

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

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*First Unitarian Church of Des Moines invites people into
a respectful, authentic, and joyful religious community that
nurtures meaningful connections, pursues justice, and inspires service.*

September 12 & 13, 2009



ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, September 12, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 13, 2009, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bruce Martin, pianist



"We are not the stones over which the stream of the world flows; we are the stream itself."

– James P. Carse, professor of religion at NYU

Learning a Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River*

Intoning the Chime

Call to Gather The words of Kenneth Patton (*adapted*)

Rev. Stringer

Chalice Lighting Leader: Life is a gift for which we are grateful.
People: *We gather in community to celebrate the glories and the mysteries of this great gift.*
Leader: So let us kindle now the flame of our liberal religious heritage.
People: *In its glow, may our reason and our passion lead us to be true to ourselves, true to each other, and true to what we can together become.*

Kay Hertz (Sun.)

***Hymn #347** *Gather the Spirit*

Welcome

Priscilla Witke

Pulpit Editorial Social Justice Council

Sally Boeckholt (Sat)
Max Knauer (Sun)

Doxology From all that dwell below the skies
(*tune: Old Hundred* let songs of hope and faith arise;
#371) let peace, good will on earth be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

A Few Words about Religious Education

Song *Gently Homeward* by Jim Scott

Tracy Beck, RE Council Members and Students

Doug Hoffman
CW Smith

Introduction

Ricky Klein,
Ministerial Intern

Sharing Our Abundance *Second Basket goes to Passageway and Children & Families of Iowa.*

Meditation

Spoken Silence Including "That Which Holds All" by Nancy Shaffer **Rev. Mark Stringer**

Sung Response #123 (Sat) *Spirit of Life*

Choral Response (Sun) *Holy Waters* by Jason Shelton

Reflection "The Big Question"

Rev. Mark Stringer

***Hymn** *Shall We Gather at the River* (see lyrics)

Blending of the Waters

Introducing the Ritual

Sharing the Water "From _____ I (we) bring _____"

Watering Rite

***Sung Response #402** *From You I Receive* (sing four times)

***Closing Words** words of Sarah York

***Extinguishing the Flame** Leader: I extinguish the symbolic flame of this gathering. May we carry its light into the world.
People: *Let us go from this place, open to life, expecting to love, and prepared to serve.*

***Closing in Song** *Shall We Gather at the River* (verse four only)

**Please stand as you are able.*

Thank You To All Service Participants And Today's Hospitality Team:

Hospitality Team (Sunday): 9 a.m.: Carol & Bob Henderson, Sue Reppinger, Karen & Rob Nicholson, Denny Schrock, Patrick Phillips-Schrock, Marilyn Lantz, David Rasey, Linda Lemons, Lois & Bill Leonard, Kathie Karpinen, Karen Kienker
10:30 a.m.: Carol Hibbs, Rolland Riley, Jennifer & Steve Galluzzo, Pat Larson, Heidi & Todd Lackmann, Evelyn Glazebrook, Lisa Hogan, Andy Popson

Next Week's Service:

"Race to Judgment" with Rev. Mark Stringer

Saturday, September 19, 4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Sunday, September 20, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m., Auditorium

Using the Henry Louis Gates, Jr. arrest and ensuing controversy as a starting point, we will explore the ways we are sometimes inclined to jump to unhelpful conclusions and assumptions without all the facts. What are some techniques we might use to help us avoid misinformation and misunderstanding and keep us from acting "stupidly"?

HYMN FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:

Shall We Gather at the River

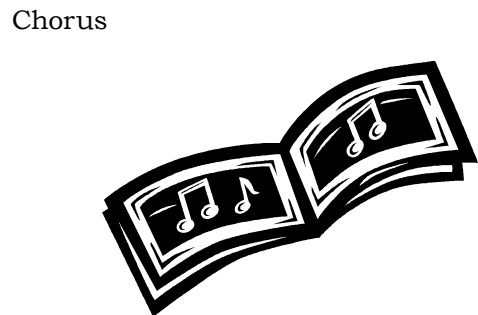
*Shall we gather at the river, where bright
angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever, flowing by the
throne of God?*

Chorus:
*Yes we'll gather at the river, the beautiful,
the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that
flows by the throne of God.*

*On the margin of the river, washing up its
silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the
happy golden day.*

Chorus
*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we
every burden down.
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a
robe and a crown.*

Chorus
*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our
pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver, all the
melody of peace.*



**FIRST UU HAPPENINGS
SEPTEMBER 13 TO 20:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:
NO RE--Intergenerational service!**

Ice Cream Social
10:00 a.m., Channing Hall
Please join us after church
for an ice cream social and
welcoming reception for our new
Ministerial Intern, Ricky Klein.
Make your own sundaes and welcome
Ricky to our church!



