



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

October Worship

October 2019

Sunday Services 10:30am

Oct. 6 “Words We Are Giving Up”

Our guest preacher is Rev. Duffy Peet. He is participating in a pulpit exchange with our Interim Minister, Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler. Rev. Peet currently serves the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman. Molly Brinkerhoff is the Worship Associate. June Cannon is our musician.

Research was published a few years ago which asserted that the use of words “related to moral excellence and virtue” has been declining over the course of the 20th century. What words are we giving up? Are there any negative effects associated with people reading, hearing, or speaking certain words less now than in the past?

Oct. 13 “Autumn: It’s Awesome Either Way”

Interim Minister Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler is speaking. Vic Allen is the Worship Associate. Jessica Kuipers is our musician.

More often than not, the first thing that comes to most people’s minds when you mention October is Halloween. But for some, autumn means more than that. For some, when you mention autumn the first thing that comes to their mind is that autumn is the time of subtler and muted colors in contrast to the vibrant lively colors of summer. It is a time for a drive in the country. For others, it is a reminder of the impermanence of everything. We have experienced the budding of life in spring and the flowerings and profusions of summer. Now the leaves fall and bare branches remind us of the fleeting nature of all things. Jewish rabbi and writer Harold Kushner in his book [The Lord Is My Shepherd](#) suggests that when we contemplate fall's changes, we grow more appreciative of all the beauties that surround us. What meaning does autumn hold for you?

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Oct. 20 **“When Our Hearts Break”**

Interim Minister, Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler is speaking. Josh Cogliati is the Worship Associate. Jessica Kuipers is our musician.

In this reflection I will address the important and poignant issue of what to do when hearts break – our own and the hearts of others.

Oct. 27 **“Old People, New People: An Introduction to Paganism”**

Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler and UUCIF member Bob Goetsch offer this service. Kerry Shirts is the Worship Associate. Musica Solanum provides the music for this service.

Paganism is often referred to as an Earth-centered tradition as its adherents promote and do respect the interdependent web of all existence.

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.



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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. Part I

It's an exciting journey we're heading into during our second year of interim ministry, together. This year a goal will be about discovering the needs, wishes and hopes you have for a new minister as well as discovering and clarifying your church's emotional, spiritual and intellectual culture. These will be done through the work of the Board of Directors, the Ministerial Search Committee, me, and through Sunday services.

I encourage you to participate in the meetings that the Ministerial Search Committee organizes as well as any gatherings the Board of Directors and myself offer to help prepare for a new minister and to better inform pre-candidates about the nature of – if you will, your DNA – your congregation.

What a year -- what an exciting year -- it promises to be!

Part II

One of the interim tasks I have been involved in has been helping declutter and organize the Church's records and spaces. One reason for that is to make the Church's physical space more attractive to the pre-candidates when they come to visit the Church.

Molly Brinkerhoff and Lisa Christenson decluttered and organized the lower level rooms. They've labeled where things should be put and that should help keep the lower level organized for a long time – at least that is the hope! Along with the Office Administrator, Vic Allen, and the Director of Religious Education and Exploration, Elizabeth Cogliati, the office space has been decluttered, although there is still a lot more to do. You may have noticed a lot of empty boxes in the Minister's Office and that is because I have been decluttering and will continue to declutter and organize it.

The Board of Directors has given permission to purchase some kind of cabinet for the office in order to organize all of the supplies into one place. In the near future the office space will be rearranged so that it will be easier for Vic Allen to work in.

Speaking of making the Church more attractive, I am sure you noticed

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that the outside of the building has been painted and, in my opinion, it looks beautiful! The roof and the foundation have been repaired too. Hopefully, before winter weather settles in, the iron rails around the Church and the bicycle rack will be sandblasted and painted too. All of this being done is the result of UUCIF's member Katharine Giovanna's diligent work.

Back to the decluttering and organizing tasks: I am sure you're asking "What is going to happen to those precious historical records? You can't just throw them away!" Good question. The answer is that they will be boxed and shipped to the Andover-Harvard Theological Library's Special Collection-Archival Section. So they'll be available to researchers who may want to know about UUCIF's history.

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

News From Upstairs

Elizabeth Cogliati

The family game night will be October 18 at 6 pm. Pizza and soda provided -- bring your favorite games for a fun evening with the UUCIF community!

The women's study group will meet on October 20 after the service. Childcare will be provided.

For families at home: The flaming chalice is the symbol of Unitarian Universalism. We light a chalice at the beginning of Sunday service, at the beginning of meetings, and before small group worship. Our children light chalices at (or near) the beginning of class. Have you considered lighting a chalice at home? Perhaps at the beginning of meals? Or perhaps at the beginning of family meals? You can find chalice lightings here on the UUA website: https://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting?component%5B%5D=421&author=All&title=&text=&items_per_page=50

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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Want a Pastoral or Other Meeting with Rev. Jackie? Also, What Happens in an Emergency?

