



First Unitarian Church

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Our Mission Statement:

We are a welcoming, inclusive community. Celebrating life, we strive to transform ourselves and our larger community. Together we support one another, encourage religious inquiry, nurture spiritual and intellectual growth and work for social justice.

August 30, 2009



ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, August 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.



*“Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality.”
—Carl Sagan*

Intoning the Chime

Rob Heater

Call to Gather

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.

***Hymn #346** *Come Sing a Song With Me*

Welcome

Rob Heater

Pulpit Editorial On the Coming of Age program

Harvey Harrison

Sharing a Story *How to Make a Night* by Linda Ashman

Ellie Filippone

Singing the Children Out *Children’s Benediction* by B. Bradfield
“Go in joy. Go in peace to meet the day. With open hearts embrace life’s wonder. We will guide you. We will love you on your way.”
(words by Barbara Pescan)

Sharing Our Abundance

Rob Heater

Joys & Concerns

Meditation Silence
Musical Response #123—*Spirit of Life*

Sam Wormley

Sermon *Part One: The Inquisition and the Telescope* **Sam Wormley**

Special Music *The Road Not Taken* by Herbert Elwell **Janet Alcorn**

Sermon *Part Two: The Inquisition and the Telescope* **Sam Wormley**

***Hymn #131** *Love Will Guide Us*

*Closing Words

***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** *Hymn of Valor* (inside back cover of Hymnal)

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

Hospitality Team: Ellen Taylor, Harvey Harrison, Cathy Mussett, Dave Proudfit, Liz and Larry Bredeson, Marge Graves

Janet Alcorn is a retired opera singer. She teaches voice at Iowa State and gives workshops called “What Every Singer Needs to Know about the Body.”

Next Week’s Service:

“The Most Important Job” with Rev. Stringer

Sunday, September 6, 10:00 a.m., Auditorium

A Labor Day weekend reflection on the life of work and the work of life.

COMING SOON! The return of Wednesday Night Programming is near. Make sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. and join us! More information to come in the September *Intercom* and future OOSs and weekly emails.

FIRST UU HAPPENINGS AUG. 30 to SEPT. 6:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30:
Multi-Age Child Care
 8:45 a.m. Toddler Room

Tai Chi
 9:00 a.m. on the Patio
 Join us for 45 minutes of FREE relaxed, simple exercise. No special shoes, clothes, mats, etc. are required. Led by member **Sherry Levine**.



Multi-Age Child RE
UU Movers & Shakers: Jane Addams
 10:00 a.m., Lg. Activity Room

Church Youth
 11:00 a.m., Room 107

FEDS meeting
 11:00 a.m., Conference Room

Hospitality Training
 11:15 a.m., Channing Hall
Marge Graves and **Cathy Mussett** will offer training on the mysteries of the kitchen dishwasher, Greeter and Usher basics, and answer any questions you have about schedules. We hope to see new recruits as well as current members with questions. Grab a mug of coffee or tea and a cookie provided by one of our current hospitality teams, and join us. We should be done in 20-30 minutes with both kitchen demonstrations and information on other duties.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:
Ministerial Intern Committee Meeting
 5:00 p.m., Conference Room

Social Justice Council
 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Energy and Justice for All Meeting
 6:30 p.m., Channing Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:
Iowa Health Care Working Group
 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

DSM School Board Candidate Forum
 7:00 p.m., Auditorium

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:
Coming of Age Ceremony/Potluck
 6:30 p.m., Channing Hall
 For more information, contact **Tracy Beck** at dre@ucdsm.org.

Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m., Auditorium



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:
Bridge Night
 7:00 p.m., Channing Hall
 Knowledge of the fundamentals of bridge is needed, but beyond that, skill levels range from novice to expert. Hosting each month is rotated among the group. Contact **Jean Evans** at 987-0476 or at jeanevans1935@mchsi.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:
Multi-Age Child Care
 8:45 a.m. Toddler Room

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 CONTD.:
Tai Chi
 9:00 a.m. on the Patio
 (See August 30 for information)

Multi-Age Child RE
UU Movers & Shakers:
William Ellery Channing
 10:00 a.m., Lg. Activity Room

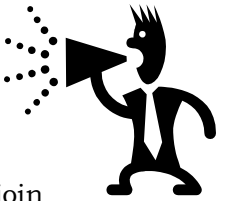
Church Youth
 11:00 a.m., Room 107

Interweave Potluck
 11:30 a.m., Channing Hall
 We offer social interaction for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender persons and allies, publicize the church to the greater Des Moines GLBT community and help the church further its goal of social justice. Contact **Mark Metz** at scorpiored48@yahoo.com or 274-0925 for meeting information. Please bring a dish to share.

Windbreakers
 6:00 p.m., Channing Hall
 What is the meaning of life? Many guys at First Unitarian are wrestling with that age-old question. Surprisingly, our monthly men's potluck group The Windbreakers has found a reliable source of inspiration and wisdom. Monty Python. The boys from Britain will kick off our new after dinner movie series with the 1983 classic, *The Meaning of Life*. For more information or a ride to the meeting, contact **Bill Paxson** at 274-0769 or paxson@mchsi.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Calling All Singers!
 Choir rehearsal for the adult choir have begun. If you love to sing and want to make music one of your ministries, please join us. Please contact **Moira** at moiraleu@hotmail.com or 210-9928 if you have any questions. **Children's Choir rehearsal will begin on Sept. 16 during Wednesday night programming.** See the September *Intercom* for more details.



Who will you vote for in the September 8th Des Moines School Board Election? How will you decide?
AMOS School Board Candidate Accountability Night
 Monday, August 31, 2009
 7 p.m. at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
 1528 E. University Avenue
 For more information contact:
 Kim Cheeks at 881-0612
 or Jeff Grimes at 255-5670

Financial Update (Updated monthly)

Our Financial Report through 7/31/09:		
Operating Fund:		
Budgeted YTD Income	\$	44,000
Actual YTD Income	\$	64,600
Budgeted YTD Expenses	\$	44,600
Actual YTD Expenses	\$	41,200
Capital Campaign Fund:		
YTD pledges collected	\$	7,200
YTD expenses	\$	-
Capital Campaign cash on hand balance	\$	27,800

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH: AUG. 30 TO SEPT. 6, 2009

<p>Sunday, 08/30</p>	<p>8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Multi age child care...Toddler Room Tai Chi...Patio "The Inquisition and the Telescope"...Auditorium Child RE...Lower Level Social Time...Gathering Place FEDS Meeting...Conference Room Church Youth...Room 107 Hospitality Training...Channing Hall</p>
<p>Tuesday, 09/01</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ministerial Intern Committee Meeting...Conf. Rm. Social Justice Council ... Conference Room Energy & Justice for All...Channing Hall</p>
<p>Wednesday, 09/02</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Iowa Health Care Group ... Conference Room Des Moines School Board Forum...Auditorium</p>
<p>Thursday, 09/03</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COA Opening Ceremony/Potluck...Channing Hall Choir Rehearsal...Auditorium</p>
<p>Friday, 09/04</p>	<p>7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Bridge...Channing Hall</p>
<p>Sunday, 09/06</p>	<p>8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Multi age child care...Toddler Room Tai Chi...Patio "The Most Important Job" with Rev. Stringer...Aud. Child RE...Lower Level Social Time...Gathering Place Church Youth...Room 107 Interweave Potluck ... Channing Hall Windbreakers ... Channing Hall</p>

