



Second Thoughts

Second Unitarian Church of Omaha

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Join Us This Sunday!
Worship Services 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 a.m.

The September Worship Theme is **Unity**

September 2 Parched and Plentiful: Water Communion

Music & Worship

After a summer of drought, we pause to think of water and the ways we are in need and the ways we are blessed. Yearly, we celebrate an awe-inspiring element: Water. Bring your water so that we might bring them together while sharing in a ritual where we all touch water and connect to the Holy.

► **Ice Cream Social** September 2 at 10:30 between the two services!

September 9 All Things Are Connected

Jason Tenbrink

This week, Rev. Scott will welcome our special guest preacher, Jason Tenbrink. Jason and Scott attended Meadville Lombard together and Jason will preach on how our vulnerabilities keep us connected. As we begin the church year, we reflect on needing one another.

September 16 Is "Creed" a Bad Word?

Rev. Scott McNeill

*September's theme of the month is **Unity** and so this Sunday, Rev. Scott will preach on the various things UUs believe and how we find our commonalities as a diverse people of faith. (No, this isn't a direct knock against the Christian/Rock band – though people do seem to dislike them!)*

September 23 Caring for Our "Blue Boat Home"

Rev. Scott McNeill

First and foremost, we will have Peter Mayer joining us in worship – definitely bring a friend! Rev. Scott will bring a message about the importance of taking care of our planet, and keeping a spiritual connection to it. You're invited to bring your memories of playing in the dirt and grass, swimming in the water, and all other connections to Earth.

September 30

Rev. Jonalu Johnstone

The Reverend Jonalu Johnstone (Oklahoma City, OK) is joining us this week for worship. Rev. Jonalu is a dynamic preacher with a great wit and moving demeanor - you won't want to miss her! Her sermon title and topic will be in our weekly e-news closer to September 30.



Sunday, September 2
Ice Cream Social
&
Committee Fair
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Sunday, September 9
&
Sunday, September 16
Book Sale
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Peter Mayer Concert
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Second Thoughts is a monthly publication of Second Unitarian Church of Omaha.
 Please send your articles and submissions to: info@2Uomaha.org.
 Deadline is the fifteenth of each month.



Minister's Musings

By Reverend Scott McNeill



As the church year gets going again, and as we enter our third year of settled ministry, I thought this might be a good time to remind folks what a minister does! If something isn't covered in this, feel free to ask me! Here are some things I hear – and my responses.

As the meeting with the teen program (YRUU) ended, I asked if they had any questions about life. One teen asked what I thought of Obamacare. Luckily, I had brought my tap dance shoes! In this time of the year, it's important to touch base on why churches ought to be careful about how they're viewed politically (both me and you).

“What are your political views?/Why don't you stand up for my issue?”

If you come to worship on a regular basis and listen intently to the sermons, you should have a good idea of where I stand on **issues** – I believe that violence is problematic, that the environment needs human hands to save it, that homelessness and poverty are problems that we are called to address, that all people should have the right to marry a member of the same or opposite sex and that racism needs to be addressed.

But those are based on religious views, an understanding that the Holy is found in peace and freedom and equality. If a Republican supports those ideas – I support the Republican. If a Democrat supports those ideas – I support the Democrat. It's that simple.

At the same time, church is not where I go to propagate my political views (and anyone who has watched a debate with me knows I have them). Frankly, it shouldn't be where anyone goes to do that – that's what political parties are for.

In my view, it's best to leave politics at the door – while at the same time working on the substance of issues related to our values. How can we encourage people to be authentic? How can we be compassionate? How can we be transformative? That's what I stand for. In our community, there are people from a lot of different beliefs. When we assume or pretend or even joke that we're all the same, it can be frustrating to members who hold their beliefs quietly (and it can tell new visitors that this isn't the open/diverse place we aim to be).

“When are you in the office? I'll just stop by to see you.”

Someone wanted to see me – and was appalled that I wouldn't just be there whenever they would swing by the church (not even telling me a time or a day!). Sometimes, we have to communicate better!

