

UUCIF Horizons



Worship Calendar June 2017

Sunday Services 10:30 am

With Weekly Religious Education and Exploration
Classes and Activities for Children and Youth. Childcare available

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.

June 4, Special Sunday Worship Event! "Abraham Lincoln Speaks to the Crisis in Democracy 2017" This Sunday we will adjust our regular worship format as we feature Idaho Falls' favorite retired history and civics teacher, **James Francis** who will deliver the essence of his wonderful presentation from the 2017 "Truman Banquet." Plan to stay after the service to discuss your response during our regular "Social Hour" time for conversation, beverages and snacks.

June 11, "Harness the Power" What's in it for me? Sure we are "preaching to the choir" but just for fun, let's remind one another of the power and blessing we experience here. How can we mature and expand our own sense of belonging as we invest ourselves in community? What happens when we contribute our energies, our doubts, our love and our commitment to one another?

June 18, "Fitting Together: Recognizing, Remembering, Respecting" Sometimes what really matters is that we feel seen and recognized. Sometimes we want to fit in without sticking out. Sometimes we want everyone to know how different we feel, that we are unique and original. This Sunday, we also celebrate our annual Flower Ceremony. Please bring a flower from your garden, the grocery or the roadside (a wild flower or weed are perfectly fine.) The UU Flower Ceremony is a lovely tradition reminding us that we all contribute to the beauty and diversity of our community!

June 25 "Epiphany of an Activist." "Worship Associate Molly Brinkerhoff invites three members of our congregation to speak about a moment that turned them into an activist and what led up to that moment.

UUCIF is a "Welcoming Congregation"

REE NEWS AND NOTES

Religious Education and Exploration for Children and Youth:

from REE Director, Elizabeth Cogliati

REE is making exciting plans for the summer! We are going to be exploring what summer means -- the plants we grow, the weather we have, the fun events we experience! Join us on summer Sundays as we figure out what summer means!

Thank you to May REE Volunteers!

Jatuporn Burns
Mike Burns
Perla Delgado-Romero
Rhiannon Fox
Katharine Giovanna
Liz Marsden
Carol Nelson
Judee Stanley
Marie Wallaker
Laura Warner

Trial “Group” Begins for UU Youth!

In response to requests from a few young people and their families during May the UUCIF REE Committee and DREE Elizabeth Cogliati set about organizing a Sunday Morning program for UU (or questioning) Youth. Plans are still in the works for the summer, but if you know of any young person between the ages of 14-18, who might be interested in exploring “World Religions” as part of a group designed for young people, please let Elizabeth Cogliati or Rev Lyn know!

No More “Cakes” until the Fall!

The very popular “Cakes for the Queen of Heaven” curriculum exploring feminist theology and spirituality will be on hiatus until the start of the 2017-18 program year in September. Many thanks to all of the women who provided leadership and meals for this important opportunity for UU women to learn more about the history and leadership of women in religion.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Wed. Thur.
2:30 -5:30 PM

DREE OFFICE HOURS

THUR. 8:30 -11:00 AM

REV. LYN

MON.& WED 2:30-5:30PM
THURS. 9:30-11:30 “COFFEE
OFFICE” drop in office hours at
the Villa Coffee shop on Park St.

June 2017, Riverside Rev-flections

This unseasonably warm weather is perfect for outdoor activities and has set me to thinking ahead to the weeks of summer. Generally things wind down at the conclusion of our UUCIF program year. I head for a week of minister meetings and General Assembly and then spend several weeks with my family in the mid-west.

This year our congregation is also getting ready for a great time at the June 10th UU Backyard Bar BQ Dinner, Auction and Dance, with “Eclectic Connection” Tom Brinkerhoff’s live band. This will be our most important fundraising event all year. And then on June 11, our congregation’s elected leaders will be rolling out our important “2017 Capital Campaign” to address some of the ongoing needs of our old building and grounds. Combining the “fun and excitement and surprise” of our social gathering with fundraising and a day later introducing the “serious business” of building repairs may seem counter intuitive, but my friends, that is often the way real life is.

