



### **Our Vision**

The Unitarian Universalist Church in Idaho Falls is a vibrant and welcoming church home for everyone. With a tradition of thoughtful searching, we are a beacon of truth, love and justice.

### **Our Mission**

Honor the individual's right to religious and spiritual freedom  
Minister to each other and the community at large  
Nurture the search for truth and meaning  
Be a loving and intergenerational community welcoming to all beliefs, races, sexual orientations, ethnicities and gender identities  
Improve the quality of life by living our values and working for local and universal justice

### **Our Covenant**

Love is the spirit of this community and service its law. This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

# Horizons Newsletter

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN IDAHO FALLS

August 2019

## August Worship

Sunday Services 10:30am

### **Aug. 4 "Multiple Hypothesis Testing"**

Our fifth source counsels us to heed the guidance of reason and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit. Worship associate Josh Cogliati discusses guidelines for trying to figure out what is happening in the world.

### **Aug. 11 "Becoming Who You Are"**

Please join us for what promises to be an exciting service with Worship Team member Kerry Shirts.

### **Aug. 18 "The Choice"**

This presentation by City Council Member Jim Francis will involve the congregation in attempting to resolve a dilemma each United Statesian faces, but a dilemma that few people accept as real.

On the one hand, Martin Luther King's 1963 Letter from Birmingham Jail expresses eloquently the essence of democracy, the essence of religion, and the proper relationship between these human-made concepts in a democratic-republic. The United States honors Dr. King and his words with a national holiday.

And yet... The eight clergymen who wrote and published the essay that prompted King's letter better represented the post-Revolution views of men such as George Washington and Sam Adams. Disobedience to law opens the door to the destruction of a democratic-republic.

Which is it to be? Allegiance to a republic or allegiance to "liberty and justice for all," i.e., equality?

### **Aug. 25 "Rough Weather Ahead"**

Join us for a lay-led service by UUCIF members Larry Vanderplas and Molly Brinkerhoff about Climate Change and the interconnected web of all life.

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## “Beyond Categorical Thinking” Dates Set

We have received confirmation from the UU transitions team that our Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop will be on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Search Team picked this date because it is the Second Sunday Potluck. The BCT representative will be providing the church service and then a 3 hour workshop after the potluck.

The UU Transition office stated Search Committee members and Board members are expected to attend: all congregants should be encouraged to attend.

Please let the board know is you plan to attend.

## Ministerial Search Team Update

This is the first in a recurring series of updates that will be a regular feature in the UUCIF newsletter between now and when we complete the search process and call a new minister in spring/summer 2020.

The search team met for a day and a half with our assigned search coach, Rev. Judy Zimmerman. The purpose of this workshop was to get the team up to speed on the search process, familiarize us with the tasks and roles involved, get better acquainted with one another, and establish some foundational working agreements and guidelines.

This is a congregation-wide process, with a need and desire to have everyone involved. Our goal is to hear your voices and gather your input as we collectively define what qualities and capabilities we’d like to see in our next called minister.

A special congregational workshop is being scheduled, tentatively for Sept. 8 if we can get the resource here that weekend. This workshop is called “Beyond Categorical Thinking”. Stay tuned for updates on this.

Following the workshop will come congregational survey, and a number of “cottage meetings” where small groups will gather to provide feedback and input on desirable characteristics of a future ministry.

Some focus-group meetings will also be scheduled to address specific topics such as needs of families with children.

A dedicated search team bulletin board will soon be up in Fellowship Hall, where updates will also be posted, along with notices and sign-up sheets for upcoming focus groups and cottage meetings as well as a calendar of events and activities, so you can follow what your search team is doing.

Watch this space for more to come . . .

Feel free to contact any of the search team members with any questions.

