



**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 26 & 27, 2009**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, September 26, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

*Mary Pearson, accompanist*

Sunday, September 27, 2009, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

*Bruce Martin, pianist*



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*“Without judgment, many things can be made holy.” —Rachel Naomi Remen*

**Learning a Hymn #216** *Hashiveinu* Translation: “Turn us toward You  
and we will return. Renew our days as of old.”

**Intoning the Chime**

**Call to Gather**

**Ricky Klein,  
Ministerial Intern**

**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.*

**Bill & Katie Allen (Sun)**

**\*Hymn #360** *Here We Have Gathered*

**Welcome**

**Cat Morris**

**Pulpit Editorial** Teal Hymnal Drive

**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.

**Sharing a Story (Sun.)** *The Dervish in the Ditch* (A Sufi Story)

**Lauren Malcomson**

**Sung Response #216** *Hashiveinu (Sun. only)*

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

**Joys & Concerns**

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

**About the Days of Awe**

**Ricky Klein**

**Meditation  
Spoken  
Silence**

**Ricky Klein**

**Sung Response #218** *Who Can Say?*

**Reading** *From Kitchen Table Wisdom by Rachel Naomi Remen* **(Sat) Cat Morris  
(Sun) Katie Allen**

**Special Music** **(Sat)** *Orientale* by Cesar Cui  
**(Sun)** *Agnus Dei*

**Anna Kraemer, cello  
Choral Ensemble**

**Sermon** "Turning Time"

**Rev. Mark Stringer**

**\*Hymn #219** *O Hear, My People*

**\*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** **Reprise of #216** *Hashiveinu*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**Hospitality Teams: Saturday:** Walter Tomlinson and David Ross **Sunday: 9 a.m.:** *Team Leader*—Eileen Lundberg, Mark Campbell, Harriet Aten, Jane Bell, Susan Arland, Jerry & Susan Hurst, Doug & Patty Dornacker, Alex Dornacker, Dave Proudfit  
**Sunday 10:30 a.m.:** *Team Leader*—Linda Appelgate, Florence Frette, Eileen Jackson, Mary Dycus, Lyra Halsten, Maureen Myshock, Diane Ford, Ruthanne Harstad, Pat Headley, Barb Martin, Jane Rider

**Next Week's Service:**

**"A Quest for a Larger Name" with Rev. Charlotte Shivers**

*Saturday, October 3, 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 4, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.*

What's in a name anyway? This is about my own identity exploration, another look at our Universalist and Unitarian parent religions and how we might grow more today.

# FIRST UU HAPPENINGS SEPTEMBER 27 to OCTOBER 4:

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

### Understanding the Bible.....

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** and **Andy Popson** will facilitate.

### Connecting U & U Fair

10:00 a.m., Channing Hall

Come to Channing Hall to find out more about what the church's committees are and how to connect with your area of interest.

### Great Decisions

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Minister's office

Great Decisions is a discussion program produced by the Foreign Policy Association. People interested in foreign affairs are welcome to join. Contact **Fred La Croix** at 277-8967 or via email at [f.lacroix@mymailstation.com](mailto:f.lacroix@mymailstation.com).



### Energy & Justice for All

10:30 a.m., Conference Room

We strive to encourage UUs and the broader public to take personal and political action in response to the crisis of climate change. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact **Jon Knapp McAlister** at 961-2524 or [jandjmcAlister@hotmail.com](mailto:jandjmcAlister@hotmail.com) or contact **Kathie Dawley** at [kdawley@mchsi.com](mailto:kdawley@mchsi.com).

### Church Youth

11:30 a.m., Room 107

### Endowment Committee Meeting

11:30 a.m., Conference Room

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 CONTD.:

### Eid al Fitr Potluck

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.

Questions? Contact **Kelly Patton** at [KellyPatton6@gmail.com](mailto:KellyPatton6@gmail.com).

