



FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH



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A Welcoming Congregation

DECEMBER , 2011

Sunday Service Schedule

New time— 11:00 A.M.

Worship Committee Coordinator
February is Leslie Goss Erickson

February 5 – 11:00 AM “Who Would You Be Without Your Story?” The work of Byron Katie

By Leslie Erickson, PhD
 Greeter: Thad & Jill Sand
 Coffee Host: Dee & Bob Phillips

February 12 – 11:00 AM “Creating Peace from Within, One Breath at a Time” By: Melissa Asteya

Greeter: Greg Nooney
 Coffee Host: Valentine Potluck

February 19 – 11:00 AM “Creating Peace from Within, One Breath at a Time” By: Melissa Asteya

Greeter: Greg Nooney
 Coffee Host: Valentine Potluck

February 26 – 11:00 AM 11:00 AM – “The Divine Matrix” by Leslie Goss Erickson, PhD

Greeter: Garrett & Melanie Boardman
 Coffee Host: Karen Mackey & Marie Yeska

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1 – 7:00 PM Adult RE

February 5 – 9:45 – 10:45 AM Adult Discussion Group

February 6 – Office closed – Secretary out of town

February 8 – 7:00 PM Adult RE

February 12 – 9:45 – 10:45 AM Adult Discussion Group

February 15 – 7:00 PM Adult RE

February 19 – 9:45 – 10:45 AM Adult Discussion Group

February 19 – 10:00 AM Board of Trustees

February 22 – 7:00 PM Adult RE

February 26 – 9:45 – 10:45 AM Adult Discussion Group

February 29 – 7:00 PM Adult RE

February 29 – Hope Chest Sunday

SECRET FRIENDS

I try yearly to start a "Secret Friends" event. What this is, is a match-up of children and adults in the congregation. I will need the names and addresses of children and youth who want to have a secret friend. The names will be passed out to adult members who want to participate. Starting Feb 5 (if this gets out in time) adults will send out hints of who they are and mail them to their friend along with something interesting. For example, the first hint I would send would be "I am a woman" and maybe put in a bookmark as a little gift. Keep giving hints and little gifts each day until Sunday the 12th when the secret friends meet. I will photograph the friends and make a memento for the friends. Let me know if anyone is interested.

Marlene Sturdevant

ADULT RE DISCUSSION GROUP

Have you ever wondered or were asked "Just what is Unitarian Universalism? What do they believe in?" Well, here's your chance to find some answers!

A 6-week Discussion Group on The Evolution of Unitarian Universalism in America will begin Sunday, February 5, in the Safford Room from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

This is appropriate for new members, visitors, friends, and current members who would like to learn more about the people, ideas, and events that have shaped this evolutionary process. There will be some presentation time from Deb Heaton and Jan Kooiker as well as opportunity for you to ask questions and share your personal evolutionary experiences.

CARES & CONSERNS

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Members and Friends who are dealing with health issues at this time.

THANK YOU NOTES **Received**

Please thank the members of your congregation for supporting the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee with the Guest at Your Table gifts, which we received on January 13, 2012.

From Sandy Stephenson – Please tell everyone "Hello" for me and many thanks for the beautiful flower bouquet you sent when I had my hip surgery in Spencer.

The bright splashes of color brought a smile to my face and a few tears as I thought about the neat people I've met at the First Unitarian Church and wishing I could get there to play in February! (Hoping for March....it's one of the things motivating me to keep doing my exercises!)

Our four-footed daughters have quickly figured out my limitations and are taking full advantage of my "handicaps", to obtain goodies from the trash can, extra time outside on potty breaks, etc.

It's good to be home and looking forward to going for a walk soon, unassisted and without pain!

Many, Many thanks for your thoughts, prayers, and the positive energy you have sent my way!

Love & Blessings to all, Sandy

FREE HEART EXPO AT MERCY HEART CENTER

Sunday, February 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Includes: Free Carotid Mini-Screen, B/P Screening, Lung function screening and more. Also a heart healthy cooking demonstration (includes a FREE Heart Health Cookbook,) and education sessions from the Heart Team and Cardiologists from Mercy Cardiology. Free gift bag and more. Heart Healthy Hors d'oeuvres and drink served. Open to the public with free parking in Mercy Heart Center located at 801 Fifth Street in downtown Sioux City.

COUNCIL ON SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence has lost their federal funding. While other sources of income are still present, lack of federal grants puts much of their program at risk. A donation of \$15 gives a night of shelter with safety, security, support and hope to a woman and one of her children. It also gives meals, a place to stay with counseling and advocacy.

If you feel you can help, send donations to CSADV. PO Box 1565 Sioux City IA 51102.

Thank you.
Marlene Sturdevant, President, Interfaith Resources (our membership helps support CSADV).

NAACP

Freedom Fund Banquet at the Sioux City Convention Center
Saturday, February 11, 2012.
Social: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Guy Greene

Support levels:

1. Gold Level-table of eight, and corporate recognition. \$600.00
2. General Level – one person \$50.00
3. Student Level – sixteen years and under \$15.00

You may secure your reservation by calling Dick Hayes at 258-6344 or Treylla Lee Chavis at 204-1542

Thank you for your participation and support of the NAACP.

Richard E. Hayes

NOTE FROM JAY ATKINSON

Old-timers might be interested to know that I retired last June after 32 years in UU ministry, most recently 12 years at the Studio City UU Church (Los Angeles). That church put on a retirement service for me that anyone interested could see excerpts from at:

<http://uustudiocity.org/worship/farewell>.

Ariel and I have moved to the San Francisco Bay Area for retirement, and are still settling into our new home in El Sobrante, about 8 miles north of Berkeley. She spends her time reading and gardening, while I continue to be an activist in social/economic justice issues, a regular participant at the UUA General Assembly and other local UU gatherings, and a researcher and writer in UU history. Together Ariel and I enjoy theater, symphony, and opera, and have recently become members of the UU Church of Berkeley.

Church Officers

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**To provide an evolving,
dynamic religious
community, open
to all, to respect diversity
and diverse spirituality.**

**To learn from, empathize with
and encourage people in
their personal spiritual
quest.**

**To act upon Unitarian
Universalist principles in a
responsible search for
truth and social justice.**