We who embrace Unitarian Universalism are willing to face the fullness of living. We know that we have to take it as it happens, and we know that we must sometimes make difficult choices; we must sometimes let our own energies and commitment guide our decisions and our behaviors. Just as we here in Idaho Falls will be shaping the future of our congregation, so the three appointed interim leaders of the UUA have identified the stance of our faith regarding the future of our planet. (see their statement below) Let’s remember the theme of this year’s General Assembly “Resist and Rejoice” and remind ourselves that we also need to enjoy the “Refreshment” and “Reverie” so abundant and available in our beautiful Idaho.

Be well. *Reverend Lyn*

UUA CONDEMNS WITHDRAWAL FROM PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT *June 1, 2017*

The Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) Interim Co-Presidents, the Revs. Sofía Betancourt and William Sinkford and Dr. Leon Spencer, issued the following message in response to President Trump's announcement that he will withdraw the United States from the Paris agreement on climate change:

As people of faith and conscience who affirm both the inherent worth and dignity of all and the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, we find President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change to be an affront to that depth of connection. Our interconnectedness does not end at a wall on the border or at the oceans that we cross. In these times, it matters what company we keep. With this decision, the United States joins only two other countries in opposing this historic accord: the war-torn nation of Syria and Nicaragua, whose government is run by a virtual dictatorship. We are deeply troubled by the message this sends to our global allies and trade partners. Such a choice eliminates the United States' seat at the table in negotiating policy action on global warming and creates greater space for authoritarian nations like China, Russia, and Iran to influence the direction of global climate action.

Unitarian Universalists have been dedicated to action on climate change for years now and clearly our work must continue. ..., we urge you ... to show your support for the Paris Agreement or to organize a rally in your own community. There will also be opportunities for Unitarian Universalists to engage in climate justice activism [2] at our annual General Assembly in New Orleans this June.

Unitarian Universalists remain committed to resisting the politics of hate, fear, and isolationism coming from the Trump Administration. For our own faith and values, and for the generations who will come after us, we know that we cannot remain silent. (UUA.org, June1, 2017)

UU Women's Group and UU Men's Group Enjoy Monthly Potlucks

Monthly gatherings are informal and open to all UUCIF members, friends and their guests. These groups provide an excellent opportunity to get to know the folks you see on Sundays and they are a chance to enjoy a delicious meal and an evening of fellowship and fun.

On Friday, June 2, at 5:30 pm the UUCIF women will meet at the home of Marie Wallaker, (call 619-756-7586 for directions) Please bring food to share and plan to shed your shoes at the door, you are welcome to bring slippers or sox if you like.

UUCIF Men will meet on Friday, June 9 at 5:30pm for their famously deep and interesting discussions and a potluck meal. As the location for their gathering remains undecided, please stay tuned to the UUCIF weekly updates, or call Jim Sathe, (303-638-9151) or the office 208-522-8269 for the latest information.

June 2017-- Musings from Your Church Mouse

You know having the Idaho Falls Farmers' Market move to Memorial Drive might prove to be a real boon for our family of church mice. One thing is sure; our old sleepy time Saturday mornings are now filled with a bit of bustle and the not too distant sounds of music and market hubbub. Of course during the past weeks it's been hard to tell what commotion was due to the Saturday market, and what was connected to the IF Temple tours. We mice certainly have marveled at the many big fancy buses that carried guests to and from their temple tours. (A couple of our younger mouse family members considered hitching a ride in Rev. Lyn's computer bag, but she left it behind the day she visited the renovated temple.) We heard her share how much she enjoyed the hospitality of your LDS neighbors during her tour of the temple. As usual, our own mouse interest was particularly focused on her description of the fine snacks and goodies she enjoyed at the tour's end!

We sure get a kick out of watching Sadie and Larry Vanderplass! When Rev. Lyn suggested that the "garage and yard clean-up" begin at 10, that pair arrived at 9 and were nearly finished organizing the garage by the time she pulled her little red car into the lot! We mice just love to laugh when folks trick her like that!

But Rev. Lyn is not happy that someone took those old white plastic chairs from the landing at the top of the office and sanctuary ramp and steps! They were just cheap plastic but they were a gift from Shirley Stibal, and they provided a welcoming spot where someone could sit in the afternoon shade; a handy place where someone could set things down while unlocking the door, and they hinted that your building is intended for live people and community. So she muttered and finally brought out a pair of the green ones from Ruth Barnes to replace them. Let's hope they remain for folks to enjoy the summertime!

