



Newsletter of the
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Unitarian Universalist
Church



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Sunday Services 10:30 am



June 6
Annette Lovell and Tiarra Stout

June 13
*Children's Sunday and our Traditional UUCIF Springtime
Flower Ceremony*

A celebration of the Life of Dr. Norbert Capek. This is the final Sunday of our Program year and many of our UU young people will be involved in preparing and presenting worship. We also celebrate with the Flower Ceremony asking each person to bring a flower of your choice to the service. Flower may be from the roadside or your garden or "hothouse" blooms but all will be gathered into one stunning arrangement.

June 20
Patriarchy, Parenthood, Power and Patriotism

This Fathers' Day we turn to the connections and expectations that sometimes limit our ability to see men as people too.

June 27
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As a student of journalism and jurisprudence, Lessie Brown examines the role that bluffing, bluster and just plain prevarication and bellicosity play in our world, and how sometimes non-truths can and do affect and change our perceptions of reality.

July 4
Church and State

We say we practice the "Separation of Church and State" and yet there are those who believe that all religion is by its very nature political or maybe it's just that politics is really a kind of religion? A thoughtful topic for Sunday, July 4, 2010!



Riverside Rev-flections

by Lyn Stangland Cameron



Minister's Hours

This is a general guideline. The nature of ministry means that I may be called away for meetings and pastoral visits and may not be in the office even during announced times. Please know that I can be reached by phone message or email and that I will respond as soon as possible. In event of an emergency you may call my home phone, 523-1531 or Richard Wilde of the Committee on Ministry who will nearly always know how to reach me.

Monday
no regular hours

Tuesday
by appointment

Wednesday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday
Writing

Saturday
by appointment

Sunday
10:30 – 2:00

The IFUUF Website is:
www.idahofallsuu.org/
Take a look and
checkout the links!

My Upmost Thoughts and Concerns

I confess that I too often wait until the last minute to write this newsletter missive. I am less motivated by simple procrastination than by an effort to be relevant. This month the outcome of the May 29 march and rally in Phoenix protesting Arizona's Profiling law, and the possibility that BP could cap the Oil Spill in the Gulf are uppermost in my thoughts and concern.

Our Arizona congregations were lobbying to defeat a law that is obviously designed to aid Arizona as that state struggles with severe problems related to drugs and crime. Obviously some legislators believe that police ought to be able to routinely ask people for proof that they are in Arizona legally. I believe that law will result in their asking Hispanic people and people of color prove their legal immigration status. I believe it will result in people of color –particularly Hispanic immigrants being required to “prove” their legality even if their great-grandparents were US citizens! Many UU's in Arizona, especially UU's of Hispanic descent feel the same way and since the bill was signed by the governor our fellow UU's in Arizona and the UUA board and we ministers have been pondering how we might address the issues it raises for UU'S who covenant to “affirm and promote the worth and dignity of every person.”

Our 2012 General Assembly is scheduled for Phoenix throwing many of us into conversations about boycotting the state or whether we might wield more influence in some other way. Then the word came from our sister congregations in Arizona that we had been asked to send UU's to support Arizona's Hispanic community and other people of color in a march and rally for immigrants' rights on May 29, Memorial Day weekend. The marchers were clear that they especially wanted clergy members to join the rally.

Knowing that we western UU's are practically next door to Arizona and that some of our dismally unenlightened Idaho legislators are already calling for a similar law in this state, I searched my heart and wallet and looked for a way to be in Phoenix for the march on Saturday and still back here ready for worship on Sunday morning. The cost of plane fare (over \$700) and a late night return with little leeway for error led me to consider driving. I found someone who could drive with me but, after examining all the obstacles and weighing the needs of this community, I decided that this time I would remain at home and let others carry the banner. And they did.

Rev. Peter Morales and over 40 UU clergy and Hundreds of other UU's marched to say that “Standing on the Side of Love” Unitarian Universalists oppose legislation that restricts the human rights of people of color. NBC Nightly News and Pacifica Radio featured brief excerpts with the Rev Peter Morales our UUA president, a person of Hispanic heritage. And though the national media coverage of the march could have benefitted from more attention, those hardy 50,000 and more souls who did the five mile walk in the baking Arizona sun certainly reflected their conviction that this law unfairly targets all people of color and undermines our nation's heritage as a land that “welcomes the tired... those yearning to be free.”

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On the Calendar for June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Hatha Yoga 11:30-12:45 pm Med Group, 4-5 pm	3	4 Hatha Yoga 8:30-9:45 am Woman's Lunch Group 1:15	5
6 Service, 10:30 am	7 Recorder Practice 3:00-5:00 pm Hatha Yoga 5:00-6:15 pm	8	9 Hatha Yoga 11:30-12:45 pm Med Group, 4-5 pm	10	11 Hatha Yoga 8:30-9:45 am	12
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Ongoing — See Calendar for details

Hatha Yoga	Mondays 5:00 - 6:15 pm Wednesdays. 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Fridays 8:30-9:45 am
Recorder Practice	Mondays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Meditation Group	Wednesdays. 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Women's Lunch Group	1st Friday of the month

Calendar "Highlights" for June

- 4 Women's Lunch Group, 1:15
- 13 Children's Service & Flower Ceremony
Shared Meal
Tea & Theology, 3:00-5:00 pm
- 15 Humanist Discussion Group, 7:00 pm
- 17 Spirituality Book Discussion, 2:00 pm
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- 7/1 Spirituality Book Discussion

FEATHER REMINDER:

When you see the "feather" displayed on the calendar, it is a reminder to send in your Horizon news by the end of the weekend.

