

UU SPIRIT

Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead



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

May 2010 Programs, Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

Children's Religious Education Classes are held at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

Sunday services are followed by coffee and conversation.

Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Peter Mayer Concert

Special Guests

Brenda Weiler and Joseph DeMasi

FM Community Theatre, 333 4th St. S., Fargo

Tickets \$15 at www.fmct.org

Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the concert. This concert is a fundraiser for the FMUU Church, please invite your family and friends.



May 2: Peter Mayer *Blue Boat Home*

There will be a potluck lunch after the service. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

May 9: Carolyn Monzingo

The Staff of Life

Down through the ages, bread has been largely essential to man's survival. The staff of life means different things to each of us and it has a different meaning at different times in our lives. In many cultures, men are the bakers for the masses while women bake for their families. I remember my grandmother baking bread and cinnamon rolls and associating that unmistakably enticing aroma with her warm, safe and welcoming home. Come and join in celebrating all who bake and all who appreciate a well-baked loaf of bread.

May 16: Libby Sundby

Young Women;

The New Feminist Heroines

Young people are the future. What does that mean? NDSU student and feminist organizer, Libby Sundby, will discuss the present and future of feminism and the role young people are playing.

May 23

Rev. Stefan Jonasson *Ministerial Reflections*



Rev. Stefan Jonasson is a Unitarian Universalist minister, historian and organizational development consultant based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and has often been a guest of this congregation. A progressive in politics, Stefan has been active in political campaigns for both Liberals and New Democrats. Stefan was born and raised in Winnipeg and educated at Assiniboine School and St. James Collegiate. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Winnipeg in 1988, winning the University Gold Medal in Religious Studies. In 1997, he received the Master of Divinity degree from the same university, winning the Governor-General of Canada's Gold Medal for the highest standing in a graduate degree.

This ends the 2009-2010 church service year. We hope to see everyone again on August 15 for the interfaith PRIDE service. Have a wonderful summer!



CHURCH CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SERVICES ARE HELD SUNDAY'S AT 11:00 A.M.

SAT. MAY 1 @ 7:30 PM	PETER MAYER CONCERT FM COMMUNITY THEATRE
SUN. MAY 2	FOOD PANTRY DAY
SUN. MAY 2 @ 9:30 AM	CHOIR
SUN. MAY 2 @ 12 NOON	POTLUCK LUNCH
SUN. MAY 2 @ 11:00 AM	TEEN RE
SUN. MAY 9 @ 9:00 AM	BOARD MEETING
TUE. MAY 11 @ 5:30 PM	PEOPLE OF FAITH MTG
WED. MAY 12 @ 6:00 PM	PIZZA SOCIAL
WED. MAY 12 @ 6:30 PM	PEOPLE & PROGRAM MTG
SUN. MAY 16 @ 9:30 AM	CHOIR
SUN. MAY 16 @ 11:00 AM	TEEN RE
SUN. MAY 16 @ 12:30 PM	PLACE COMMITTEE MTG
SUN. MAY 16 @ 12:30 PM	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS
SUN. MAY 23 @ 9:00 AM	BOARD MEETING
SUN. MAY 23 @ 11:00 AM	NEW MEMBER INGATHERING

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE 23-27	UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINNEAPOLIS, MN
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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND WE WILL SEE EVERYONE AGAIN ON SUN. AUG 15 FOR OUR PRIDE SERVICE.

MUUSA

A place where you will be welcomed to a warm and loving community. Where your children are safe and cared for. Where you'll always be accepted. Where others share your values and your spirit will be renewed. Join us for a fun, relaxing, stress-free easy vacation. July 4th -10th, 2010 in Potosi, MO. Visit www.muusa.org for a copy of the brochure.



Place Committee News

By Sid Morton, Place Chair

In May we will be establishing budgets for next year's operation. Place has been getting bids from contractors for needed electrical and concrete work. We currently have three bids for each job.

We are also pursuing plans for a new bike rack so that our sign is not damaged by persons chaining their bikes to it. Changes to our sign to indicate the new RE times are almost done.

We have modified the sanctuary sound system to accommodate movies/computer presentations and for musical performers that are a part of Sunday programs or other presentations we may make.

We are working on fixing problems with some of the sanctuary chairs and have purchased new lighting fixtures for the kitchen. The last two items will be accomplished this summer.



Summer is upon us and we need to plant and beautify our property and make sure that the lawn is mowed regularly and flowerbeds weeded. Sign up sheets are available at the greeter desk to choose your times to help.

Please also remember to keep us informed of problems or items of concern about the building.