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

### Get Acquainted Gathering

6:00 p.m., Channing Hall

We invite recent church visitors

to join Reverend Mark Stringer and church members for an informal reception. RSVP to **Lori Emison Clair** at 244-8603 x 103 or [dcl@ucdsm.org](mailto:dcl@ucdsm.org). Childcare available upon request.



### Stagewest's Scriptease

7:00 p.m., Auditorium Stage

*The Hiding Place*

by Jeff Whitty

From the winner of the Tony Award for the book of the smash-hit musical *Avenue Q*, comes a new satire. Jumping back and forth in time during seven years of Manhattan life, *The Hiding Place* satirizes the world of art, letters, and theatre—and pays heed to the thwarted passion that dwells in the hearts of their creators.



### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

**Wednesday Night Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids, maximum of \$14 per family.**

Tonight's guest chef is **Bob Baker**. Menu for tonight is chili (veggie and meat), snap peas, salad and rice pudding. Macaroni and cheese and hot dogs for the kids. RSVP to **Lori Emison Clair** at 453-2999 or via email at [dcl@ucdsm.org](mailto:dcl@ucdsm.org).

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

To encourage Facebook usage, **Tim Brown** will be available on Sundays and during Weds night programs at the church, for one-on-one Facebook training. Reservations required. Call **Tim** at (302) 690-7650 or [timbrown74@yahoo.com](mailto:timbrown74@yahoo.com). Tim will provide a PC for training.

### Religion and American Writing III

We will read and discuss selected American writings, 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**. Questions? 288-3427 or [bruce.martin@drake.edu](mailto:bruce.martin@drake.edu)



### Jewelry Making

Learn the basics of jewelry making taught by **Kristin Wilson**. Tonight's focus is on pendants and earrings. *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!

### 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.



### Wednesday Yoga

6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (note time!)

This class will combine spirit, mind, and body to preform poses from traditional yoga.

Don't worry you don't have to be flexible that's why

we practice yoga is to gain strength and flexibility. It also is a great way to relax, ground yourself, and build self awareness. *Suggested donation of \$5.00 per class.*

### Wednesday Movies:

**He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not,**

92 min., Room 107

With the streets of Bordeaux as backdrop, this thriller paints a picture of love gone awry. Angelique is in love and claims that her paramour, Luic is just as enamored of her. But is he? He's married, for one, and he and his wife are expecting a baby.

### Children's Choir

**6:00 to 6:45 p.m.**

Chalice choir (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up) practices from 6-6:45 p.m. and 5<sup>th</sup> Principle Singers (age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade) join them to practice from 6:30-6:45 p.m. Any questions? contact **Karen Kraemer** at [kbkraemer@yahoo.com](mailto:kbkraemer@yahoo.com).



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 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*).



**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](mailto:dre@ucdsm.org).

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1:**

**Choir Potluck**

*5:30 p.m., Channing Hall*

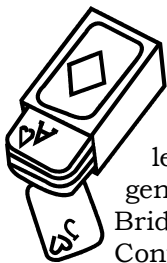
**Adult Choir Rehearsal**

*7:00 p.m., Channing Hall*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2:**

**Prairie Star District Conference**

*throughout building*



**Duplicate Bridge**

*7:00 p.m.,  
Mary Safford Room,*

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** at [jswanson@website-center.com](mailto:jswanson@website-center.com)

or call them at 277-5080.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3:**

**Prairie Star District Conference**

*throughout building*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4:**

**Understanding the Bible....**

*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** and **Andy Popson**

will facilitate.

**Discussion of Agenda for a New Economy by David Korten**

*10:30 to 11:30 a.m., NOW in Room 108*

Join this group to discuss our opportunities to strengthen community, increase equity, bring us into balance with the Earth, and promote human health and happiness. We can free ourselves from Wall Street's phantom wealth as we build real wealth in main street economies.

Contact **Jane Bibber** for more information at 226-0772.

**Health Care Forum**

*10:30 a.m., Channing Hall*

The Really Good, The Sort of Bad, & the Truly Ugly about health reform bills in Congress. Learn and empower your self to make a difference on this important change in our everyday lives.

