



## **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 23, 2009**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, August 23, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

Mary Pearson, Accompanist



*“welcome to your community :-)”*

–Message posted by Linda Keairns on the Facebook wall of Rev. Mark Stringer

**Learning a Hymn #396** *I Know This Rose Will Open*

**Intoning the Chime**

**Call to Gather**

**Rev. Mark Stringer**

**Musical Response** *Jump for Joy* by Superblue

**Tropical Steel**

**\*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 #12** *O Life That Maketh All Things New*

**Welcome**

**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** *Courage* by Bernard Waber

**Sam Popson**

**Singing Together #396** *I Know This Rose Will Open*

**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)*

**Joys & Concerns**

## Sharing Our Abundance

### **Meditation**

**Spoken** including the words of e.e. cummings

### **Silence**

**Sung Response #123** *Spirit of Life*

**Reading** “Berry Patch” by Vanessa Southern

**Kate Allen**

**Special Music** *Socafy* by Stan Dahl

**Tropical Steel**

**Sermon** “A Weaving of Summer Thoughts...”

**Rev. Stringer**

**\*Hymn #116** *I’m on My Way*

### **\*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 Hymn #116--Verse 1 ONLY

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**Hospitality Team:** Amy & Ryan Doyle, Suzie & Mary Stewart, Naura Godar, David & Walter Ross-Tomlinson, Carolyn Spencer, Keri Kinnard

**Tropical Steel**, Caribbean steel band from Des Moines, has performed around Iowa for over ten years. Their instrumentation consists of tenor pans, double seconds, triple cello, tenor bass and percussion. Tropical Steel will have CDs available for purchase at the bookstore after the service.

### **Next Week’s Service:**

#### **“The Inquisition and the Telescope” with Sam Wormley, Ames Fellowship**

*Sunday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. Auditorium*

Galileo (1564-1642), is one of the most remarkable men who ever lived. More than any one of his predecessors or contemporaries he introduced controlled experiment as a means of gaining knowledge of nature. Join us as we explore how Galileo helped change the view of our place in the universe on this 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of viewing the heavens with a telescope.

# FIRST UU HAPPENINGS AUGUST 23 to 30:

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 23:

### 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: Henry Bergh

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



## MONDAY, AUGUST 24:

### Planning Meeting for International Day of Action

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.,  
Channing Hall

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 25:

### Stagewest's Scriptease

7:00 p.m., Auditorium Stage

Free and open to the public!

#### **Murderers** By Jeffrey Hatcher

In this collection of three one-person monologues, we learn that Gerald, Lucy, and Minka are all murderers, living and working in the Riddle Key Retirement Community in Florida. That they committed murder is not in question, but as for why... Join them for a killer evening of three stories filled with revenge and hilarity by master storyteller Jeffrey Hatcher.



## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26:

### Religious Services Committee

6:30 p.m., Conference Room

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27:

### Choir Potluck

5:00 p.m.,  
Channing Hall

If you have any questions or need more information contact [Moiraleu@hotmail.com](mailto:Moiraleu@hotmail.com) or 210-9928.



### Parents Group Meeting

6:30 p.m., Conf. Room

Do you have an infant or toddler who spends time in our childcare area? Then join us for a parents group meeting.

We will take some time to brainstorm a beautification project for the childcare room, consider social events for families with young children, discuss the possibilities for a cooperative parent's night out, as well as share ideas for improving our childcare program. Refreshments provided. RSVP to **Lori Emison Clair** at [dcl@ucdsm.org](mailto:dcl@ucdsm.org) or **Naura Godar** at [nheimangodar@gmail.com](mailto:nheimangodar@gmail.com).

### Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m., Channing Hall

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29:

### RE Youth Advisor Training

2:00 p.m., Channing Hall

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**Multi-Age Child Care**

8:45 a.m. Toddler Room

**Tai Chi**

9:00 a.m. on the Patio

See August 23 description for details.

**Multi-Age Child RE**

**UU Movers & Shakers: Jane Addams**

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

**Church Youth**

11:00 a.m., Room 107

**Hospitality Training**

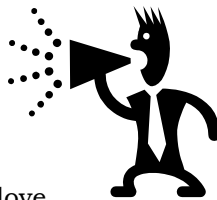
11:15 a.m., Channing Hall

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Calling All Singers!**

Choir rehearsal for the adult choir, will begin Thursday, Aug. 27. If you love to sing and want to make music one of your ministries, please join us. 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Welcome back potluck - Beverages and table service provided. 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal. Please contact **Moira** at [moiraleu@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**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. Can you help? If you have any of these, please contact **Victor Tonelli** at 321-2838 or [victor@rockprairiecc.com](mailto:victor@rockprairiecc.com).

**NEEDED ITEMS:**

- Kitchen table/four chairs
- Night stands (2)
- Lamps (one floor, two table, two nightstand)
- Bookshelf
- Metal frame for queen bed
- UU-themed posters/artwork
- Bulletin board
- Skillet
- Pot (large, small)
- Baking pan/baking sheet
- Silverware (4 sets)
- Glasses (4)
- Plates (4)
- Kitchen cooking utensils

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH: AUGUST 23 to 30, 2009**

<b>Sunday, 08/23</b>	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	Multi age child care...Toddler Room Tai Chi...Patio "A Weaving of Summer Thoughts" with Rev. Stringer..Auditorium Child RE...Lower Level Social Time...Gathering Place
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***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