FMUU
Orientation Class
Sunday, May 16
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Are you interested in becoming an FMUU Church member? Or maybe you would just like to learn more about us. There will be a short one day orientation class for anyone new to our church. Those who wish to join will be ingathered during our last service of the church year on May 23.



Message from Our President

By Mark Sinner

I write this at the end of our church year, not feeling at the end at all but rather in the middle of much growth, gratitude and activity. And yes, it is the middle of my time on the board of directors and I will be continuing to serve as your board president. Laurie Baker, our president elect for this year, will be filling the position of Program Coordinator. Laurie gave her resignation for her board position. We are also saying, with much gratitude for their committed service and tireless enthusiasm for the works of this church, farewell to the following board members whose terms are up: Nancy Saeger, Gary Gran and Carrie Wintersteen. Your service has had impact that will endure and continue to inspire us all.

We are creating, all of us, not just board members, the community that many of us have long longed for, a community filled with thoughtfulness, reverence, music, conversation, friendship, nurturance and fun. And of course, we have also asked patience of each other, and tolerance, even forgiveness. I celebrate it all. As new people come in the doors, new opportunities and growth become possible for us all. As the years and decades of membership add up for some of us, our connections deepen, our shared memory grows and the story of our history goes on.

Together we can honor the forces that beckon us all toward our future. With curiosity, commitment and delight we move forward. This summer will be a time of imagining and creating. Both the board of directors and our three active committees will meet in retreat over the summer to dream and plan. The staff too will meet over the summer to measure where we are and strategize how we can move forward in a way that supports growth and meaning.

Our committees are clearly becoming the engine of this church. They continue to grow and stretch our vision, to remind us how much we can accomplish together, how much we can all grow through collaboration. If you are not yet involved with this process, you can start now. Everyone is welcome, members and friends alike and the chance to contribute is assured. Come to be a part of what is happening, but also come with what is firing you up these days, with your hopes and ideas for our church community. That is how a small church works. We create it together, conversation-by-conversation, week-by-week and day-by-day.

I am grateful for the year that is coming to a close and for the anticipation and energy I feel about the year to come. Most of all I am thankful for all of you, your generosity of ideas, time and resources. Let's keep the conversation going, it is growing us all.

Garage Sale Fundraiser for the Church

Amy Bauroth is holding a garage sale at her home and is willing to collect items from others in the church and collect the proceeds for the church.

As you gather items for cleanup week, keep this sale in mind for those items you wish to get rid of, but are better suited for a sale.

The sale will be held on:

- Thursday, May 6 from 4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Maybe on Saturday, if there is sufficient amount of stuff.

The Bauroth home is at **1350 10th Avenue South in Fargo**, on the corner of 14th Street and 10th Avenue South. We are very well located for drive-by garage sale traffic.

On Sunday, May 2, after the church potluck, Amy will be accepting garage sale items to store in her garage. You can drop off stuff at other times at her home by contacting her at 298-7612 to arrange a time.



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 donations to church on **Sunday, May 2**. Bob Olson will bring our collection to Dorothy Day this month. *Thank you Bob, for helping the church with this project!*



FMUU Choir

The choir will be practicing and singing on the first and third Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

EVERYONE is welcome to join!

Caring and Sharing Corner



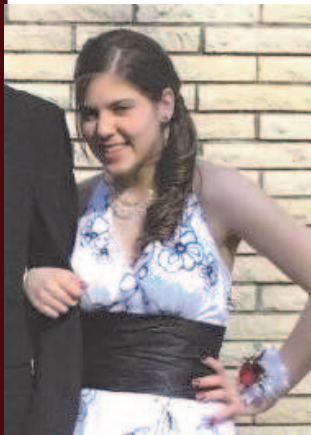
Violet Jane Solinger was born to Jon Solinger and Barbara Honer on Feb. 11, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Please join us in welcoming Violet into the world and our congregation with a short ceremony on **May 2** during regular church service.



Abby Rundquist graduates from Moorhead High School on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

Everyone is welcome to attend an open house on **Monday, June 7** between 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Rundquist home, 910 2nd St. S., Moorhead, MN.



Leewana Maud Cantieri Thomas is graduating from Moorhead High School this spring. Please come to her open house at 1303 18th Ave South in Moorhead on **Sunday, May 30**, from 4 to 7 PM. Next fall she will be going to Macalester College in St. Paul. Her plan is to

study English, Education, and Spanish, with the idea of being a high school teacher.

The church will send cards for important life events (birth, death, illness/hospitalizations and weddings) of our UU members & friends. Please help us in identifying those who are experiencing life changing events in their lives or may need a message of cheer and hope by contacting the church at fmuu@fmuu.org or (701) 235-0394.

