



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.

September

September 2016

Worship

Sunday Services 10:30am

September 2 "But Are You Happy?"

From the very beginning, Americans, as a people have been passionately devoted to pursuing our individual happiness. The American Dream has held that each one of us (no matter how limited we are by birth, background or nature) can achieve for him- or herself whatever measure of happiness we desire.

But what is happiness? Is it something we can pursue? Should we?

A worship led by Worship Team members Vic Allen and Kerry Shirts.

September 9

"Past, Present, and Future; What Am I Doing Here?"

Join us this Sunday, Sept. 9, as we welcome Rev. Jackie Ziegler to the UUCIF pulpit for "Past, Present, and Future; What Am I Doing Here?"

"Your beloved Unitarian Universalist Church of Idaho Falls (UUCIF) is at a major transition point in its religious and spiritual life as it prepares for its next settled minister. As its near future will possibly present some challenges, it also presents exciting new possibilities. My reflection lifts up what my roles and responsibilities are as your interim minister in preparing for your next settled minister." - Rev. Ziegler -

This Sunday also marks our return to Second Sunday Shared Meals following the service. Bring a dish to share if you can and plan on attending a lively meal and fellowship for all!

September 16

"Let Us Begin Anew: Community and Water to Nourish Our Beings"

Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler and Elizabeth Cogliati, UUCIF's Director of Religious Education and Exploration offer this service.

As we say good-bye to the lazy hazy days of summer and move toward the busyness of the months ahead, in this intergenerational service, we'll formally welcome back everyone for the new church year with a homily and with the unique and beloved Unitarian Universalist ritual of mingling the waters – The Water Ceremony. You're invited to bring a small vial of water that you've collected over the summer from a place that warmed your heart, lifted your spirit, or fed your soul -- even if it's from your own back yard or faucet.

Please be prepared to offer a BRIEF message about where the water comes from and very importantly why it is so meaningful to you. Everyone's water will be mingled in beautiful bowls and then poured over the plants in UUCIF's garden.

NOTE: As this service is unique, our liturgical elements Joy and Sorrows and Time for All Ages will not be included. However, they will return in future services.

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September 23 “Exploring the Wisdom Messages in Judiasm’s High Holy Days?”

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. We particularly find inspiration from Jewish, Christian, Humanist and Earth-Centered wisdom teachings. As it's our practice to honor the wisdom messages we find in these religious teachings, in this joyful service I'll reflect on how the wisdom found in the Jewish Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur -- which together are referred to as "The Days of Awe" -- is relevant to Unitarian Universalists.

September 30 “Amazing Grace How Sweet It Is... the Unitarian Universalist Way”

Unitarian Universalists don't believe in the primary operational definition of grace held by traditional Christianity. So does that mean that we're just out of luck when it comes to experiencing and receiving grace? In this reflection I'll delve into the beautiful ways grace can manifest itself in lives of those who do not accept the Christian version of grace's purpose or workings in the life of humanity.



World Peace Day Celebration

World Peace Day is Friday, September 21st. We will be celebrating it with a guided meditation led by Sue Wilde beginning at 6:30pm. Our meditation will be followed by creating new peace flags for our flagpole.



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

Around UUCIF

UUCIF Philosophical Society

The Philosophical Society meets once every month at the church. Our next meeting will be September 20th at 6:30 in the Jefferson Room. At this meeting, we will begin our discussion by exploring Utilitarianism as expressed by John Stuart Mill. "The greatest happiness for the greatest number" is an intriguing idea, but what does it really mean? Come to the meeting and let's try to figure it out.

The Philosophical Society was formed to encourage its members to use the ideas of the world's great philosophers to shed light on our own ideas. Many great minds have pondered the questions that human beings have asked in different times and in different cultures. Some of the answers supplied seem wrong, some are helpful, and some are quite surprising. They are all deeper and more thoughtful than the superficial analysis that is the basis for many widely held beliefs and opinions. So bring the ideas of your favorite philosopher and join our lively discussion: September 20, 6:30.

