publish the answer in the next newsletter.

Thank you, from the UU Pagans!



FMUU Choir

Feb. 6 and 20 at 9:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join the choir - prior choral experience is not necessary. Choir meets

in the church at 9:30 a.m. every first and third Sunday of the month for rehearsal, and performs that Sunday for the 11:00 a.m. service. Please join us!



Our new Children's Religious Education schedule is off to a great start. Matt Rutten has been working with the children during the service. The middles group with Bill Thomas and teen group with

Claudette Peterson are meeting. Please take a moment to thank these volunteers for contributing to our church community. All three RE groups have been focusing on Health and Body Image this month with activities ranging from the Hokey-Pokey to examining the unhealthy messages magazines give with airbrushed pictures.

During the month of February, our children and youth will be exploring World Religions with new volunteer teachers. We still need more volunteers to teach later this year. Contact Katie Christensen (kt_christensen@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

Immigration As a Moral Issue: Our Congregational Response

Saturday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Atomic Coffee on Broadway Downtown Fargo

Delegates at the 2010 General Assembly in Minneapolis selected Immigration As a Moral Issue to be the 2010-2014 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. This process is congregationally driven and is facilitated by the Commission of Social Witness with support from the UUA staff. March 1, 2011 is the date that comments from individual congregations are due.

We will meet February 5 as friends and members of FMUU to formulate comments and questions to pass on to the CSW. Congregational comments will help the CSW prepare for their workshops on Immigration at General Assembly 2011. We will read the text together at this meeting or you can read it in full at www.UUA.org.

If you cannot be at the Feb. 5 meeting, please submit responses, comments and questions for the CSW to Carol Kapaun, lunasight@gmail.com by Friday,



Dorothy Day Food Pantry

The FMUU Church collects non-perishable food on the first Sunday of each month for the Dorothy Day Food Pantry.

Please bring your nonperishable food donations to church on Sunday, February 6.

Ally Darling will take our collection to Dorothy Day this month. Thank you Ally, for volunteering your time and gas to help with this service!



GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

As of the final mailing to Boston on January 15, 2011, our church had collected \$639.28 in boxes and envelopes for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's annual Guest at Your Table celebration. We should all feel proud that we are among those helping the UUSC put our principles into action. This year's focus is on grass roots groups in Uganda, Afghanistan, Guatemala and Ecuador who are working on various human rights and social justice issues.

Those of you who participated in Guest at Your Table join many other UUSC supporters in fostering our principles in the United States and other places in the world where there is a need. Thank you.

For others, it is not too late to send in your own contribution to: UUSC; Guest at Your Table; PO Box 844001; Boston, MA 02284-4001. Be sure to state that you are a member of Fargo-Moorhead UU Church.

Audrey Richmond,
UUSC Congregational Representative

Wednesday, February 9

Pizza Social at 6:00 p.m.

People & Program Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Our People and Program committees will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for pizza (free will offering) and social time. At 6:30 p.m., each group splits off to meet until 7:30 p.m.

Contact the office, (701) 235-0394 or fmuu@fmuu.org, if you would like to join a group. Membership is not a requirement to join a group and childcare is provided by request for these gatherings.

By joining a group, you are assisting the church to become vital and grow. In return, the group will give you a sense of accomplishment and community.

The Place group meets on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

If you need childcare for this meeting, please contact the office ASAP.



Please RSVP to the office with your choice of pizza by Tuesday, February 8.

National “Pray Away the Gay?” Winter Speaking Tour

February 1, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.

NDSU, Century Theater (Memorial Union)

Meeting with NDSU Counseling and Couples & Family Therapy program students and faculty at 2 p.m.

AND

February 1, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Concordia College, Jones Conference Room
(Knutson Campus Center)

Activist and Author Wayne Besen to Speak

During his hour and a half show, Besen takes the audience on a whirlwind tour of “ex-gay” programs. Audiences will learn the history of these groups, the bizarre techniques they use, and the political players that finance these ignoble efforts.

For additional information, please visit
www.TruthWinsOut.org.



FMUU February Movie

Friday, February 25
7:00 p.m.

Short Film: *Flatland*

A whimsical animated film whose characters are geometric forms who live in Flatland, a 2-dimensional world that is, well . . . flat. Little Hex, however, envisions the possibilities of worlds outside her own, new realms previously experienced only in dreams. However, curiosity in this land of strict rules and severe punishment for “heresy” (believing in anything beyond a flat, 2-dimensional world), means putting herself and her family in great danger. Can Hex discover a third dimension?

Brief Intermission.