Children's Religious Education News

By Susan Ostby, Interim CRE

This is my last article and I am just going to summarize what we did this past month. I am going to continue participating as an RE teacher until our last service in May. We will be having a May Day celebration on May 2 in RE class and you are invited to participate in the festivities.

March 21, in children's RE we studied volcanoes. I read them a story about volcanoes and since there was a volcano that erupted in Iceland the day before, I read them excerpts from that article as well. We put together a volcano and I helped pour in vinegar, water and baking soda, which simulated a volcanic eruption. We reviewed our Seven UU Principles song and Bill showed up with some fun music to complete our class.

March 28, we made flowered headbands by stringing artificial flowers onto yarn. Of course, needles came unthreaded and some flowers were not as easy to work with as others were! The children added leaves and even spiders. Orrin's group also made these headbands. They might have been used for the Easter service or for May Day celebrations.

April 4, Bill Thomas taught RE for Easter Sunday and they talked about the Easter bunny and egg traditions. Then the real fun began as the children had an Easter egg hunt! Bill taught them a song entitled *Lizard in the Spring* and they practiced another song to sing in the service. The children sang it for me when I returned, so apparently they had a great time!

April 11, since Buddha's birthday was April 8, we did the story of Siddhartha Gautama in class. I read it out of a book we have about world religions. Then the children cut out the eight principles of the 8-fold path and glued them onto a wheel. We finished class by painting Lotus flowers - maybe some of these can be used for the May Day celebration.

After hearing Katie's plans for RE at the program meeting, I am very enthused about having her as the Children's Religious Education Coordinator!



Pizza Social

Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

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

For our May gathering, we will be ordering pizza. There will be a \$6.00 suggested fee for the meal, however, it is a free will offering.

Everyone is welcome to attend the pizza social and if you would like to stay and see what People or Program are planning, please do. Membership is not a requirement to join either 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.

Please **RSVP** to the office with your pizza choices by 12 Noon on **Wednesday, May 12** at fmuu@fmuu.org or call (701) 235-0394.

If you would like childcare for the meeting, please send your request to the office by 12 Noon on **Monday, May 10** at fmuu@fmuu.org or call (701) 235-0394.

National Foster Care Month

Imagine a world in which the concept of family is turned on its head, a world in which you are forced to pack a few belongings and move to a new home and a new family. Most of the time you are not making the move with your brothers and sisters who are being placed in other foster homes. New foster families are desperately needed. More and more children need you. They are our children; their well being is dependant on the willingness of our entire community to care for and about them.

Contact Chris Martin at (701) 280-9545.

www.fostercaremonth.org



<http://generalassembly.blogs.uua.org/>

Registration

(www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/registration/index.shtml)
Adult, Youth, and Children's Registration and Accessibility Services.

Housing Reservations

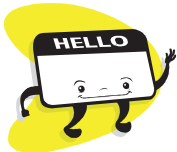
(www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/housing/index.shtml)

Join thousands of Unitarian Universalists (UUs) from across the United States for the 2010 General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis.

You'll experience wonderful and uplifting worship services morning and night, led by some of our best worship leaders, with glorious music and inspiring messages. Worshipping together with thousands of fellow UUs, and our Sunday Worship Service is an experience that should not be missed.

You'll hear terrific speakers and there will be hundreds of entertaining programs. Informative workshops, offering excellent support and learning for leaders in our congregations.

May Guest Table Greeters



May 2	Ruth Morton
May 9	Barb Anton
May 16	Diane Krogh
May 23	Audrey Richmond

Contact Stacy Nicholson at (218) 233-2001 or stacy@gomoorhead.com if you have any questions.

May Chalice Lighters



May 2	Children of RE
May 9	Maya W.
May 16	Alice B.
May 23	Abby L.

If your child is not able to attend on the day he or she is scheduled, please contact the office.

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. Children's classes are held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The curriculum covers UU Principles, World Religions, and Social Justice. The Teen Group meets the first and third Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

NURSERY ROOM

Child care is provided on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for children four years of age and under. We do not have child care for children over the age of four during our services at 11:00 a.m. Older children will be expected to attend the service.



May Coffee Servers

May 2	Hilde van Gijssel and Joseph DeMasi
May 9	Kurt Huseby and Sarah King
May 16	Frances Magin and Patty Leonard
May 23	Keith Sahlin and Loretta Johnson

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 fmoo@fmoo.org.

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

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Nancy Saeger	Past-President	(701) 232-1612

Welcome to our new 2010-2011 board members:
Sanjay Lal Tim Peterson Thom Richmond

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