In a dream world, I would be able to sit in the office from 10-6 and hang out with whoever stops by. Unfortunately, that would lead to a lot of wasted time because 90% of that time, no one would come! My schedule fills up quickly – with work, meetings, personal time, etc. I am always, always, always flexible in scheduling a meeting (often too much so – often rearranging my day off). However, I rarely am just hanging out in the office. If I were, I'd feel lazy. If you'd like to get together, let me know ahead of time (Monday-Saturday). I'll try to make it work as easy as possible, often meeting you close to your home, etc. If you're in the neighborhood and want to pop in for a quick hello, that's always welcomed – but don't be surprised if I'm not at church. I may be visiting Maple Crest, meeting with OTOC members, working on a sermon, meeting other ministers, visiting committee chairs, or I may be at home mowing the lawn or washing the dishes.

Let me know when you're available, and I will be available to be with you.

“Someone told me this but asked me not to tell you their name.”

Unfortunately, I will stop listening right then; and I'll ask you to stop talking. Relationships are about mutuality – people working on them together. And key to a healthy relationship is communication. I can't do anything about a situation unless I understand the context – so if you want to pass on feedback, please make sure it's got a name attached.

Minister's Musings continued on page 5



Planks and Slivers from the Board

By Nancy VanderSluis Chair, Board of Trustees



Refresh. Reenergize. Restart.

It's a time for new beginnings. September. When summer comes to an end, and putting aside the vacation memories, our work is again taken up. Slates have been wiped clean and new hope is verdant.

And so, the leaders of each of our church committees came together on a morning in August to begin again on the work of the church. Before we started, we were all baptized by these words from Rev. Scott: "Refresh. Reenergize. Restart." What an uplifting gift! Later in the meeting, these words were layered over three additional words. Authentic, Compassionate, and Transformative. The important work of church is moving forward.

Also, the newly formed Strategic Planning Committee has begun to talk about the overall plan the congregation will approve and use to move toward getting a different building that better suits our mission. The also newly formed Ad Hoc Building Committee that will eventually look for new space has also started talking and will meet with a realtor to determine the value of our current property by placing it on the market.

The board of trustees will come together for a retreat in late August to begin planning the path for this year and beyond Refresh, Reenergize, Restart, so we can be Authentic, Compassionate, and Transformative in our lives, in our faith, and in our world.

The joyful work our mission calls us to do is again before us. Refresh, reenergize, restart and please, join in the fun!

Nancy



Share the Plate for September: COPE

One half of Second Unitarian's offering received in September will go to COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn).

COPE is a multi-denominational nonprofit organization of twelve churches in and near Elkhorn. Their mission is to provide and connect resources for those whose needs are currently greater than their means. COPE serves an average of 130 families each month. Services include food and clothing, school supplies, furniture and household goods, job referrals, assistance with English language and culture, health and dental assistance, communication with schools and emergency agencies, legal assistance referrals, and fellowship opportunities.

More info: facebook.com/COPEinfo

To nominate an organization for our Share the Plate program, visit the church website or contact the Social Justice Coordinating Council or Rev. Scott.



Treasurer's Report

By Pat Caffrey, Treasurer

**Second Unitarian Church
Treasurer's Report
Month End for July 31, 2012**

YTD Pledge Income/Current Year: \$19,031.74 reflects 11.34% of \$167,758.00 Total Pledged for 2012-13.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	July	Year-To-Date
Income	\$20,936.50	\$20,936.50
Expenses	-\$18,484.36	-\$18,484.36
Net Over/Short	<u>\$ 2,452.14</u>	<u>\$ 2,452.14</u>

YTD New Pledge Income/Current Year: \$225.00 received of New Pledges for \$3,200.00 for 2012-13.

If you would like more detailed financial statements, please contact me.

Thank you!

Treasurer
Pat Caffrey

ANNOUNCING NEW GROUPS FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND NEW PARENTS

Attention **Young Adults** (18-35)! We are pulling YAs together to create a small group to hang out. The first meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 16, at 4 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Initially, we will have a social event (think game night, potluck, sports, etc) and then decide where we want to head. If you're interested, let Rev. Scott know at minister@2uomaha.org.

Are you expecting a child or have a toddler at home? Second Unitarian is starting a small group for **expectant parents, parents of newborns and toddlers** (0-5). We are planning a get-together on **Saturday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m.** before the Peter Mayer concert. Meet at Ingredient, Midtown Crossing location. Childcare provided at First Unitarian. This group will meet regularly (with childcare provided) for a meal or outing, and some social time. Parents are also encouraged to share resources! For more information, contact Rev. Scott at minister@2uomaha.org.