We have been watching too while Lorenzo came to take down the holiday lights, while Katharine and her daughter Gemma repotted the indoor plants, when Diane Roberts worked on the planters outside, and while your board members toured the building to plan for the capital campaign. Much of what has been happening anticipates the need for a lot more work but also adds to our own mouse family's sense that things are moving right along.

So, "happy summer." Things will be different. We know you will miss the sweet family of Rhiannon and Carter, Simon and Elliot Fox- we sure wish them well in Vancouver!

We also feel a bit of relief that with the 4th of July Celebration moving to Snake River Landing we won't have to run to cover our ears!

Considering the many plans that your board has been working on we expect the summer to be a busy one. With folks coming and going we often have all we can do to keep out of the way-Enjoy! You favorite church mouse.

I cannot imagine how stressful it is to be a leader today and to pretend that you have the answer. A life-affirming leader is one who knows how to rely on and use the intelligence that exists everywhere in the community, the company, the school, or the organization. A leader these days needs to be a host — one who convenes people, who convenes diversity, who convenes all viewpoints in creative processes where our intelligence can come forth.

Margaret Wheatley

2017 Unitarian Universalists General Assembly in New Orleans; Learn how by Working Together UU's "Resist and Rejoice"

Publications and emails from the UUA remind us that in about three weeks, delegates and other UU's will gather for our annual UU convention, our "General Assembly."

Delegates will elect the next president of the UUA—and for the first time, all three candidates are women. It's the first time delegates will cast their votes electronically. And it's the first time GA will take place in New Orleans, an historically and culturally unique city where African, Caribbean, and European influences are alive and pulsing, and where many of the country's most pressing problems, including racial and environmental injustice, are readily apparent.

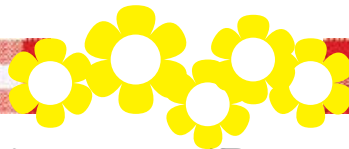
As usual, the end of June will bring our Unitarian Universalist congregations together for our annual "General Assembly" which moves around the country on a rotating basis to allow members from the many regions easier access. In 2009 many of us in IF traveled to nearby Salt Lake City. Last year GA was in Columbus, Ohio, this year we'll be in New Orleans and in 2018 GA will be in Kansas City!

General Assembly is a terrific opportunity to meet fellow UU's from across the country, and a great time to learn what other congregations are doing. The worship, educational, social justice and advocacy experiences are many and rich. Lots of UU's schedule to attend GA as a special part of their regular summer vacation plans.

And each year our "Association of Congregations," (that's what the UUA is; we are individual congregations with elected representation, we are not governed by a hierarchy) meets to do the business of our denomination. So for UU's, General Assembly is where things are actually decided by representative delegates from all the congregations. The number of "delegates" is determined by the number of members in each congregation; and credentialed religious professionals in congregations have a vote as well. We in Idaho Falls have three voting representatives, Rev. Lyn is our "religious professional" and we get to appoint two other members. The UUCIF board has agreed that our voting representatives will be Director of Religious Education and Exploration, Elizabeth Cogliati and Vic Allen, our Office Administrator.

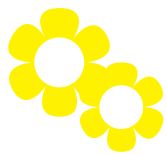
This year will be an election year, and this year, as usual, there is quite a lot of UU business to attend to. This GA will also be examining the meaning and concerns raised related assertions that "white supremacy" continues to be reflected in our UU policies, programs and decisions, as well as many other important issues.

The world of electronics will permit Elizabeth and Vic to vote for the candidate they prefer for president of the UUA and allow them to monitor the live streaming from GA Plenaries. They will be also able to vote on other issues during the sessions. Fortunately anyone, not only those designated as "voting" representatives, will be able to monitor much of our UUA General Assembly. Simply go to www.uua.org and scroll down to find resources. There is a program to prepare for GA and the site will permit you to watch live streaming during the sessions. We urge you all to take some time to tune in and learn about the way our UUA works. And maybe next year you will plan to participate as an online delegate or in person in Kansas City.



It's Our Auction/Dinner/Dance!

Saturday June 10th



A Backyard Barbecue

(but indoors)



Enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner with traditional (and some not so traditional) side dishes while bidding on an assortment of exiting items including yet more delicious dinners! Leave room for the dessert auction to follow! Then dance off at least some of those calories to the music of Tom Brinkerhoff's band!

