



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

July 2019

July Worship

Sunday Services 10:30am

July 7 "Why Can't We Just Get Along?"

A service presented by Arthur Kull.

Once a year we proclaim unity in this country as we celebrate Independence Day. The rest of the year, we fight over ideas and beliefs as if our lives depended on it. As Unitarian Universalists, we affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person...but even in Sunday services sometimes put down others for their beliefs. Why?

July 14 "Will the Real Patriot Stand Up? Unitarian Universalism Is the Quintessential Patriotic Religion."

Interim Minister Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler speaking. Josh Cogliati is the Worship Associate.

Unitarian Universalism has been called the "Quintessential Democratic Religion." However, people seldom connect patriotism with Unitarian Universalism. Yet by all accounts we are a very patriotic religion but ours is a very distinct brand of patriotism. Join me as I lift up and honor our brand of religious patriotism.

July 21 "Where is Calmness in this Alarming World?"

Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler speaking. Molly Brinkerhoff is the Worship Associate. Jessica Kuiper is our pianist.

We are all living in these difficult times of increasingly alarming and anxiety-producing national and international developments and the climate crisis humanity is facing. We have survived such times in the past but where do we find calmness now. So what better time to spend a Sunday devoted to finding calm in an increasingly alarming world? Despite all of these developments and challenges, there are choices we can make to keep our lives calm and productive. Join us for this crucial spiritual conversation.

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July 28 “What Writing About Money Taught Me About Priorities”

A service with financial writer Miranda Marquit and UUCIF member Arthur Kull. Doing the work of really figuring out your values and understanding what matters in your life may change your approach to managing your life and your money. The two - your life and your money - are connected.

In Good Shape? Want to Get in Better Shape? Sign up for the Cady Tucker Run.

The 8th Annual Cady Tucker Run in the Spirit will occur on July 20, and Bob Goetsch is looking for five runners/walkers to form a relay team for the 5-mile (five one-mile legs) relay race. This is a fun run and can be done at a walk around Freeman Park. The purpose of the run is to gather donations for buying automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for local schools. The run is put on by PAID, People Against Impaired Driving, as a memorial for Cady Tucker, an eleven year old girl killed by an impaired driver in 2002. See Bob Goetsch after our services, or call him at 208-523-5250 to sign up. The fee for the team is \$100, or \$20 per participant. Individuals can also sign up for other events held during the run; see Bob for details.

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UUCIF and Free Lunches for Kids

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Exposing Truths of the Murder of Rev. James Reeb

NPR has just released a new Serial podcast about the murder of Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. James Reeb during the Selma campaign of the Civil Rights movement. Rev. Reeb, from Boston, was one of three people murdered during the campaign, the other two being Jimmie Lee Jackson and Viola Liuzzo.

While Jackson, a local African American activist, was not a Unitarian Universalist, both Rev. Reeb and Ms Liuzzo could be considered our first Unitarian Universalist martyrs. Rev. Reeb was a minister working with low-income and marginalized folks in Boston; Viola Liuzzo who is known as a “Detroit housewife” was an activist who didn’t hesitate to put her beliefs into action Both felt called to Selma because of their Unitarian Universalist faith.

As you listen to the first episode, which sets the stage for the rest of the series, I encourage you to take advantage of the many resources the UUA has compiled about these events. I especially encourage folks to look into the murder of Viola Liuzzo and its aftermath,

We’re Still Looking for a Few Good People to Become Worship Associates!

Worship Associates (WA) help lead our Sunday worship services, collaborating with the minister to reflect on meaning, purpose, and the life of the congregation. Members and active friends who are moved and inspired by worship and want to contribute to the congregation’s Sunday service are invited to become Worship Associates. Worship Associates will serve for two years, beginning September 2019 through August 2021 and generally they serve as a WA once every 6 weeks. Worship Associates are not members of the Worship Team, although they could apply to be a member of the Worship Team too.

If you’re interested in being a WA please contact Rev. Ziegler at revziegler369@yahoo.com or 208-881-5539 for an application. When there are enough people interested, mutually convenient dates for training will be decided upon. Rev. Ziegler will provide the training.

Banner Vandalism

On the evening of Saturday, June 29th, our Black Lives Matter banner was vandalized once again. But this time the person was caught in the act, confronted, and ended up in police custody.

The banner suffered minor damage and has been temporarily remounted but will need to be remounted permanently.



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PRIDE 2019

We do not have official numbers but it was by far the largest event we have ever had. We've heard estimates of over 2000 marching in the parade and at least an additional 500 just watching the parade from the festival.

All of our events were sold out. I don't know if you got a chance to see the youth forum but every pew was packed and Mayor Casper even attended and listened to the stories.

Dave McGrath measured the length of the parade from start to finish using Google maps once the parade made it to the turn around point and the line of marchers stretched over a mile long!

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2019 General Assembly Campaign Action

Sign the petition: Close the Homestead Child Detention Center!

The U.S. government is currently holding over 2,000 child migrants, many of whom have been separated from their families by U.S. immigration officials, in a detention center in Homestead, Florida. Most have fled violence and poverty in Central America and are seeking asylum in the United States.

Instead of being released to family members or other sponsors, many are spending weeks or months in inhumane detention. And because Homestead is an emergency influx center, children are not protected by agreements that ordinarily ensure licensing and other standards are met.

Sign the petition to stop immigrant child detention today!

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center?
source=20190410SWHomestead_LR&referrer=group-love-resists](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center?source=20190410SWHomestead_LR&referrer=group-love-resists)

Our Message to Secretary of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II, Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families Lynn Johnson, and Acting Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement Jonathan Hayes:

“As someone who cares about the safety and well-being of every child, I urge you to:

-Reunite children with their sponsors as quickly as possible and end collaborations with the Department of Homeland Security that interfere with reunifications.

-Close the Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Alien Children and stop using emergency influx facilities.

All children deserve to live in safety and peace. It’s time to reunite children with their loved ones. “



What is an “Action of Immediate Witness”?

Each year delegates at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly have the opportunity to take positions on issues that require immediate witness through the Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) process. An AIW expresses the conscience and carries the authority of the delegates at the GA at which it is passed. AIWs are initiated by individual delegates and move through their entire creation and adoption process during a single GA.

From the 2019 GA:

Action of Immediate Witness passed at the June 2019 General Assembly

RESOLUTION REGARDING IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM TO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

WHEREAS:

1. The current administration of the United States Government has systematically and officially prevented immigrants and asylum seekers from crossing our southern border; and
2. Whereas, U.S. Government agents have illegally incarcerated immigrants lawfully seeking asylum, and
3. Whereas, Long term alien residents have been incarcerated without the opportunity of a legal proceeding, and
4. Whereas, Families of U.S. American citizens have been broken up by these unjust actions, and
5. Whereas, children have been forcibly taken from their mothers and detained indefinitely, and
6. Whereas, Parents have been deported without their children

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Unitarian Universalist Association condemn the policies of The U.S. Government regarding the treatment of immigrants and Asylum seekers, and That the UUA supports its members and others in their actions to Protect and assist immigrants and asylum seekers in their attempts to Lawfully enter and/or remain in the United States, and That the UUA encourages its members to communicate with their Congressional representatives and condemn the policies of the Administration.

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