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## So This Minister Walks into a Congregation and . . . Interim and Other Ministry Topics Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler's Column

Greetings Good People:

As we start the new church year, I want to share again one of my favorite meditations. It was written by my colleague, Rev. David S. Blanchard:

**“Come down off the ladder.  
Wash out that paintbrush.  
Shake the sand out of your shoes.  
Get up off your muddy knees,  
and give the garden a morning off.  
Fold up the newspaper.  
Turn off the coffeepot.  
Close up your calendar,  
already filled with dates,  
and times,  
and people,  
and places that claim you.  
This church is ready for you to fill its rooms,  
to create its spirit,  
to generate its warmth,  
to kindle its light.  
This church is ready for you to make community,  
to create beauty, to bend it toward justice,  
to serve its ideals.  
This church is ready for you to be here,  
honoring our past,  
invigorating our present,  
and dreaming our future.  
This is your church.  
Here we are home.  
Here we are whole.  
Let us begin.”**

Our new church year (not the fiscal church year) begins with our September 1 service, so “let us begin” with gusto!

If you haven't been to UUCIF lately, your friends, the Board of Directors and I want you to know that you're missed! We want you to come back and be with us. We'll rejoice in seeing you again. No questions will be asked, no recriminations, just, “Wow, it's good to see you.” We want to hear what's happening in your life . . . your sorrows and joys. And if I haven't met you, I'd love to meet you!

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**DREE Office Hours**  
Thursday: 8:30am—  
11am

**Office Administrator Hours**

Mon. 2:30p – 5:30p  
Wed. 2:30 - 5:30pm  
Thu. 2:30p – 5:30p

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I want to be brutally honest here. The truth is that this congregation, this denomination needs you! You're needed to help co-create the church's future, the future of the local community, this country and the world. With your help this congregation can improve the chances to make needed changes to improve the well-being of this wounded yet beautiful world. Come back! Your presence will make a difference.

## Part II

A series of exciting and important events is going to happen in the early part of fall. UUCIF's members and active friends will have the opportunity to share what character traits and skills they want in your new minister. This will happen through the Cottage Meetings that the Ministerial Search Committee is setting up. On my end, related to my responsibilities as your Interim Minister, I will be offering reflections about topics such as professional ministry and defining Unitarian Universalist's brand of polity. All of this aside, I really look forward to seeing all of you and hearing about your summer. This year promises to be one of great possibilities. Let's plan to boldly step into our known and unknown future . . . which promises to be exciting and busy.

Good people, I look forward to seeing you at UUCIF's services or events and around town! ~ In the spirit of love, Rev. Jackie

## Participate in the Historic Global Climate Strike September 20 through 27

Rev. Ziegler is organizing a day, time and place for people in Idaho Falls to participate in this Global Climate Strike. During the week of September 20-27, millions of adults will walk out of their workplaces and homes to join young climate strikers on the streets and demand an end to the age of fossil fuels. This climate strike demands climate justice for everyone, every living being and eco-systems. As you know "Our house is on fire —let's act like it."

Watch for an announcement in the near future from Rev. Ziegler with details.

## UU's Meet with City Prosecutor

Amanda Logan, Cindy Logan, Daniel Schwen, Vic Allen, and Lisa Christenson met with Idaho Falls Prosecutor Cindy Campbell on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> to lay the groundwork for a restorative justice plan for Micheal Boyce, the man who is going on trial for vandalizing our Black Lives Matter banner.

While all parties were new to the restorative justice model, we did work out some possible solutions. Several solutions were discussed, none of which included Mr. Boyce coming onto UU property.



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## News From Upstairs

Elizabeth Cogliati

A new childcare worker has been hired as a substitute for the nursery, Carson Hulett. Childcare is arranged for September 8th for the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop.

We have not had any children attending this summer but I am confident they will return as summer winds down.

The nursery clean-up/purge is scheduled for August 11 after the service

## A Memorial Service for People Who Have Lost Animal Companions

Rev. Ziegler is planning a very different kind of memorial service. It is a service that offers the opportunity for children and adults to express their sadness and grief over the loss of a beloved animal companion, as well as remember, honor and celebrate the special relationship they had. The loss could have happened just recently or years ago.

The intent is for the service to be held sometime in October. It will be a service the general public will also be invited to attend and is designed to allow people of all religious backgrounds to comfortably attend and participate in.

At the time of the writing of this article, Rev. Ziegler has not set a date or a place to hold this service. Watch for a future announcement with a date, time and place. In the meantime, please spread the news to your friends, neighbors, and veterinarians that this service is being planned.