Energy & Justice
10:30 a.m., Conference Room
For more information, contact
Jon Knapp McAlister at 961-2524
or jandjmcAlister@hotmail.com.

Church Youth
11:30 a.m., Room 107
Planning for Def Con 2

Ice Cream Social
11:30 a.m., Channing Hall

Human Rights Action Group
12:00 p.m., Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:
Women's Book Group
*5:30 p.m. dinner at Noah's,
2400 Ingersoll Avenue*
The September book is *Tall
Grass* by Sandra Dallas.
Please let **Lora Evans**

know one way or the other if you plan to
attend this month's book group so she can
make reservations. Lora's phone number
is 279-3619.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 CONTD.:
Wednesday Night
Dinner begins at 5:30
p.m. \$5 for adults, \$2
for kids, maximum of
\$14 per family. Tonight's
guest chefs are **Abby and**
Jeff Chungath. Menu for tonight is
rice, seasoned dal, green beans with
coconut, and yogurt raita. RSVP to
Lori Emison Clair at 453-2999 or
via email at dcl@ucdsm.org.



***All programming begins at 6:30 p.m.**
unless otherwise noted*

Religion and American Writing III
We will read and discuss selected
American writings from colonial times
to the late 20th century, focusing on
the ways in which religion is viewed,
represented and related to American
history and society. Reading materials to
be provided by the leader, **Bruce Martin.**
Contact him at bruce.martin@drake.edu or
288-3427 with any questions.

Jewelry Making
Learn the basics of jewelry
making taught by **Kristin**
Wilson. Tonight's focus is on
bracelets. *Class is open to*
adults, teenagers and ages
10-12 WITH a parent. Lessons are
free but there is a materials fee of \$3 to
\$6. Bring jewelry pliers if you have them.
Please RSVP to Lori to save your spot.



Grandparents Group
We will exchange stories about our
roles, our kids and our grandkids.
Great for expectant grandparents too!

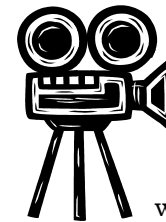
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 CONTD.:
Yoga with Andrew
This non-purist form of yoga
is designed to integrate body
and mind for total fitness.
This class is easy-to-
learn, safe, effective, and
appropriate for all ages and
fitness levels - with **Andrew**
Salgado. *A donation of \$5.00 is requested.*



Buddhist Meditation
Please join **Denise Daniels** for Buddhist
Meditation. For a second year our group
will explore meditation and provide
support for (hopefully everyone's)
journeys. No prior knowledge is required.

Second Wednesdays with Mark
This month (on a special date) we will
have a Q & A session with our new
Ministerial Intern **Ricky Klein,**
and a conversation about our new,
still-emerging, First Unitarian Council
For Congregational Ministries. Come be
a part of the discussion with **Rev. Mark**
Stringer and some of the councilors.

Wednesday Movies
Bottle Shock (2008)
France's position as the
world's top wine producer
went unchallenged until
1976, when the Montelena
Winery put California
wines on the map—a story
delightfully told in this full-
bodied tale about the heady early days of
Napa Valley's success.



Story Telling for Kids 6:45-8:00 p.m.
A select group of performers will be
working with the talents of **Jane Bibber** in
the creative and healing art of storytelling.
Contact **Tracy Beck** at dre@ucdsm.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 CONTD.:

Kids F.A.C.E.

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Join us as we investigate the natural world around us, conservation and how we can make a difference in the environment. Open to kids age 5 and up. Be prepared to go outdoors (*weather permitting*).



Children's Choir

6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday night children's activities will follow choir practice, so all children are welcome to enjoy both choir AND Wednesday Night programming! 5th Principle Singers are for children age 4 through 1st grade. Chalice choir is for 2nd graders on up! Questions? contact kbkraemer@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

Unity Circle Alliance

Noon, Channing Hall

Unity Circle begins the 2009-2010 program year with a potluck luncheon and a visit from Joseph Giunta, Music Director and Conductor of the Des Moines Symphony. For more information, contact **Pat Peterson**, 279-1215 or **Phyllis Briley**, Membership Chair 996-9044.



Health Care Working Group

5:00 p.m., Conference Room

Gray's Lake Association

6:30 p.m., Mary Safford Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m., Channing Hall



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 CONTD.:

Gals Night Out

7:00 p.m., Off-site

Join up with women of all ages from our church that need a night out on the town. We'll enjoy dinner and drinks together at High Life Lounge located at 200 SW 2nd Street. RSVP to **Becky Evans** at beckye1212@yahoo.com or 961-3540 or just show up for the fun!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

Def-Con 2

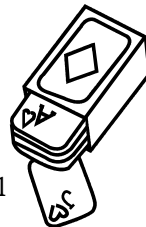
All weekend, entire church

Def-Con 2 is a Unitarian-Universalist youth conference. It provides opportunities for UU youth to meet other people from throughout the midwest. For more information, visit the website at www.yruu-dsm.org/defcon2.php, or contact **Sara Karbeling** at karbelis@yahoo.com or 205-3460.

