



### 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

## September Worship

Sunday Services 10:30am

September 2019

### Sept. 1 “Unions and the Common Good: A Labor Day Reflection”

Interim Minister, Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler offers this reflection.

This service reflects on the problems many blue collar, professional blue collar and white collar workers are facing today. In tandem with our examination of those problems, we'll consider how the common good is tied to the fate of unions.

As Unitarian Universalism has a long, proud history of being concerned about and active in justice and equity issues related to labor, I hope to inspire and unite you to take actions that benefit unions and thus the common good.

### Sept. 8 “Beyond Categorical Thinking”

As a part of our search process for a settled minister our guest speaker is Jones David Hollister. He is a UUA consultant and trainer for the Beyond Categorical Thinking program.

He joins us to talk about his journey as a Unitarian Universalist searching to belong and yearning to embrace a greater conception of who "we" are as a faith. Here are some of the important questions he'll ask: What things get in the way to being as diverse and welcoming as we wish? How can we break down those barriers, and how can we both celebrate our successes and learn from our mistakes in the process? How do we forgive ourselves for being imperfect along the way?

And what does all that have to do with the search process? Come Sunday, and find out!

This Sunday also marks the return of our Second Sunday Shared Meals. Please bring along a dish to share for our monthly communal meal.

FOLLOWING our meal we will engage in our “Beyond Critical Thinking” workshop. All members and friends are encouraged to attend! The program seeks to encourage some self-examination at to our pre-existing patterns of thinking particularly when it comes to who we might choose to be our next settled minister.

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## **Sept. 15** **“What is ‘Justice’?”**

In some respects our legal system has changed vastly since the founding of the United States. But in other ways it still needs reform. While it is technically illegal to prosecute a person differently due to their racial or financial status, a quick glance at incarceration rates shows a very different picture for instance.

But what might seem a larger flaw is our system of punitive punishment for those who offend. A lot of Americans believe in Old Testament types of punishment. But in other parts of the world the system focuses on to healing and restoring the fabric of families and the larger community. What might we learn from a system not based on punitive punishment but instead on healing>

## **Sept. 22** **“Climate Change: Talking, Dreaming and Hoping”**

Rev. Ziegler offers this reflection.

Dealing with climate change now is fundamentally about securing a sustainable future for our children: grandchildren and all living things on this beautiful blue-green planet Earth. For the sake of clarity, this service will state the impacts climate change will have on Earth. However, it will also share the dreams, hopes and actions people around the world are taking to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Let this thought from the Unitarian Edward Everett Hale motivate you: “ I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”

**NOTE:** This service is being offered to support the Historic Global Climate Strike that is taking place the week of September 20 through 27. For more information about this event see story below.

## **Sept. 29** **Pulpit Exchange with Rev. Jenny Peak** **“Could Humility Have Its Place?”**

Rev. Jenny Peek is our guest speaker.

Join us for a thoughtful message on the often overlooked quality of humility. How might it be our greatest asset in troubling times? Rev. Peek joins us from Pocatello to share her reflection on the subject



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## **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.

## **Cottage Meetings Coming!**

The Search Committee is using various resources and procedures to help educate us as we represent our religious community in the ministerial search process. One of the resources we are using is the online survey, another are the cottage meetings.

The upcoming Cottage Meetings are small groups who will get together to discuss 3 to 5 provided questions pertaining to the needs of the UUCIF and the priorities, strengths and abilities we are looking for in our new settled minister. These meeting should last between 1 to 1.5 hours depending on the individual discussion groups.

A variety of dates, times and facilitators have been put together and we encourage every member and devoted friend of the congregation to sign up for one of the meeting as soon as possible. The sign up sheets are located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.

## **Our House is on Fire!**

**Climate Strike Actions in Idaho Falls September 19 - 27**

Everyone is encouraged to participate in any or all of the upcoming Climate Strike actions being held in Idaho Falls Thursday, September 19 through September 27.

I invite, encourage and plead with you to participate in a climate strike as a significant way to stand with the youth of the world who want and deserve a planet that they can live on. Invite your family, friends, colleagues, neighbors to participate too!