**Church Youth**

*11:30 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](mailto:scorpiored48@yahoo.com) or 274-0925 for meeting information. Please bring a dish to share.



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 CONTD.:

### 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. Childcare is available. Please let Tracy know if you will need it RSVP to **Tracy Beck** at [dre@ucdsm.org](mailto:dre@ucdsm.org).

### Windbreakers

6:00 p.m., Channing Hall

Congratulations, sir! You are a confirmed winner of a delicious dinner, complete with scintillating conversation, an optional after-dinner movie, and as many new friends as you want—ABSOLUTELY FREE! (Must be present to collect.) For more information, contact **Bill Paxson** at 274-0769 or [paxson@mchsi.com](mailto:paxson@mchsi.com).

### SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE:

*Children & Families of Iowa* (CFI) is restoring hope, building futures and changing lives. *Passageway* provides a place where individuals with mental illness can find personal support and have employment opportunities and training.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please remember to turn in RE Registration forms for any children and youth ages birth-18 involved in childcare or RE Programs at First Unitarian Church of Des Moines. Forms can be found on the website under the Religious Education Heading.



### The October *Intercom* is now available on the church website.

Visit [www.ucdsm.org](http://www.ucdsm.org) to read about upcoming events for October. Mailed copies are also on their way.



### 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 Hymnal Drive

Several of the hymns the choir has sung have been from the new teal hymnal supplement. We can all sing them together if we have 100 copies. They are \$16 a piece. Won't you consider buying one or two or more to be kept here for church use? Each book you buy will be inscribed or dedicated to someone you would like to honor. To sweeten the pot, **Xenda Lindel** has made a wall hanging quilt for us to raffle off to teal hymnal buyers. For each hymnal you buy you get a raffle ticket for the wall hanging. The winning ticket will be drawn once we have reached our goal. Visit our table in the gathering area and add to the depth and inspiration of our religious services by buying what you can.

### 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: SEPT. 27 TO OCT. 4, 2009**

<p><b>Sunday, 09/27</b></p>	<p>9:00 a.m.  10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.  6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>“Turning Time” with Rev. Mark Stringer.. Aud. Children’s RE...Downstairs The Bible for Skeptics..Room 108 Social Time...Gathering Place Connecting U &amp; U Fair...Channing Hall “Turning Time” with Rev. Mark Stringer.. Aud. Children’s RE...Downstairs Great Decisions...Minister’s Office Energy &amp; Justice...Conference Room Social Time...Gathering Place Church Youth...Room 107 Endowment Committee Meeting...Conference Rm. Eid Potluck...Gathering Place</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 09/29</b></p>	<p>6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Get Acquainted Gathering...Channing Hall Stagewest Scriptease...Auditorium Stage</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 09/30</b></p>	<p>5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday Night Dinner...Channing Hall Children’s Choir Rehearsal...Room 105 Wednesday Night Programming...throughout church</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 10/01</b></p>	<p>5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Church potluck with Ames...Channing Hall Choir Rehearsal...Channing Hall</p>
<p><b>Friday, 10/02</b></p>	<p>All Day 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Prairie Star District Conference...church building Bridge...Channing Hall</p>
<p><b>Saturday, 10/03</b></p>	<p>All Day 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Prairie Star District Conference...church building “A Quest for a Larger Name” with Rev. Shivvers..Aud Social Time...Gathering Place</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 10/04</b></p>	<p>9:00 a.m.  10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  11:30 a.m.  11:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>“A Quest for a Larger Name” with Rev. Shivvers..Aud Children’s RE...Downstairs The Bible for Skeptics..Room 108 Social Time...Gathering Place “A Quest for a Larger Name” with Rev. Shivvers..Aud Children’s RE...Downstairs Great Decisions...Minister’s Office Agenda for a New Economy...NOW in Room 108 Health Care Forum...Channing Hall Social Time...Gathering Place Church Youth...Room 107 Interweave Potluck...Channing Hall Parent RE Orientation Windbreakers...Channing Hall</p>