

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

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**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 people, and to the work of transforming communities through radical hospitality, inclusion and justice making.

#LGBTQ #BLM #Womyn



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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 **Emergence?***

Let mystery have its place in you; do not be always turning up your whole soil with the plowshare of self-examination, but leave a little fallow corner in your heart ready for any seed the winds may bring, and reserve a nook of shadow for the passing bird; keep a place in your heart for the unexpected guests, an altar for an unknown God. - Henri-Frederic Ariel

During this time of year, it's not just farmers but us all who turn to the work of "tilling and turning up our whole soil." All around us, the culture shouts its heroic talk about striving and perfecting. Struggle is the dominant metaphor of the day. We talk of "fighting" to become all we can be. Images of sprouts breaking through concrete start showing up everywhere. Yet, we need to be careful because, more often than not, emergence and transformation is a much subtler art. It's about stillness, listening and waiting to be led, not conquering, struggle and taking charge.

### Our Covenant Together

As a Spiritual Community of Love and Justice, 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](http://uuff.org) or see the media screen in the Coffee Bar Gathering Space

**Sunday Book Group:** Meets Sundays at 9 am in the Emerson Library. Contact Ken Kerle [ken.kerle@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 [-lucero1b@cox.net](mailto:-lucero1b@cox.net).

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

**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. Janine Silsby contact [janinesilsby@gmail.com](mailto:janinesilsby@gmail.com)

**The Deepening:** Fourth Sundays 12: -1:30 Explore the theme of the month through a video or reading and other experiences from earlier in the month. Program for kids. RSVP for under 5 childcare.



April 8, 2018

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**GATHERING**

Prelude ----- "Waiting On the World to Change" John Mayer  
Gathering Song -----Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers #63  
Call to Worship----- "The Home That Love Made" by *Rev. Amanda Poppei*, Jarvis Odgers  
  
Welcome -----Vicki George  
Chalice Lighting -----"Do not leave your cares at the door," by Norman Naylor  
Covenant -----Congregation  
Time for all Ages ----- Carl Broxterman

**CONNECTING**

Offering -----Community Garden  
Children's Recessional -----Go now in peace  
Appreciation moment ----- Bob McDaneld

**DEEPENING**

Video-----Youth of UUFT  
Joys and sorrows -----Video: "Story of Flowers," Azuma Makoto  
Reading ----- "Our Children Are Like Seeds" A Parent's Reflection Jarvis Odgers  
Meditation  
Reflection ----- Jarvis Odgers  
Closing Song----- We Sing of Golden Mornings, #44  
Postlude ----- "Here comes the Sun" The Beatles

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**Stewardship Month!** Watch for updates from the Treasurer, Gratitude Moments from Members, and the Emerging Future of our Congregation!

**April 22 and May 6 12-3:** New UU class to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, UUFTopeka, and becoming a member. Led by Vicki George and Rev. Sarah with other UUFT members! Lunch included!

**April 29:** Commitments and Celebrations! Make your pledge, stay for a **Pancake Feed** after service served up by Wade Patterson and John Dunegan. Celebrate the Future of UUFT!

**NEW UU Class – April 29<sup>th</sup> & May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**New to UUFT?** Interested in knowing more about the Fellowship & Unitarian Universalism? Join us after the morning service on these two Sundays, noon to 3 pm. Lunch provided. Child care available at both events.

**TOPICS:**

**Theology and Worship** Introduction to process-oriented nature of the UU approach to religion while presenting some of the basic theological understandings shared by most UUs.

**Where Do We Come From ? UU Roots** - A brief overview of UU and UUFT history, focusing on ideas and people more than institutional and denominational structures.

**How Do We Grow in Faith: Philosophy of Religious Education** Introduction to the philosophy of UU religious education, especially the concept of lifespan faith development.

**Social Justice Philosophy and Practice** An introduction to social justice work in a UU context. Because the focus of Unitarian Universalists is on this life, and because we embrace such principles as justice and compassion, we feel compelled to live out our values

**How Are Decisions Made? Governance and Polity** - An overview of congregational polity and covenant, the foundational principles upon which UU congregations are gathered and continue to exist as institutions **AND** **Membership** - This section ties up loose ends and explicitly invites participants to move into membership.

If interested, contact Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan ([revsarah@uuff.org](mailto:revsarah@uuff.org)), Vicki George [vickigeorge8084@gmail.com](mailto:vickigeorge8084@gmail.com)) or signup at the Welcome Table.

**Birthdays:** 4/8 Zachary Pine, Linda Maxwell, & August Crispin; 4/9 Brendan Beyer; 4/10 Iris Gonzalez; 4/14 Susan Arnold & Liz McKamy.

**Anniversaries:** 4/8 Conan Hall & Lori Yockers; 4/11 Eva & Ramon Powers; 4/12 Matt Benaka & Laura Burton