Child care will be available



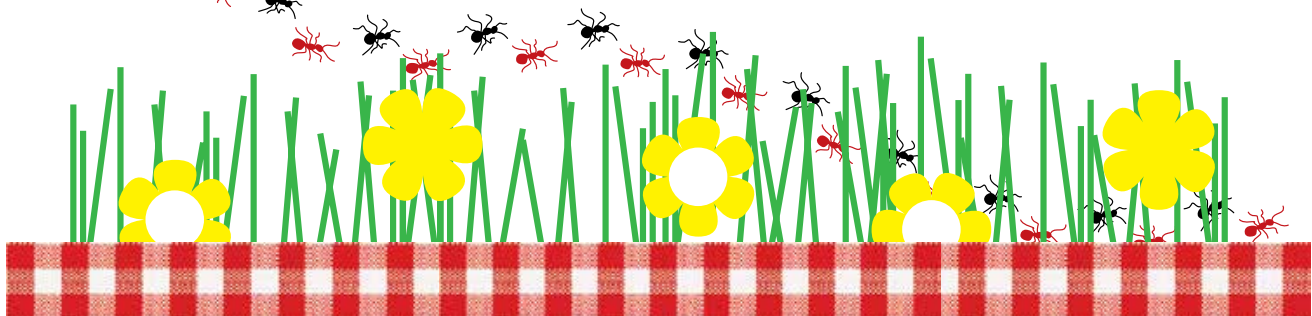
Tickets for the dinner are \$25 each

get 'em before they sell out!



Volunteers of all sorts are needed.

contact Katharine Giovanna nomansdottir@gmail.com



KICK OFF for UUCIF Capital Campaign -June 11

Plan to remain after worship on June 11 to attend the special congregational meeting at 12:00 pm. A light luncheon will be served along with some clear information about the needs and hopes for our congregation. Discussion will proceed the launching of a “Building and Grounds Improvement Capital Campaign” designed to

“Touchstones” Covenant Group meets Monday June 5, 12:30 pm in the Jefferson Room.

All are welcome to participate in our UUCIF “small group ministry” sessions. This month’s theological theme is the “Prophetic Imperative.”

“The profession of a prophet is not without peril, and yet it is an essential role. In each generation, we need those who will speak truth to power, who will advance ideas that will create a society that is more just. Civil rights activist (and World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of Normandy) Medgar Evers said, “You can kill a man, but you can’t kill an idea.” This explains, in part, the power of prophets. Their vision and their words endure and inspire.” The Reverend Kirk Loadman Copeland, Touchstone Journal, June 2017

SUPPORT HEALTHCARE FOR IDAHO -- JOIN LOCAL RESISTANCE

Monday June 5th “Medicaid Matters” Rally & Press Conference in Idaho Falls

What: Rally to protest deep cuts to Medicaid in the AHCA & President’s proposed budget

Who: Eastern Idahoans with disabilities, their families, caretakers, friends and other folks who care

When: Monday, June 5, 11 am to noon

Where: 410 Memorial Drive, in front of Congressman Simpson’s and Senator Crapo’s offices

Reaching Out with Help and Cheer! Can You Support Our Wonderful Care Committee?

Dennis Jorgensen, long a faithful cook for our UU Soup Kitchen teams, has once again undergone surgery on his right hand - just as his garden is coming in! If you can use Bok Choy, collard greens or arugula, please give him a call - and while you’re at it, Dennis might enjoy a home-cooked meal or snack.

Are you able to help others? Call Karen Croft our Care Committee chair to volunteer at, 208-419-8508

*Thanks to Magic Valley UU for
Their Support for BLACK LIVES...*

Many thanks to the good UU's from our sister congregation, The Magic Valley UU in Twin Falls. After they learned that our **Black Lives Matter** Banner had been stolen they have sent us \$200.00 to help cover our costs. What a thoughtful gift and how wonderful it is that we feel supported as we continue to find ways to "Stand on the Side of Love"



Grab an outdoor chair and food to share and join us and Drinking Liberally. Everyone is invited to celebrate "Loving Day." Since 2008 we have honored the US Supreme Court's decision that outlawed the "anti-miscegenation" laws that prevented Interracial couples from marrying! Join us for a Potluck Picnic at Sportman's Park behind the Key Bank at 2pm on Saturday June 17th -

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