Duplicate Bridge

7:00 p.m., Mary Safford

This is a good social and learning time within the general structure of Duplicate Bridge. You will need a partner. Contact **Terry or Jane Swanson** via email at jswanson@website-center.com or call them at 277-5080.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

Def-Con 2

All weekend, entire church

Grounds Work Day

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. lunch following

For this workday, volunteers will be concentrating on chores in and around the woods. Chores will include bushwhacking, weeding, tree cutting and trash pick-up.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

Def-Con 2 continues...

Today is the first day of Children's Religious Education: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Understanding the Bible.....an Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals.

9:00 a.m., Room 108

We will use the book *Understanding the Bible* by John A. Buehrens and the *Bible* for the course. The book may be purchased at the church bookstore.

Mark Metz will facilitate.

Social Justice Fair

10:00 a.m., Channing Hall

Hear about all of the amazing work the UU Social Justice Action Groups have been involved in the past year and learn about what they have in store for this year and how you can be a part of it.

Parent RE Orientation

11:45 a.m., RE Gathering Space

Meet your child's RE Teacher and learn more about the Religious Education Program at First Unitarian Church. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. (Children will be invited to eat with parents) Childcare is available. Please let Tracy know if you will need it RSVP to **Tracy Beck** at dre@ucdsm.org.



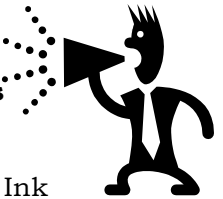
SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE:

Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) is restoring hope, building futures and changing lives. *Passageway* provides a safe, supportive environment where individuals with mental illness can find support and have the opportunity to gain or improve work and social skills to enrich their lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth Fundraiser: Recycling Ink Cartridges

The Youth of First Unitarian Church of Des Moines will take any used Ink Cartridges to be recycled. As a part of a program called Empties4Cash, they will get \$.25-4.00 for each ink cartridge! There is a box in the DRE office for drop off of any ink cartridges. Help the youth raise money and save the environment too!



NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Starting 9/15, our Office Assistant, JoLynn Evan's hours will be changing to:
Tues. 11-3 Wed. 10-2
Thurs. 11-3 Fri. 10-2

SAVE THE DATE!

Eid al Fitr Potluck

September 27 at 6:00 p.m., Gathering Place
Celebrate the end of Ramadan and the birth of our community's first American-born Iraqi baby with Circle of Friends and the Iraqi Refugee Support Project. Bring food and friends and learn about Iraqi culture. For more information, contact **Kelly Patton** at KellyPatton6@gmail.com.

Financial Update (Updated monthly)

Our Financial Report through 8/31/09:	
Operating Fund:	
Budgeted YTD Income	\$ 88,000
Actual YTD Income	\$ 108,000
Budgeted YTD Expenses	\$ 89,000
Actual YTD Expenses	\$ 79,000
Capital Campaign Fund:	
YTD pledges collected	\$ 27,000
YTD expenses	\$ -
Capital Campaign Fund Balance	\$ 48,000

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH: SEPTEMBER 13 TO 20, 2009

<p>Sunday, 09/13</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>“We Are the Stream” with Rev. Stringer...Aud. Ice Cream Social...Channing Hall “We Are the Stream” with Rev. Stringer...Aud. Energy & Justice...Conference Room Church Youth...Room 107 Ice Cream Social...Channing Hall Human Rights Action Group...Conference Room</p>
<p>Wednesday, 09/16</p>	<p>5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Women’s Book Group...Off-site Wednesday Night Dinner..Channing Hall Children’s Choir Rehearsal...Room 105 Wednesday Night Programming...Entire Church</p>
<p>Thursday, 09/17</p>	<p>12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Unity Circle...Channing Hall Health Care Working Group Meeting..Conf. Room Gray’s Lake Association Meeting...Mary Safford Rm. Gals’ Night Out...Off-site Adult Choir Rehearsal...Channing Hall</p>
<p>Friday, 09/18</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Def Con 2...Entire church Duplicate Bridge...Mary Safford Room</p>
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<p>Sunday, 09/20</p>	<p>All Day 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Def Con 2...Entire church “Race to Judgment” with Rev. Mark Stringer..Aud. First Day of RE...Downstairs The Bible for Skeptics..Room 108 Social Time...Gathering Place Social Justice Fair...Channing Hall “Race to Judgment” with Rev. Mark Stringer..Aud. First Day of RE...Downstairs Social Time...Gathering Place Parent RE Orientation..RE Gathering Space</p>