Josh Cogliati or Katharine Giovanna can provide further information.

ATTENTION **COOKIE MONSTERS**

More cookies needed now!

Cookies are the perfect food for our Sunday coffee hour. They require no plates or forks -only hands- to consume successfully. They can be stored, even frozen, for later use. The Hospitality Crew needs all of us to bake, buy, or conjure up large quantities of the delicious little goodies. Please bring **COOKIES** for coffee hour.





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Thursdays
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UUCIF News From “Upstairs”

By Elizabeth Cogliati

Welcome back to Religious Education and Exploration! We hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready to come back to REE as the summer draws to a close and the days become cooler. We have a great fall planned and can't wait to see you!

Parents: Are you looking for more ways to connect with your kids? Try the resources at The Family Dinner Project, <https://thefamilydinnerproject.org/>. Not just about eating dinner together as a family, they have lots of cool games to play and fun questions to ask and answer: find out if your kid would rather be a jellyfish or a shark, or prefers math class or reading class!

Inviting all 13 and 14 year-olds:

We are going to be restarting the youth group at UUCIF for 13 & 14 year-olds. They will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month starting in October. The 1st Sunday they meet will be October 7. Cindy Logan and Diane Roberts have both agreed to be advisors to this group. I am very excited about this and have lots of ideas for a successful group!

The Women's Study Group will resume in October (not September, as originally planned). We will meet on October 14 following the shared meal to discuss women in theology and religious history. We look forward to beginning our discussions anew after our summer break. Childcare will be provided.

September Men's and Women's Groups Meet for Food, Fun, and Conversation

On the first Friday evening each month UUCIF women are invited to participate in a potluck supper and evening of community. On Friday, Sept. 7, UUCIF women members and friends will meet as The UU Women's Group at Sue Wilde's house. This will be our usual potluck at 5:30. Any questions, or for directions please call Sue at (208) 522-6910 or Robie Cartmell at (208) 523-5250.

On second Fridays at 5:30 UUCIF men gather for a potluck supper as well. Organizer, Jim Sathe asks that attendees call ahead to plan their food contributions. This month we will be gathering at the home of Bob Beach in Firth. Please call Jim to RSVP at 303-638-9151.

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night returns on Friday, September 28th beginning at 6pm. Pizza and sodas will be available or you can bring along your own munchies. Family Fun Night is aimed at families with children but everyone is welcome! It's an evening of board games, card games, food, and fun! For details contact Elizabeth Cogliati.



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UUA's “Common Read” For 2018-19

The Common Read Selection Committee is pleased to announce the 2018-19 Common Read: *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Environment*, edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom (Skinner House Books, 2018).

At a time when racial justice, environmental justice, and economic justice are seen as issues competing for time, attention, and resources, *Justice on Earth* explores the ways in which the three are intertwined. Those on the margins are invariably those most affected by climate disaster and environmental toxins. The book asks us to recognize that our faith calls us to long-haul work for justice for our human kin, for the Earth and for all life. It invites us to look at our current challenges through a variety of different perspectives, offers tools to equip us for sustained engagement, and proposes multiple pathways for follow-up action. *Justice on Earth* is available at inSpirit: UU Book and Gift Shop.

If you are interested in joining a discussion group based on *Justice on Earth* please contact Vic Allen. We will begin a group discussion of the book in mid-October.

Idaho Falls PRIDE Sept. 15

Once again the Idaho Falls PRIDE Parade and Celebration will begin in the UUCIF parking lot Saturday, Sept. 15th. The parade begins at 10am and will be followed by lots of fun, games, and food along the river near the E Street round about. Come out and take part in the parade and the fun activities and show your support for our local LGBT community.

UUCIF will have a booth at the Celebration activities. If you can help set up, take down, or work at the booth during PRIDE please contact Elizabeth Cogliati. As our building will be a staging area for the parade we will also need a couple people willing to be here at the church to monitor activities here. If you can help with our building please contact Vic Allen.

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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