Rev. Ziegler has offered this special and beautiful service since 1998 and it has always helped people have more closure around the loss of their beloved animal companion. If you have questions, contact Rev. Ziegler at 208-881-5539 or [revziegler369@yahoo.com](mailto:revziegler369@yahoo.com).

"Humans are part of the web of life. What we do to the planet, what we do to other species, and what we do to other people, we end up doing to ourselves."

- John Robins -



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**Age-ing to Sage-ing:  
A Revolutionary Approach to  
Growing Older  
A Free Course Offering  
Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler, Facilitator**

This course is a guide to Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi’s book “From Age-ing to Sage-ing.” It invites participants to deepen their understanding of aging and elderhood. The goals of this course emphasize the hope of author Zalman Schachter-Shalomi to re-contextualize aging as the anticipated “fulfillment of life.” The four goals for participants are: to awaken to a vision of spiritual eldering; to deepen their understanding of aging and elderhood; to engage in the homework of spiritual eldering – journaling, spiritual intimacy, meditation; to witness a transformation from older to elder. During the two-and-one-half-hour sessions participants explore these goals through discussions and exercises in various chapters of Schachter-Shalomi’s book.

Dates for the course are: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Nov 6, 13, 20. Classes start at 1:30 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. The course will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Idaho Falls. Participants need to purchase the 2014 edition of the book "Age-ing to Sage-ing. A Revolutionary Approach to Growing Older" by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Ronald S. Miller.

I will need a minimum of 10 people to offer the course. There will be a maximum of 16 people for the course.

To register email Rev. Ziegler at [revziegler369@yahoo.com](mailto:revziegler369@yahoo.com). The deadline to register for the course is Wednesday evening, September 25, 2019. If you have questions please contact Rev. Ziegler at 208-881-5539.

**Nothing We Do Will Be Perfect**

Now is the time to resist the slightest extension in the boundaries of what is right and just. Now is the time to speak up and to wear as a badge of honor the opprobrium of bigots. Now is the time to confront the weak core at the heart of America’s addiction to optimism; it allows too little room for resilience, and too much for fragility.

—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (The New Yorker, December 2, 2016)



“Being faithful  
doesn’t mean  
endless work.”

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## “We Don’t Need Guns in School” Says Author’s Three-Year-Old Son

Reverend Robin Tanner

“You can dance in a hurricane, but only if you’re...in the eye.”  
—Brandi Carlile

We were in the car when Kirk, my three-year-old son, said, “We don’t need guns in school. I know what to do—you have to hide and be quiet. That’s what Ms. Laurie says.”

I thought I misheard him. One. Two. Three: I waited to figure out what to say next.

At the parent-teacher conference the week prior, Kirk’s teacher Ms. Laurie told us about the active shooter drills and how they help keep the kids safe. “The kids think it’s a game,” she assured us. “They don’t understand.”

We were all wrong.

Kirk and I went that day to visit our congressional leader to talk about gun reform. Afterward, he asked for a donut. I was on full speed, but I stopped anyway. We sat in a cramped Dunkin’ Donuts while he ate his pink-frosted strawberry donut—with sprinkles, of course. We talked about his school and feeling safe. Kirk concluded, “We can make school safer. I like meeting people.”

For the past two years, life has often felt like a hurricane. I don’t know if it’s the political movement, the shattering of my privileged isolation, the acceleration of parenting, or some combination therein, but there are times when the sheer force of the winds terrify me.

I remember in the hospital after giving birth to twins, I was all adrenaline, ready to do loops in the maternity care unit. An experienced nurse approached me: “Lie down. Just for an hour.”

I don’t know if life is going to slow down. A donut in a cramped coffee shop, a cool breeze breaks loose across the march, an hour of sleep in the hospital bed. Being faithful doesn’t mean endless work. It also means attention to the movement of spirit that can appear as an hour of sleep, the truth of a toddler, or a donut in the middle of the day.

Prayer

Abide with me, Gracious One. Open my awareness to the cool breeze, the hour of sleep, the stillness in the midst of the storm.

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