

Sharing Our Abundance
Katie Allen

Special Music
Karen Kraemer

Meditation/Reading
Katie Allen

*Hymn#89

Sermon
Rev. Brian Eslinger

“Talk Back”

*Hymn #16

*Closing Words
Katie Allen

Extinguishing the Flame

*Closing in Song

(*Please stand as you are able)

Thank You to all Service Participants and to Today’s Hospitality Teams:

9:30 AM Team Leader: Kathie Karpinen/ Louise Alcorn, Mia Countryman, Joe Countryman, Phyllis Swink, Caesar Smith, Jeff Chungath, Laura Juarez, Wendy Sullivan, Jon Sullivan, Don Severs

11:00 AM Team Leader: Natalie Hutchinson, Larry Bredeson, Liz Bredeson, Janet Hiatt, Mike Hiatt, Bobbie Amos, John Hutchinson, Mark Metz, Candice Smith, Don Smith

Facilitator: Katie Allen

Sound Board Operator: 9:30 a.m. - Bill Allen; 11:00 a.m. - Xenda Lindel

Hearing Impaired: radios may be found at the rear of the auditorium. Please tune to 107.9 MHz FM.

Visually Impaired: full page magnifiers may be found at the rear of the auditorium.

Sharing Our Abundance: *Hawthorn Hill* - *New Directions Shelter* provides emergency short-term housing and support while *The Home Connection* program provides for up to two years of housing and family support, with a goal of permanent housing. *Iowa Refugee Support Project (IRSP)* builds community between Iowans and refugees through cultural interaction and volunteer-led education and support programs. Through our goal of hospitality, refugees and Iowans create friendships and deepen cultural understanding. We believe the relationships built through our program improve the refugees’ chances of success in their new lives

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 29

“Learning to Write with Chalk: Reflections from in Front of the Chalk Board” with Rev. Dr. Brian Eslinger, affiliated community minister
9:30 & 11:00 a.m., Auditorium

Pathways Class *9:15 a.m., Room 107*
Children’s RE Classes *9:30 & 11:00 a.m., Lower Level*
LGBTQ Family Social Club *12:30 p.m., Channing Hall*
High School Youth Group *6:00 p.m., Room 107*

Tuesday, January 31

Scriptease *7:00 p.m., Auditorium*

Wednesday, February 1

Grounds and Woods Advisory Committee *5:00 p.m., Conference Room*
Wednesday Night Dinner *5:30 p.m., Channing Hall*
Children & Youth Choirs *5:45 p.m.*
Adult Programming *6:30 p.m.*
Children & Youth Programming *6:45 p.m.*

Thursday, February 2

Bell Ringers *5:15 p.m., Auditorium*
Choir Rehearsal *7:00 p.m., Channing Hall*

Friday, February 3

First Friday at 5 with Interweave *5:00 p.m., Zombie Burger (300 E Grand)*
Bridge *7:00 p.m., Channing Hall*

Saturday, February 4

Young Adult Social Action Project *1:30 p.m., Off-site*
RE Volunteer Appreciation Dinner *6:00 p.m., Channing Hall*

Sunday, February 5

"The Plan" with Rev. Mark Stringer *9:30 & 11:00 a.m., Auditorium*

Inspired by a song by singer-songwriter Andy Gullahorn, Mark will consider the notion that there is a divine plan for our lives, which will, by necessity, include a consideration of the notion of a divine force that could create, monitor, adjust, oversee, etc. such a plan.

Pathways *9:15 a.m., Room 107*
Children’s RE Classes *9:30 & 11:00 a.m., Lower Level*
Finding Your Path *10:30 a.m., Peace Library*
Human Rights Action Group *12:30 p.m., Conference Room*
Windbreakers Super Bowl Bash *5:00p.m., Channing Hall*
High School Youth Group *6:00 p.m., Room 107*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Updates on UCDSM.ORG

The regular monthly features are now posted on the web site.

Wizard Con Youth Conference in Rochester, MN

The youth group from Rochester, Minnesota has invited youth in grades 7-12 to join them for a weekend conference they’re hosting at their church **February 24-26**. Sara Karbeling and Adam Kurth (adult sponsors of the high school youth group) will be taking a group of youth to Rochester, and the invitation is extended to our middle school youth as well. If your student is interested in attending, we would love to have them join us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Sara: karbelis@yahoo.com or 515-205-3460. Early registration deadline is Feb. 1, so please let us know ASAP if you are interested. We have a limited number of seat belts in our vehicles, but if there is enough interest, we will work on finding another sponsor!

