



Horizons Newsletter

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN IDAHO FALLS

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.

January 2019

January Worship

Sunday Services 10:30am

January 6 "Resilience"

Resilience is defined as "the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness." Join us this Sunday as Worship Team members Victoria McDonald and Josh Cogliati explore "Resilience" as a spiritual practice.

January 13 "How Do We Know What We Know? Exploring Epistemology"

Interim Minister Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler offers this service. Annette Lovell is the Worship Associate. Jessica Kuipers is the pianist.

In this service, we'll consider a prickly but central question for Unitarian Universalists: "How **DO** we know what we know?" That is, what are our sources of authority in deciding upon life's most important questions? How do we know what is good and right and true and beautiful? And how do we actualize this in our lives? This up-beat and very informative service is one to bring your friends and family members to.

January 20 "A Reflection Honoring MLK, Jr: Like the Phoenix, We Will Rise Again"

Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler speaking. Kerry Shirts is the Worship Associate. June Cannon is the pianist.

President Elect Donald Trump promised that once he took office he'd bring forth a tsunami of change. Now, in 2019, as we religiously liberal people are constantly dealing with new challenges his tsunami continues to bring, we need the courage to let ourselves die to what has disappeared and, like the Phoenix, with full and loving hearts have the courage to be reborn. Being reborn is not for the faint-hearted. But we Unitarian Universalists (UU) are not faint-hearted people. We have risen . . . have been reborn . . . in the past, and we can do this again, grounded in our UU commitment to justice for the vulnerable. In this reflection, I'll offer the reasons why as well as the ways we can rise again, like the Phoenix from the ashes. We'll hear Dr. King, Jr.'s favorite hymn.

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January 27 “Saging, Not Aging: A Revolutionary Approach”

Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler speaking. Vic Allen is the Worship Associate. Jessica Kuipers is the pianist.

In my humble opinion, one of life’s premier challenges is to face up to who we really are: at 20, at 40, at 60, at 80 and above. Indeed, to look every day in the mirror, and renew vows with yourself: Who am I? Where am I going? And who’s traveling with me? Whenever you perform this daily ritual—gazing leisurely at yourself in the mirror—you can readily identify with Ashleigh Brilliant, a comic, who mused: “I may not be totally perfect, but parts of me are excellent!” Unfortunately, until recently, few folks in our American culture were willing to embrace oldness. And yet when we see an old wall, an old teacup, an old village, an old tree, we appreciate such things precisely for their oldness, the increased beauty of their years and the memories they contain. Things seem to gain in value when they age, whether or not they’re even useful or beautiful. But in our Western society for a long time we have often denied this same appreciation to human beings. However, today that attitude is changing. I’ll reflect on the new attitude movement “Aging to Saging” and what that means. This reflection is important and meaningful for young adults whose parents are alive to hear.

This reflection is the foundation for an eight-session course I will offer beginning in February. Watch for information about the course in UUCIF’s Wednesday e-updates and on Facebook.

Keeping a UUCIF Tradition Alive The 13th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet and Silent Auction

From Rev. Ziegler

The 13th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr Banquet and Silent Auction will be Friday, January 18, 2019 at the Melaleuca Headquarters, 4609 West 65th South, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 from 6-9 pm. This special event honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is sponsored by the African American Alliance in Idaho Falls. (Note the change of location this year!)

Our congregation has a tradition of having a strong presence at this event! We’ve always had at least a full table and, at times, even two tables full! Let’s keep this tradition alive!

I have reserved a table for ten (10) for UUCIF members and friends. The cost for each person is \$35.00 which includes a dinner. The food options for the evening are:

ENTREES: Chicken Marsala **OR** Beef Strip Loin **OR** Creamy Risotto (vegetarian)

SIDES: Roasted Vegetables **OR** Dirty Rice

Everyone will get a salad and a dessert of Banana Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce. Please let me know **NO LATER** than Tuesday, January 8th if you plan to attend **AND** share with me what your food preferences are as Melaleuca’s catering service needs to know at least 10 days before the event. Contact me at revziegler369@yahoo.com **OR** call me at 208-881-5539.



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I hope your holiday season was wonderful in that you had opportunities to enjoy the company of family and friends and time to relax and reflect. I look forward to seeing all of you and hearing some holiday stories.