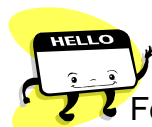
Short Documentary: *Humanity Ascending*

In this brilliant short documentary exploring our own evolution, Barbara Marx Hubbard gently takes us from the beginning of time to our possible future. She brings us hope in a time of immense change, offering an alternative and optimistic view of our future. A very thought provoking production!

Discussion Following.

Sunday Greeters Needed

We need volunteers to be our greeters on Sunday mornings. Greeters welcome our guests, invite them to sign the guest book and make a nametag. After the service you thank them for coming and invite them downstairs for coffee. If they have children, inform them of our nursery and RE program. Please contact Stacy Nicholson at stacyn@gomoorhead.com or (218) 233-2001 if you are able to help with this important task.



February Greeters

Feb. 6	Theo Kirkley
Feb. 13	Gail Wischmann
Feb. 20	Greeter Needed
Feb. 27	Greeter Needed

Unitarian Universalist Church Awards

The Board of Directors is asking for nominations for our FMUU Awards. We have two awards that we would like nominations for, please see descriptions below. If you would like to nominate someone, please list his or her full name and a short description of why you feel he or she should receive the Lifetime Achievement award or the Outstanding Service award. Nominations can be sent to the church email (fmuu@fmuu.org) or by regular mail. Nominations shall be received through the month of February.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is to recognize individuals for exemplary services to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead. It affirms those Unitarian Universalists whose actions inspire, support and express the values put forth by our congregation. The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to those whose lifetime activities have made a significant contribution to the cause of Unitarian Universalism.

Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service Award shall recognize volunteers for their exemplary service and significant contributions to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead. This award honors those volunteers of integrity who consistently give a great service to the congregation, supporting the values of Unitarian Universalism.

Recipients of Past FMUU Awards

Ruth & Sidney Morton
Outstanding Service Award
2002-2003

Bill & Millie Treumann
Lifetime Service Award
2004-2005

Stacy Nicholson
Outstanding Service Award
2007-2008

Nancy Harris
Lifetime Service Award
2003-2004

Linda Coates
Outstanding Service Award
2005-2006

Bill Thomas
Outstanding Service Award
2008-2009

Cindy Palmer
Outstanding Service Award
2003-2004

Thom & Audrey Richmond
Lifetime Service Award
2005-2006

Mary Rundquist
Outstanding Service Award
2009 - 2010

Claudia English
Outstanding Service Award
2004-2005

Maggie Scott
Outstanding Service Award
2006-2007

Robert Olson
Lifetime Service Award
2009 - 2010

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead will offer New Member classes after services on the following dates.

February 6: A Short History of UUism, Claudette Peterson facilitator.

March 6: CUUPS and UUism, UU Pagan members facilitate.

April 3: Principles in Story and Worship, Tim Peterson facilitator.

May 1: The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide, Board members will facilitate.

These classes are for anyone who would like to know more about Unitarian Universalism and our church.

FMUU Board Openings

The FMUU Nominating Committee is looking for people who are interested in volunteering for church activities and would like to be involved with a dynamic and engaged church committee.

You are invited to join the FMUU Board of Directors; we have openings for the President-Elect, Treasurer and two At-Large positions.

Curious? Talk with any member of the Nominating Committee: Audrey Richmond (701) 235-3904
Carol Kapaun at lunasight@gmail.com
Carolyn Monzingo at cjmonzingo@i29.net.

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, socio-economic status, physical or mental ability.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead is to provide to its members, and to the community, an environment of religious tolerance, a loving fellowship of diversity, an open forum for the exchange of social, political, and moral ideas and values, and a religious home for spiritual growth without fear of reprisal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are held for children of all ages Pre-School through High School. Beginning Sunday, January 9, children ages 4-7 will be meeting during the service at 11:00 a.m. These children will start in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. with their parents for the first 15 minutes of the service and then are escorted to their RE classes.

Children 8-12 years of age will meet after Sunday services at noon.

The Teens (13-18) will continue to meet in their classroom at noon.

The curriculum covers UU Principles, World Religions, and Social Justice.

NURSERY ROOM

Child care is provided on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for children four years of age and under.



February Coffee Servers

Feb. 6 Susan Ostby and Amy Bauroth

Feb. 13 Carol Kapaun and Mark Chekola

Feb. 20 Warren Christensen and Deb Crawford

Feb. 27 Ruth Danielson and Joseph DeMasi

Contact Thom Richmond at (701) 235-3904 or richmond@cord.edu if you have any questions.

We would like to thank our congregation members who serve coffee each Sunday. All of our church members are placed automatically on the coffee server list and serve twice a year. We are grateful that our congregation is willing to help with this task.

If you are not a church member, but would like to volunteer serving, contact Thom Richmond at (701) 235-3904 or the church office fmuu@fmuu.org.

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