UU Woods - Planning for the Future

A REACH grant was awarded to help develop plans to make the church’s woods more inviting, usable and family friendly. We need your input. Please join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6:45 p.m.**, in Room 114 or **Sunday, Mar. 4, 11:00 a.m.** in Channing Hall. Please bring your own ideas, and we’ll provide some initial thoughts about how our woods could become more welcoming, diverse, stable, and engaging for church members and friends.

RE Youth Pet Food Drive

As part of our first RE Youth Social Action project, our UU kids are asking your support for our first PET FOOD DRIVE. From Sunday, **Jan. 15 to Feb. 5**, we invite you to consider contributing any amount of dog or cat food by placing it in the BLUE BARREL by the south entrance. No donation is too small! Donations will be delivered to Pet Project Midwest on Feb. 6th.

Nominations are Being Received

If you would like to serve on the Board of Trustees or the Endowment Disbursement Committee, please complete an application, available on the church website and place it in the church Nominating Committee mail slot in the office or e-mail it to either Linda Lemons or Denny Schrock by March 4, 2012.

Joys and Concerns

To have a joy or concern shared during Sunday services, please e-mail joysand-concerns@ucdsm.org by noon on Friday.

RE Email

Interested in receiving a weekly email from the RE program? Email Tracy Beck at dre@ucdsm.org to be added to the list.

Caring Ministry

Remember, the Caring Ministry Team is here for those in need of transportation, calls or visits, meals when recuperating and more. If you are in need, or know of someone who might be, or if you want to provide a service, please contact Mary Bourquin at 771-4484 or borkiniowa@yahoo.com, or Barb Martin at 288-3427 or barbmartin.dm@gmail.com.

EVENTS

Full Moon Ritual *Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m., Patio/Channing Hall*

This is family friendly, and weather permitting, outdoors. For more information or to collaborate, please contact Cynthia Lee: cynthiale71@gmail.com.

Board of Trustees Meeting *Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room*
Members are welcome to attend.

Emma's revolution Returns on Feb. 11 *Saturday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., Auditorium*
Buy your tickets now for the next concert in the Progressive Voices Concert Series. Tickets available on-line at brownpapertickets.com or at church on Sundays.

Energy & Justice Meeting *Sunday, Feb. 12, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room*

First Steps Class *Sunday, Feb. 12, 11:00 a.m., gather at the Visitor Table*

Gals Day Out *Sunday, Feb. 12, noon, Gateway Market*

Join other church ladies for lunch at Gateway Market (2002 Woodland Ave) followed by enjoyment of Botanical Blues at the Des Moines Botanical Center. RSVP to Becky Evans at beckye1212@yahoo.com or 515-554-8152 or just show up!

Interweave Potluck *Sunday, Feb. 12, 12:15 p.m., Conference Room*
Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Women's Potluck *Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m., Off-site*

Hosted by Els Teunissen. Please RSVP to els@floralproductions.com or 285-8331. These potlucks are open to all Unitarian women and offer an opportunity to share food and conversation. Please bring a dish to share.

Women's Book Group *Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m., Tally's (2712 Beaver Ave)*
February book is "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham. Please RSVP to Theresa, 720-2614.

Unity Circle *Thursday, Feb. 16, Noon, Channing Hall*

Duplicate Bridge *Friday, Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m., Channing Hall*

A good social and learning time within the general structure of Duplicate Bridge—you will need a partner. Contact Terry or Jane Swanson at 515-778-4312 or jswanson@website-center.com.

Young Adult Game Night *Saturday, Feb. 18, 6:00 p.m., Channing Hall*

Join us for a night of games and fun! Pizza provided, but please bring a snack, dessert or beverage to share. Child care available upon request.

(go to ucdsm.org for more information on these and other events)

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As of December 31, 2011 the church has:

Collected pledges and other monies of \$284,000 (Budgeted \$290,000)

Paid out for operations \$282,000 (Budgeted \$290,000)

Results will be reported monthly.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, January 29, 2012, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Bruce Martin, pianist

Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance. -- Will Durant

Intoning the Chime

Katie Allen

Call to Gather

Rev. Brian Eslinger

Lighting the Chalice

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 #112**

Do You Hear?

Welcome

Jane Rider

Doxology

(Tune: Old Hundred #371)

From all that dwell below the skies
let songs of hope and faith arise;
let peace, good will on earth be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

Story for All Ages

Rev. Brian Eslinger

"The Blind man and the Hunter" trad.
African folk tale

Singing the Children to Class

Children's Benediction (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Joys and Concerns

[submit on Sunday or via joysandconcerns@ucdsm.org]

Sung Response

Comfort me (3 times) ...O my soul.
Sing with me (3 times)...O my soul