The next newsletter deadline is **June 21st**
Please send your items to minister@idahofallsuu.org
and to kpschaef@datawav.net

Watch for changes or additions to this schedule in the Sunday Orders of Service



Around the Church, the Community, and the World

Fourth of July Parade!

So this year our UUCIF board has agreed that we will more officially help PFLAG and Breaking Boundaries with their Fourth of July Float. Steve and Marilyn Watts are again lending their giant trailer and some items will be constructed and decorated in our garage (don't be surprised to see folks coming and going here as they build and paint.) Much of the work will need to happen the last week (June 28 –July 2) before the parade which will be held on Saturday July 3. Please see Rev. Lyn if you are able to volunteer.

Sometimes it takes looking from a completely different perspective to really see things that are up close and personal.

Living With A Man's Heart Conference

Save the Date!
March 12, 2011
at Jefferson Unitarian Church

The Second Semi-Annual Living With A Man's Heart Conference at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, Colorado.

The 2009 conference drew 112 men from 11 congregations in four states!

The 2011 keynote will be:
National speaker, author and UU minister Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed

Call Philippe Marquis at 303-886-3205 with questions.

BRAVO! Debu Majumdar, Ron Allen, and John Lym!!! WELCOME TO THE UUCIF BOARD

At the special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 23, members voted to elect officers as nominated to fill board positions that had been vacated since our Annual Meeting in January. Debu Majumdar will be our President Elect and Ron Allen will be the newest Member-at-Large and will be managing issues related to our Buildings and Grounds. John Lym was also introduced as having been appointed by the board to replace Treasurer Tom Eddy. John, after having trained with Tom for several weeks will take over as UUCIF treasurer June 1.

Many Thanks for Our New Good Job Doers!

Hank Boland and Bonnie Anderson have volunteered to fill the shoes of Catherine Nelson and Sue Wilde respectively. Hank has agreed to be our Altar Flower and Altar Decorations organizer so if you would like to dedicate the décor for a Sunday, flowers or other seasonal decorations are always welcome, please call Hank at 522-3228. Bonnie Anderson, 529-4376, has stepped up to be our new "Procurement" person and will keep our cleaning, paper products, coffee and other supplies in stock. If you notice that we are running short on any of our staples, please call Bonnie or leave a note in on the yellow pads in the office or in the kitchen. We are so fortunate that these two busy and wonderful folks have agreed to fill these positions. Please remember to tell them, "Thanks." And while you are at it tell Marian Morgan "thank you" for doing such a good job looking after all our many indoor plants!

Soup Kitchen

The soup kitchen went well over the weekend with ample help. We served 90 on Sat. but only 45 on Sun. There were children served on both days. Thanks to Bill Kohn, Heidi and Nikki Baker, Joe Plum, Molly Brinkerhoff, Bob & Marion Murray, Lloyd Pickett, Marian Morgan, Josh & Robert Wolfe, Vic Allen, Pam Lilburn, Susanna Terry, 2 grade school girls, Steve and Marilyn Watts and on Saturday, 5 students from Brigham Young University-Idaho. The five were taking a New Testament class, and they were assigned to do a charity work project. They chose the soup kitchen and did an excellent job. One of the girls could speak fluent Spanish and conversed with one of the patrons and he was all smiles. It was delightful to see.

We can always use help. We will need two days of effort of about eleven people each day: One on Saturday, and a second on Sunday. Please call, Marilyn Watts 523-0488

Voluntary Simplicity Tip

Water (clean) is a resource we cannot live without. The average annual water consumption of Idaho Falls, (previous three years), is approximately 9000 million gallons (City of Idaho Falls Water Department). The water we drink, clean with, water the lawns with, and used for commercial irrigation comes from ground water, the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. Decreased recharge due to surface water irrigation (sprinkler type), increased ground-water withdrawals, and weather variation lead to a decline of 10.5 million acre feet from 1975 to 1995 (<[http://www.if.uidaho.edu/~johnson/ifiwrri/sr3/esna.html](http://www.if.uidaho.edu/%7Ejohnson/ifiwrri/sr3/esna.html)><http://www.if.uidaho.edu/~johnson/ifiwrri/sr3/esna.html>). The message is quite clear, if we want water in the future, we will all have to use it much MORE efficiently, including the commercial irrigators.