As of this week's Weekly Update (Wednesday, September 4) below is three planned actions:

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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

## News From Upstairs

Elizabeth Cogliati

REE will host an end of summer take-apart party on September 1st for children and youth 8 and older during REE time. Come dismantle old electronics and find out what's inside!

Join us September 20th for a fun Family Game Night to kick off the REE year! We'll gather at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall for pizza and board games. Come meet other UUCIF families and have fun! Everyone is invited whether or not they have children at home.

UU Explorers (ages 3-6) will be using Chalice Children this year. Using chalices and language that small children can understand, it teaches them what it means to be UU and to be in community together.

UU Adventurers (ages 7-11) will be using We're On Our Way to learn what it means to be anti-racist and how to live in a world where we are breaking down white supremacy.

Youth Group will meet during the service (during REE time) on September 15. Youth Group is open to everyone in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade (homeschoolers please see Elizabeth, DREE, to discuss equivalents). They will be using Popcorn Theology to discuss what it means to be human, have a faith, and be UU, through the lens of movies.

The Women's Study Group will resume meeting on September 15 after the service. We will be discussing what we want to learn during this church year and when we wish to meet. Please bring a picnic lunch item to share. Childcare will be provided.

### **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 exercise 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 Schechter-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.



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**Thursday, September 19**, to start the week of actions, Idaho Falls Progressives, Occupy and The Atheists Society in Idaho Falls are sponsoring a “Community Climate Action Summit Fusion Picnic” from 5 PM. to 7 PM at the band shell area on Memorial Drive. More specifics will be provided in the near future.

**Sept 20, 8:30 AM Interfaith Blessing of the Week-long Events**

Individuals from the Interfaith and Non-Profit Community will deliver a blessing ceremony on the Pier at Snake River Landing early on the morning of Friday the 20th - to show that our community provides support for the first “Friday Walk Out” other actions for the Climate Strike events.

**Sept. 27th 6:00 PM Climate Summit Closing Blessing / Benediction**

Members of the Interfaith and Non-Profit Community will offer a ceremony at the week’s end on the evening of the 27th when we will gather at the Snake River Landing Pier once more, for a ritual thanking of those who have demonstrated and reminding folks that the UN global week of action week is ending but our commitment to the work of climate justice will continue.

The history of these climate strike actions began in August 2018, when 15 year-old Greta Thunberg sat in front of the Swedish parliament every school day for three weeks, protesting against the lack of action on the climate crisis. She posted what she was doing on Instagram and Twitter and soon her climate strike went viral. On the 8th of September, Greta decided to continue striking every Friday until Swedish policies provided a safe pathway well under 2-degree C of global warming, i.e. in line with the Paris agreement. The hashtags #FridaysForFuture and #ClimateStrike spread and many students and adults began to protest outside of their parliaments and local city halls all over the world. This has also inspired the Belgium Thursday school strikes, as well as Youth Strike for Climate in the United States. Her words “Our house is on fire” have become one of the rallying cries of youth around the world

On August 28 Greta Thunberg arrived in New York’s harbor on a fossil fuel free boat that carried her across the Atlantic. She came to participate in the United Nations’ Climate Action Summit Events; scheduled for September 20-27. All across the world young people have again pledged to “Walk Out” and “Strike” during that week to help emphasize the crisis climate so the world’s political and economic leaders will take action immediately in response to the climate crisis the world is facing. A crisis that made more severe recently with record heat waves in Europe, melting Arctic ice caps, fires in the Amazon, Siberia, and on the continent of Africa!

However, youth feel a lot of adults haven’t quite understood that they – the young people of the world – can’t hold off the climate crisis themselves. And the truth is that it is not a single-generation’s job. It’s humanity’s job. The young people can contribute to a larger fight and that can make a huge difference but they need adults -- you and everyone you know – to join them. So their invitation, plead is join them – to step up alongside them – by participating in climate strike actions.

As additional actions are finalized they will be posted on UUCIF’s Facebook page and as an email from UUCIF’s office.

Good people, participating in any or all of these actions offers you the opportunity to clearly and unmistakably be a "good ancestor" for the youth of today and for future generations! ~ Rev. Jackie.

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