

AS A MEMBER CONGREGATION OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION, WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations

Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process with our congregations and in society at large

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



THE LIVING TRADITION WE SHARE DRAWS FROM MANY SOURCES

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life

Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love

Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life
Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves

Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit

Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature



Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan

Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sundays

The UUFT is proud to be a Welcoming Congregation, dedicated to the spiritual, political, and social well-being of all who are confronting oppression as lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and heterosexual allies.



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Our monthly themes focus us on a spiritual value that our UU faith has historically honored and emphasized. This is why each monthly theme is framed by a question: *What does it mean to be a community of **Joy**?*



Every day, I see or hear something
that more or less kills me with delight,
that leaves me like a needle
in the haystack of light.
It was what I was born for –
to look, to listen,
to lose myself inside this soft world –
to instruct myself over and over in joy and acclamation.
- *Mary Oliver*

“Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.”
— *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

Our Covenant Together

As a Community of Love, Justice and Spirit, we Covenant together:

To open our minds and hearts to the diversity of religious journey

To care for one another in thought, word and action

To model our Principles in the world around us

To celebrate life in all its variety and

To live and Love



Ongoing Opportunities and Calendar of Events

For more details please see uuff.org or see the media screen in the Coffee Bar Gathering Space

Sunday Book Group: Meets Sundays at 9 am in Emerson Library. Contact Ken Kerle ken.kerle@cox.net

Wednesday Book Group: Meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Fahs Chapel. Contact Nancy Heitzig. nmheitzig@gmail.com

Hatha Yoga: Meets Thursdays at 5:30-6:20 pm in Scanland Hall.

Allan Foster facilitates (2nd & 4th) & Bill Lucero (1st & 3rd)

Let's Help Volunteering: 2nd Friday of each month. Contact Ann Barr at 231-9927.

Harvester's Work Day: 1st Saturday 9 a.m. of each month. Report to 2nd & Quincy. Contact Bill Lucero-lucero-lucero@cox.net.

TNH (Thich Nhat Hanh) Meditation Group—Meets every Wednesday evening 7-8:30 pm. Contact Chuck Fantz at cfantz@gmail.com.

Intergenerational Green Team—Meeting Sunday afternoons in March. Contact revsarah@uuff.org or Chris Hamilton at chris.hamilton@washburn.edu or FB page.

Beacon Youth Group—a welcoming environment for queer youth ages 12-18 to engage in socialization, education, exploration, and activism. Meetings Mondays from 5:30—7:30 pm.

<http://beaconyouthgroup.org>

One Hour Choir—a group that sings once a month on 3rd Sundays. We practice and sing 1 hour before the service. Everyone is welcomed.

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GATHERING

Prelude....."May I Suggest" by Susan Werner
Ingathering Song #188 Come, Come Whoever You Are
Welcome Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan
Chalice Lighting and Covenant

CONNECTING

Song #360 Here We Have Gathered
Offering Topeka Center for Peace & Justice
For you I receive, to you I give; together we share, and from this we live
Time For all Ages Linnie Lee, DRE
Recessional (Go Now in Peace)

DEEPENING

Reading John Dunegan
Joys & Sorrows Meta Prayer to Amazing Grace
Reflection "Restoring Schools & Communities
Through Restorative Justice"John Dunegan & Rev. Sarah
Community Question: How can we use restorative practices in our lives to
build stronger communities — at home, in our congregations, in other
community contexts?
Closing Song#1023 Building Bridges
Closing Words..... Rev. Sarah

Sundays in August:

August 20: Offering, Kansas Interfaith Action—Water Communion: An Intergenerational Celebration of the unique gifts each of us bring to this community. This ceremony marks the opening of the church program year and the beginning of Religious Exploration for youth. After service, we invite you to learn more about our committees and their work.

August 27: Offering, Loud Light - "Anyone's Ministry" What does it mean to share ministry? Rev. Sarah explores the ecclesiology of Unitarian Universalism. What does it mean to be community that lives by a covenant and not a creed? How do we share responsibility for important aspect of ministry? Shared ministry in a pluralistic setting requires deep listening, "liturgical generosity" and shared learning. This model can also transform how we share power and vision in other groups and settings, too!

UUFT's Remembrance of Marge Heeney - TODAY right after the morning service. Pizza, appetizers and desserts will be available for those attending the service. Childcare available. Please remember to wear a chapeau (i.e. hat) in her honor. (Have some extras available if you forgot to bring yours.) The intended audience is the UUFT community of members and friends - her family is planning the public celebration later in the fall.

UUFT DINNER FOR ALL – 5:00, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th
You are invited to the Chronister/George's home for fun & games!
Co-hosted with the Akerstroms

Location: **2320 SW 36th** on a private drive (marked by a "Dead End" sign) west off of Burlingame. GPS may take you to the neighboring gated community by mistake so be careful!

Parking: Limited parking around the house. If you are able bodied, consider parking at the Lutheran Church (Burlingame & 35th) or even across the street at the optometrist's office.

What to bring: a dish to share, anything you might want to throw on a grill, any alcoholic drink (will have coolers of ice for beer), lawn chairs and a sense of humor. Also **towels if you think you might get involved in the water games -- and maybe a 2nd set of clothes for children!**

What is provided: tableware (plates/silverware/cups, etc.), ice, tea and soda and fun activities: bubbles/volleyball/sidewalk chalk/ & lawn games. There will be a tent of toys for infants and toddlers – complete for a rocking chair. There will also a water games and maybe a sprinkler. You are welcome to bring additional games or toys.

Birthday: 8/17 Theryn Spomer.