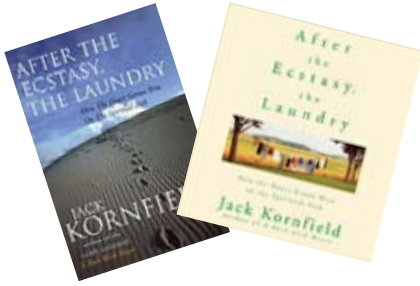
—Lala Chambers

Intermountain West Citizens for Sustainability

<<http://citizensforsustainability.wordpress.com/>><http://citizensforsustainability.wordpress.com/>



Gathering Together



Spiritual Books on Thursday Afternoons

Those of us who have been taking our time to explore in depth Jack Kornfield's After the Ecstasy, the Laundry plan to continue to meet throughout the summer. Others are welcome to join us as we move through the books rich imagery. We will meet on Thursday June 17 and July 1 at 2:00 pm. Luckily though reading this text is a wonderfully rich experience and you may want to race ahead, the group is taking one chapter at a time which allows newcomers to feel right at home in the discussions. Call Rev Lyn 522-8269 if you have any questions.

Women's Discussion Group

The Women's Group will meet Friday, June 18, 5:30 pm at Marilyn Watt's house. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

Men's Discussion Group

The Men's Group will meet at on Friday, June 18, at 5:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please come and bring a church friend who has not attended before. Call Floyd Vahalik at 523-0741 for questions, and location.

Humanist Discussion Group

Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00 pm. The Humanist Group will meet at the church.

"A Touch of ...Prose" Writer & Reader Coffeehouse Friday June 18, 7:00 pm

Twice we have enjoyed getting together to share words and images, ideas and experiences at our "Writes and Readers" Coffeehouse, "A Touch of Prose." So far the writing has been outstanding and the camaraderie terrific. Please join us on Friday evening, June 18 at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist church on E Street in Idaho Falls.

"A Touch of Prose" is not a competition but a *sharing* of words, images and ideas. Bring 500 words or fewer of your own writing or interpret the words of a favorite author. Both readers and "listeners" are welcome to enjoy the evening sharing images and ideas together.

This event is free for all. Coffee and teas provided please bring donations of desserts, snacks and beverages to share! Call 522-8269.

Tea and Theology: Buddhism

Sunday Afternoon May 30th and June 13 the Video and Discussion "Tea and Theology" series will continue to explore Buddhism as a world religion. We gather from 3:00-5:00 pm, watch a video-lecture, and then ponder together what has been offered. All are welcome, though having done reading on "Buddhism" might be helpful, as the group has already progressed through several sessions. (Lyn provides tea and teatime snacks)



PLANNING TO PLAY??

We have a new **UUCIF SOFTBALL TEAM** in the **INTERFAITH LEAGUE!**

Call Alan Jines 201-3869

Get in shape, make friends and have fun this summer!

Games will be on Wednesday or Thursday nights.

When a schedule is finished Alan will post it on the website.

Saturday Day Hikes

Day Hikes are planned through August We leave 9:00 am from the church parking lot.

The first trip will be to the top of Menan Butte led by Pap Lilburn.

Check the Willard Room Bulletin Board for future trips.

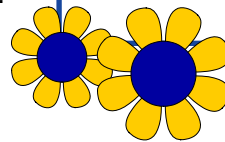


And this was another Memorial Day overcast by the dark clouds of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the deadly news that the military and civilian death toll and the number of those injured keeps rising.

For over a month our nation's news has been darkened by the billowing clouds of oil spewing from the broken well pipes in the Gulf Coast. As the weeks pass it is hard not to feel a deeply personal sadness at the incredible disaster that this has truly become. My heart aches and I know so many people around the world share my deep sadness and anger and frustration

One thing is obvious. While the oil industry said they were acting safely- they really had no idea what to do when the break happened and they cannot guarantee that their next efforts will succeed. As a nation in a world that for decades has been hooked on using fossil fuels we know that our actions as consumers of the good life connect us, however unwittingly, with the destruction that is now causing such wanton death and destruction and such anguish.

So as we welcome the lilacs and the freshness of late spring, as we plan for summer visits and events in this beautiful relatively safe and secure pocket of the our nation, I remember that others are struggling and consider that I must do what I can here, where I am to treat people fairly and to consider the well being of the earth. As I prepare to tour Yellowstone with my son and to fly to Minnesota in late June, I remember that I too use the oil, and count on the safety and security of my home that others have secured. May I, may we all, remember to live with gratitude.
—Lyn



Religious Education

What a fun year we have had! Thanks! The 2010 end of year program and teacher recognition will be June 13th.

A very special thank you to all who have helped with the Religious Education and Exploration program this year: Katie Metz, Susanna Terry, Roxane Rohweder, Laura Shropshire, Elizabeth Cogliati, Annelies Kull, Lala Chambers, Adrian Ashworth, Alan Jines, Tom Eddy, Hank Bowland, John Liljenquist, Hollis Henry, Dawn Loomis, Kara Barrows, Theresa Gerstner, Michael Preston, Heidi Baker, Elizabeth Preston, Ryan Terry, Amanda Smith, Alex and Larissa Dawson.

REE will continue through the summer with nursery care for 0-3, 3-9 together for activities, 10-12 continuing "Amazing Grace," 13+ teen activities.



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