



# FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH



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A Welcoming Congregation

AUGUST , 2010

## Sunday Service Schedule

New time— 10:00 A.M.

**Forum Coordinator for August is  
Jan Kooiker**

August 1 - Report from General Assembly  
(Cowley's, Rundquist's, Mackey, Evans)

August 8 - Ginger Walker - Truth in Nature

August 15 - Janice Kooiker - Can Culture  
Evolve?

August 22 - Jill Moravek - Being Black in a White  
College

August 29 - Denise Rathman - Political Activism  
as Spirituality

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1 – 9:00 am - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration Meeting.

August 1 – 2:00 pm Standing on the Side  
Love Service

August 7 – Rented – Wedding

August 23 – 26<sup>th</sup> – Secretary will be out of  
the office.

August 27 & 28 – Rummage Sale

August 29 – Choir Practice in the Sanctuary  
after the Forum

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

How this summer has flown by! In a month we will be starting back with our regular services again. The summer has been full of interesting and engaging forums which have been well attended.

We are well on our way with the planning for the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration which has now been moved to September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Dorothy Pecaut Center and the Open House at the church on the church on the 12<sup>th</sup>. This change was made as we wanted to have Michael Schuler speak at the service on Sunday and he was unavailable for the weekend we originally had planned. I want to send out my thanks to John Cowley for all his hard work in arranging this past minister to speak. John and Judy will also be transporting Mr. Schuler which I also want to thank them for.

If anyone out there would like to volunteer for helping with the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration there are many ways in which you could be very helpful whether it be making decorations or getting the paper supplies needed, please let me know. You can email me at [jlarysand@hotmail.com](mailto:jlarysand@hotmail.com) or feel free to call me.

I would like to express my gratitude to Joe Hlas for cutting down the bushes on the corner of the church house and to Bob and Dee Phillips for helping Joe haul it all away. This really opens it up that area and you can see the church building and our beautiful memorial garden so much better from the street.

I feel so fortunate to have such a fantastic church family to love, learn and live with.

All best, always-

Jill Lary-Sand

Board President 2010-2011

## **CHOIR PRACTICE**

For anyone interested in participating, there will be choir practice after the forum on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The anthem that Pat wishes to repeat on the 19<sup>th</sup> is "Rising Green". There will also be choir practice on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Pat has set the poem "Hugging the Rock" by David Bringman to music (her reworked arrangement of an old out-of-print Christian anthem she has carried around with her since the mid 1980's) for the church choir to sing. We will be doing it way next spring (May 15<sup>th</sup>) when hopefully both Bringman couples can be there and she will be doing an all-music program. She has also set to her own music for solo at the piano David's poem he recited and then sent to her along with this one, "Wrinkled Valentines". She will do that then, too.

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

The rummage sale is going to be held August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon both days. If you can help in any way, please contact Judy Cowley at 712-255-5532.

## **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to Joe & Julie Hlas and Bob & Dee Phillips for removing the front bushes and hauling them away. It really opened up the front of our church!

The next time you see Dee Phillips, please say thanks for all the hard work she puts in on our flower garden. It is absolutely gorgeous!!!

**CHANGES:** If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please notify the church office at 712-258-3116 or [siouxcityuu@cableone.net](mailto:siouxcityuu@cableone.net).

## **Hiroshima Day Vigil**

The Siouxland Peace Coalition invites you to a vigil on Hiroshima Day, Friday, August 6th to raise awareness of the need for the U.S. to ratify START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty). The general public is welcome to meet at 11:30 in front of the Federal Building at 6th and Douglas Streets in Sioux City. After a brief visit to Senator Grassley's office to deliver a petition urging his support of START, the group will demonstrate on the sidewalk until 12:30. Signs will be provided.

Hiroshima Day commemorates August 6, 1945, when an American B-52 dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Representatives of the media are welcome. A spokesperson will be available. For more information visit the coalition's website at [SiouxlandPeaceCoalition.com](http://SiouxlandPeaceCoalition.com).

**Background information** about the use of atomic weapons on Hiroshima and Nagasaki from Greg P. Guelcher, Associate Professor of History, Morningside College On August 6, 1945, an American B-52 bomber named Enola Gay lifted off from the Pacific island of Tinian, flew to the city of Hiroshima, Japan, and without warning around 9:15 a.m. dropped a new and vastly deadlier bomb on its unsuspecting inhabitants. Hiroshima itself was obliterated within minutes; what the shockwaves didn't destroy fell victim to the massive fires that followed. The human toll was staggering: some 70,000 men, women, and children were killed instantly, while many more (another 130,000 or so by 1950) would perish as the result of their

injuries or illnesses, especially mysterious radiation sickness. Even fetuses still in the womb were affected adversely. Three days later, on August 9 (and only a day after a full report from a devastated Hiroshima had finally reached Japan's leaders in Tokyo), the U.S. dropped a second, unannounced atomic bomb on the port city of Nagasaki. Again, the human toll was astounding, with an estimated 70,000 killed in the explosion, and an equal number dying of radiation sickness within five years. The second atomic bomb had been moved up from its originally scheduled date, due to fears of overcast weather later on. While the bombings did, in fact, help speed Japan's leaders to surrender, among scholars today there's still great debate about both the motives for dropping the bombs (intimidating the Soviet Union is one commonly accepted rationale, for instance), as well as the actual necessity of having dropped such fearsome weapons on a country that was already arguably on the brink of total collapse.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **Our Whole Lives**

The OWL program will start for the fall on September 12, 2010. We'll meet Sundays at 9:30 - 10:45 AM in the Kane Room. This is a sexuality education class for teens approximately age 12 through 15. If you have questions, please contact Twila Preston (721-281-8250) who is teaching the class.

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