**I SCREAM
YOU SCREAM
WE ALL SCREAM
FOR ICE CREAM!**



After the Water Communion Service on **September 2**, you can satisfy that yearning at Fellowship Committee's annual **Ice Cream Social**.

First Service attendees, please plan to stay for ice cream and fellowship during our usual social hour, following the First Service, **at 10:30 a.m.**

Those who plan to attend the Second Service, please come early for treats and fellowship. See Judy Eller or Betty Segell if you have questions.

"I really hated your sermon/voice/message/lecture/email."

OK. I haven't heard this much (luckily) – but of course there will be times you don't like something I said or did. While I wish that weren't so – it's unavoidable. I really appreciate hearing appropriate feedback – it's the only way for me to know what's going on with you. **Think about what bothered you and talk with me about it.**

However, know that I may not agree with your assessment. Ministry is a balance of a lot of different things and sometimes conflict or disagreement arises. That's a good thing – it shows we both care about what's going on. I love having a discussion and learning, so that my opinion might be changed. That's the basis of our faith – that revelation isn't sealed. So please, share with me, but please do so with kindness or respect. Preaching a sermon (especially) or leading a class is difficult, vulnerable work (when done right). Often, we can lose sight of the fact that (1) this is a professional job and (2) the work is often very personal and tied to understandings of the Holy as well as academic work. So – grace is a good thing to keep in mind when offering feedback (to anyone).

Also, please share your feedback with me Monday-Friday. Have you ever had a boss interrupt a big presentation to tell you how she/he disliked your work? If so, you can empathize with me – it's not fun to get that sort of feedback right before or after worship. I need to be spiritually grounded to serve you, and sometimes criticism can throw me off my balance. If I were a Zen master or an enlightened person, maybe that wouldn't be so much – but alas, I'm not.

Have a question you want answered? Email me or write it down!

In Faith,
Rev. Scott

Annual Book Sale is September 9 and 16



It's almost time for the annual Second Unitarian **Macyl Boruff Library Book Sale!** The sale will be held on **Sunday, September 9, and Sunday, September 16.**

DONATE! Do you have any books you've read and are just waiting for an excuse to get rid of? If so, bring them to the church and put them near the library. We appreciate your donations!

PURCHASE! Cost of books will be a free-will donation. You can browse and see what the other members of our congregation have been reading and are ready to recycle!

Macyl Boruff was a beloved member of our congregation and was an avid reader. She passed away too soon.

"Share the Plate" Thanks

The City of Omaha reEnergize department called low income homeowners who have been waiting to hear if they would receive grants to start energy upgrades. During the calls they told homeowners that the grants were from Second Unitarian church. Homeowners and the reEnergize program send profound thanks to everyone who made these grants possible by contributing to the Share the Plate program.



Join Us for Peter Mayer in Concert September 22

Tickets are now available for Universalist singer/songwriter **Peter Mayer**, the writer of "Blue Boat Home" and "Holy Now," performing live to support the growing ministries of Second Unitarian Church! Peter's music has touched many people and as part of the Unitarian Universalist hymnal "Singing the Journey" we have shared his poetry and music in worship.



The concert is **Saturday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m.** To accommodate the people we expect, the concert will be presented at **First Unitarian Church of Omaha, 3114 Harney.**

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Information is available at 2uumaha.org/mayer and tickets are available at Sunday Worship Services.

Tell your neighbors and friends! See the church website, uumaha.org/mayer for the latest information

If you can't make the concert that evening, Peter will join us in worship on Sunday, September 23.



Photo courtesy Paul Dols

Omaha Refugee Cultural Night

Saturday, September 8, light refreshments at 5 p.m. and entertainment at 6.

First United Methodist Church (7020 Cass), Carey Hall (east door).



Refugee committees associated with Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) and the Institute of Public Life (IPL) have planned an evening of dance, food, and entertainment.

Come learn about and enjoy Bhutan, Burundi, Chin, Kachin, and South Sudan culture, who are our new neighbors in Omaha.



Tickets are \$10. Tickets can be reserved at 402-344-4401 or jplomaha@gmail.com.

This event is a fundraiser for each community's OTOC membership dues.



Fall Church Cleanup Saturday, October 6

By Tom Rundquist & Clyde Anderson, Co-Chairs – Building & Grounds

Our **Fall Church Cleanup** is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be plenty of tasks for everyone!