If you'd like to meet with Rev. Jackie for a pastoral or other purpose, please be sure to contact her for an appointment at revziegler369@yahoo.com or through her landline, 208-881-5539 or her cell phone, 303-905-0271. She will meet with people at the Church, their homes or at other locations.

Rev. Jackie is always available for pastoral emergencies. Please call her, even if it is in the early morning hours. If she is not home please leave a message letting her know that it is an "EMERGENCY" and provide the number where you can be reached (please speak slowly and repeat the number TWICE) and she will call you back as soon as she can.

Wanted: Items That Can Be Used as Drums

I will be offering a Contemporary Contemplative Winter Solstice service on Saturday, December 21 at the church and it includes a lot of drumming. This special service will be open to the public. Often people don't know to bring something that will work as a drum and thus they aren't able to participate in the drumming as they would probably like to.

In order to increase the possibility that everyone will have a drum to play on, I am asking UUCIF members and friends to save their 1 and 2 pound coffee cans and lids, round Quaker Oats Oatmeal boxes and lids, and anything else that can be used as a drum. When you have some saved, please put them in a bag and give them to me after a service or drop them off in the office. Thanks. ~ Rev. Jackie



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Take a Look at Me Now: Results of the Capital Campaign

Katharine Giovanna

The capital campaign that began in 2017 is coming to a close. There are a few unfulfilled pledges remaining in 2019, but most of the money has been gathered and spent. The results show that the money was well spent.

Our first major expenditure was for the complete replacement of the ancient knob and tube wiring, primarily in the upper floor and the attic. The rewiring made it possible to insulate the attic space. That, and the replacement of the old single pane windows, made the upstairs classrooms a warmer place to be.

The church is now a brighter place to be as well. Outdoor LED fixtures on the exterior of the building make the walkways and stairs safer to navigate. The light from the new LED fixtures in Fellowship Hall, our basement gathering place, make a cup of coffee and the person one is conversing with look more attractive. The old fluorescents in the sanctuary were also replaced with LEDs and the rats’ nest of extension cords was untangled by the addition of more outlets on the west wall behind the pulpit.

New hardware made the east and north doors easier and, in fact possible, to open. The parking lot was resurfaced and the parking spaces newly outlined with “traffic yellow” paint.

What a difference a couple of coats of paint can make! After the masons repaired the brick on the south wall where the garages are and repointed the two chimneys, the church got new paint all over. The exterior was the last painted. The Willard Room and the ceiling of Fellowship Hall had already had their rejuvenation through paint.

Ours is an old building and there is always something to be done or that we’d like to have done. But right now, when the UUCIF is looking quite spiffy, what needs to be done is to thank those who helped bring this about.

Thank you to the friends and members whose large donations provided the seed money to get things growing. Thank you to everyone whose donations helped our building.

Thank you to the members who started and organized the campaign. Thank you to those who made the calls and asked for the donations. Thank you to those who did the bookkeeping.

Thank you to all who figured out what needed to be done and to those who found the contractors to do it. Thank you to the members who met with the tradespeople and who unlocked the door of the church for them- early, some mornings.

Thanks, everybody!



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Join Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) and Love Resists for a one-hour webinar to kickoff our 2020 campaign of community teams focused on ending money bail. Bail keeps people in jail for weeks, months and even years—away from their families, friends and communities—before they even see a judge. Bail traps people in debt, can mean a loss of custody of children, stable housing, employment and more. The money bail system is based upon dangerous, unfair and false presumptions about Black folks, People of Color and poor people who have been accused of breaking laws and serves only to criminalize the poor and decimate families and communities.

BLUU and Love Resists are inviting faith and spirituality-rooted community organizations (congregations, covenant groups, social justice committees, and others) to engage with and use the End Money Bail Community Workbook to educate themselves, build power and take collective, informed action. We invite groups to participate in our new Workbook to map power, develop skills, create an action plan and support local and national efforts to #EndMoneyBail. The goal of this call is to organize our congregations and communities to participate in the 2020 Black Mama’s Bail Out across the country in April and May as well as engaging in local bail reform efforts.

This webinar will feature speakers involved with last year’s immensely successful Babies & Bailouts campaign: community partners, congregational leaders, and others. Join us to learn about one of the most powerful community-based campaigns you can participate in that helps all of us live into our Universalist value that no one is free unless all of us are free. If you want to get involved but can’t make 10/23, sign up and we’ll send you a recording of it directly. Visit

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HnwDW4tYQeK0UKv8vngBzg to learn more.

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