I want to share an article that The Rev. Dr. Michael Schuler, minister at The First Unitarian Society of Madison, Wisconsin (FUS) wrote about the importance of Unitarian Universalism in the 21st century and, thus, why being a member of FUS is important. He wrote:

“At a time of so much rancor and personal animosity, we need an institution where ‘active’ toleration is practiced. It is not enough grudgingly to put up with our differences. True toleration means celebrating those differences for the opportunity they provide for broadening our perspective.

At a time when old and young people have become preoccupied with the affairs of their own peers, while those in the middle are consumed with careers, we need an institution that will draw the generations together and re-invent the spirit of community.

At a time when the word "spirituality" has been cheapened and degraded, and people desperate for meaning are either retreating to old platitudes or grasping at New Age straws, we need an institution which challenges us to question and reconsider the quality of our religious lives.

At a time when provincial boundaries and parochial attitudes are being resurrected, we need an institution that will keep us connected with a more global consciousness. To know and to cherish one's own religious tradition is indeed important, and that importance is not diminished by the cultivation of a universal, interfaith outlook.

Clearly, we need an institution like the First Unitarian Society.



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If you have been thinking about signing our Membership Book, why not act upon it this month?

If you are starting to feel at home when you come to services and/or the other activities the Church offers, consider joining this religious community. It’s not that YOU necessarily need a religious community, it’s that this congregation needs you to stand with them to promote and carry a much-needed religiously liberal voice in a world that is increasingly losing ground in religious and civil freedoms. Your support in this endeavor is incredibly important! Furthermore, your participation is welcome because you will enrich the ongoing life of their congregation as much as they hope they’ll enrich yours.

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To those ends, towards the end of February I offer a course that involves two classes called “Pathway to Membership.” Specifics about the course will be in the February newsletter, the Wednesday E-updates and I’ll post information on UUCIF’s Facebook page.

Please know that I am also available to meet with you (and others) to discuss Unitarian Universalism and the UUCIF too. Shoot me an email or call me to schedule a mutually convenient time to get together. As you no doubt know, I LOVE to talk about Unitarian Universalism — to evangelize!

I look forward to seeing you at services or other UUCIF events and around town!
Bright Blessings, Rev. Jackie

Recommitment to Vows of Love” Ceremony

Offered by Rev. Ziegler

BEFORE the Sunday, February 10 service, promptly at 9:15 a.m., I will offer a simple yet meaningful “Recommitment to Vows of Love” ceremony. This ceremony is offered to all straight or gay couples who want to reaffirm their marriage or union vows, whether they’ve been together for one or sixty years.

If you’re interested in participating, please let me know by Sunday evening, February 3 through my email: revziegler369@yahoo.com or a telephone call, 208-881-5539 so I can plan how many roses and how much chocolate to purchase.

I have offered this ceremony for other congregations and as it is so well-received, I am making it available for UUCIF’s members and friends.

~ Rev. Ziegler



Around UUCIF

Cookie Exchange

The First Annual Great UUCIF Cookie Exchange happened December 16 and went well. Cookies were exchanged and enjoyed. The church received a couple of dozen cookies for coffee hour. Many hoped that a new tradition had begun and that a second annual cookie exchange would happen next year. The thirst for knowledge and the competitive spirit deep (so deep it is sometimes undetectable) within each UU will lead to better and better baking every year. Soon the UUCIF will be famous throughout northwest central Bonneville county for its fabulous cookies.

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

Nominating Recipients for “Change for Change”

The Board of Trustees invites members and friends to share nonprofit agencies in Idaho Falls and Bonneville County they would like to see be a recipient of UUCIF’s new outreach program “Change for Change.” The Board voted to begin this program at its September 2018 Board meeting. Briefly, “Change for Change” happens once a month during a service by members and friends giving a monetary contribution to the designated nonprofit agency during the offering time.

A sign-up sheet is available in the downstairs social hall. Please let the Board know who you’d like to see be a recipient of this program.

UUCIF, You, and KISU

KISU – FM is our local “ear to the world” and is a popular source for news, music, and information to many in the UUCIF congregation. So it should come as no surprise that members of our congregation are big supporters of KISU, writing a check (or checks) to ensure KISU FM stays on the air. But did you know you can double the impact of those dollars? Simply note with your check that you would like your donation credited to UUCIF’s account. You get the tax deduction and the satisfaction of supporting a worthy cause, UUCIF gets on air recognition and KISU stays on the air. What could be better?

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