



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 9, 2009



ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, August 9, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Accompanist, Mary Pearson



“... our callings are best negotiated in community with others, through a process that leads us to discern not only our own gifts but also our own needs and weaknesses, not only the rich potentials of the world, but also its poverty.”—Mark Schwehn and Dorothy Bass.

Intoning the Chime

Opening Words by William Stafford

Greg Pelley

***Chalice** Leader: Life is a gift for which we are grateful.

Bill Allen

Lighting 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 #131** *Love Will Guide Us*

Welcome

Bill Allen

Doxology From all that dwell below the skies

(tune: Old Hundreth #371) let songs of hope and faith arise;
let peace, good will on earth be sung through every land, by every tongue.

Sharing a Story *Adventures of a Frisbee*
by Shel Silverstein

Tevka Lackmann

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

Joys & Concerns

Meditation

Silence

Sung Response #391 *Voice Still & Small*

Readings *Vocation as Grace* by Will Campbell

Kate Allen

Special Music *A New Day Has Come*
by Stephan Moccio and Aldo Nova

Clare Bridgford

Sermon “*Now What?*”

Greg Pelley

***Hymn #391** *For All That Is Our Life*

***Closing Words** by William Stafford

Greg Pelley

***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.*

A Warm Welcome to all guests today. We’re glad you’re here!

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

Hospitality Team: Bill & Lois Leonard, Max Knauer, Bob Baker, Charlotte Shivers, Lee Lynde, Kathy Karpinen, John Audlehelm and Nicole Nayima

Next Week’s Service:

“Love to Serve” with Rob Heater

Sunday, August 16, 10:00 a.m., Auditorium

Join Rob Heater on a spiritual journey of how the concept of helping others has changed his life.

FIRST UU HAPPENINGS AUGUST 9 to 16:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9: 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**.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 CONTD: Human Rights Action Group

11:30 a.m., Conference Room

MONDAY, AUGUST 10: National Day of Action Meeting

6:30 p.m., Conference Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13: Board of Trustees Meeting

6:00 p.m., Conference Room



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16: Multi-Age Child Care

8:45 a.m. Toddler Room

Tai Chi

9:00 a.m. on the Patio
See August 9 description for details.

Multi-Age Child RE UU Movers & Shakers: Dorothea Lynde Dix

10:00 a.m., Lg. Activity Room



Energy & Justice

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. For more information, contact **Jon Knapp**

McAlister at jandjmcAlister@hotmail.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 CONTD:

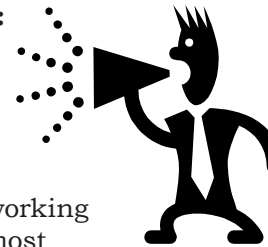
All Church BBQ

11:30 a.m., Ashby Park,
3200 38th Street, DSM

We'll provide the main dish, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Amenities at Ashby park include grills, off-street parking, picnic tables, playground equipment, restrooms, two tennis courts and a wading pool. Questions? Want to RSVP? Contact **Lori Emison Clair** at 453-2999 or dcl@ucdsm.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Welcome to our new staff member!

Please welcome Paul Francis, our new custodian. He has experience working at several schools, most recently St. Pius in Urbandale, and also at Corinthian Baptist Church. He started on Monday, August 3.



Help Wanted!

We are in the planning stages for this fall's Wednesday Night Programming and we need your help! Help with ideas of what classes you would like to see offered, help with leadership for classes, help in the kitchen preparing meals, help after dinner cleaning up dishes, help with youth programming.....Help of all kinds welcome! If you are willing to help with any component of Wednesday night programming please contact **Lori Emison Clair** at dcl@ucdsm.org ASAP! **The fun begins Wednesday September 16 at 5:30 p.m.**

Donations Needed.

We are on our way to furnishing our UU intern's rental house for the 2009-2010 church year, thanks to some great donations. Items are still needed. Can you help? If you have any of these, please contact **Victor Tonelli** at 321-2838 or victor@rockprairiecc.com. The items will be carefully tracked if you want them back; if you don't, we will donate them to Circle of Friends or Lutheran Social Services for refugees.

Needed Items:

- Kitchen table/four chairs
- Night stands (2)
- Lamps (one floor, two table, two nightstands)
- Bookshelf
- Desk chair (have desk)
- Coffee table
- UU-themed posters/artwork
- Bulletin board
- Skillet
- Pot (large, small)
- Baking pan/baking sheet
- Silverware (4 sets)
- Glasses (4)
- Plates (4)
- Kitchen cooking utensils (spatula, wooden spoons, etc)



Multi-Age Child RE UU Movers & Shakers: Frank Lloyd Wright

10:00 a.m.,
Lg. Activity Room

Hospitality Team Training

11:15 a.m. in Channing Hall, SE Corner
Marge Graves and **Cathy Mussett** will offer training on the 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. We should be done in 20-30 minutes with both kitchen demonstrations and information on other duties.

Information Meeting for All Parents and Youth entering 9-12 Grades

11:30 a.m. at Crivaro Park
1012 East 14th Street Des Moines
Parents and Youth will learn about First Unitarian Youth Group and hear what is planned for the 2009-2010 Year. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to **Tracy Beck** at dre@ucdsm.org.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH: AUGUST 9 TO 16, 2009

<p>Sunday, 08/09</p>	<p>ALL DAY 8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>UU Women's Weekend..Off-site Multi age child care...Toddler Room Tai Chi...Patio "Now What?" with Greg Pelley...Auditorium Child RE...Lower Level Social Time...Gathering Place Hospitality Team Training...Channing Hall Parent and Youth Info Meeting...Off-site Human Rights Action Group...Conf. Room</p>
<p>Monday, 08/10</p>	<p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>National Day of Action Meeting...Channing Hall</p>
<p>Thursday, 08/13</p>	<p>6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Board of Trustees Meeting...Conference Room</p>
<p>Sunday, 08/16</p>	<p>8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Multi age child care...Toddler Room Tai Chi...Patio "Love to Serve" with Rob Heater...Auditorium Child RE...Lower Level Energy & Justice...Conference Room All Church Picnic...Off-site</p>