Our experienced volunteers will assist novices, so don't worry about lacking skills. However, please wear suitable shoes (no sandals or flip-flops, please) and bring work gloves. Wear work clothes appropriate for the weather (for working outdoors) and painting. Feel free to bring tools if you wish, but the Building and Grounds Committee members will arrange to have a supply of tools and materials available.

As always, we'll have refreshments available in the church foyer.

Children are welcome with adult supervision. They usually enjoy helping with some of the lighter garden chores.

Please note the event on your calendar, and we hope many of you can help, even for just a few hours. For more information, call or email Clyde Anderson or Tom Rundquist.

Counter Needed for Church Kitchen

The Fellowship Committee needs additional counter and storage space in the Church Kitchen and has suggested that we replace the partition between the kitchen and the downstairs worship area with a countertop with cupboards or shelving below. It needs to be 6 to 8 feet long, about 3 feet high and 3 feet wide and finished on all four sides.

If you have a countertop that might fit this need or know where one could be obtained at an inexpensive price, please contact Clyde Anderson.

Women's Alliance

By Ellen Shurson

The Women's Alliance will hold its first meeting after our summer hiatus on September 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room at First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney. Our business meeting will start at 6:50 p.m.

Our featured speakers will be Nadine Keith and Janet West, who traveled to First Unitarian Church's partner church/village in Transylvania, Romania, during May, 2012. Their talk is entitled "A Visit to Our Transylvanian Unitarian Cousins."

While there, Nadine and Janet visited with the village families and the teens whom the members of First Unitarian are supporting through the scholarship money that is sent to the village. They also toured the Unitarian high school in Szekely-kersztur. The recent history of this school provides an insight into what it means to be a Unitarian under Romanian Communism. And they visited Turda where Unitarianism was born and where Francis David spoke in favor of religious freedom.

Our dinner will be soup, a choice of beef barley or broccoli cheese soup, and a salad bar where everyone can build their own salad. Salad bar donated by our members. Please indicate what you will bring when signing up for the meeting. We will collect \$12 for our scholarship fund. If this is your first time, please be our guest.

Reservations must be made no later than Friday, September 7, to Janet West. We hope to see you at the meeting.



Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

By Naomi Solomon, Youth Programming Coordinator

A brand new school year brings a brand new adventure for Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) of Omaha.

This year we will be exploring UU worship, community action, and other world religions in greater depth. We will create meaningful worship activities, we will strive to make our actions reflect our highest ideals, and we will nurture interfaith connections around Omaha for the betterment of ourselves and our larger metro area.

First Unitarian describes perfectly where we come from: Many Journeys, One Congregation. Second Unitarian envisions where we're headed: Authentic, Compassionate, Transformative. As we weave worship, action, and community into our meetings, we will take advantage of each opportunity for transformation of our worlds.

Please put September 5 on your calendar for a parents' meeting. This will be held at First Unitarian at 6 p.m. especially for parents of new members and those with concerns & ideas for this year. Beginning September 12, YRUU teens will meet at First Unitarian from 7–8:30 p.m. Additional activities are sometimes held before the 7 o'clock hour. Rides can be mediated through Naomi Solomon. A \$25/youth or \$40/family donation is requested to help maintain a supply of snacks, educational resources, and activity funds. Feel free to register your youth at <http://tinyurl.com/YRUUreg> and contact Naomi Solomon at yruu@2uomaha.org with questions.

Please also note that planning has begun for Our Whole Lives (OWL) comprehensive sexuality education for high school-aged teens this year. A parent meeting will begin the series mid-fall. Keep your eyes peeled for further details.



Second Circle

By Gay Robinson Abraham



*Come into this circle of community.
Come into this sacred space.
Be not tentative. Bring your whole self!
Bring the joy that makes your heart sing.
Bring your kindness and your compassion.
Bring also your sorrow, your pain.
Bring your brokenness and your disappointments.
Spirit of love and mystery; help us to recognize the
spark of the divine that resides within each of us.
May we know the joy of wholeness.
May we know the joy of being together.*

- Andrew Pakula

The first meeting of Second Circle will be on September 16 at 11:30 a.m.

All teens are invited to join **Second Circle**, meeting downstairs during the second service at 11:30 a.m. on the **first and third Sundays** of the month, September through May. Please join us in our new space downstairs this year!

Our time is spent focused on connection—connecting to each other, to the outer community, to the world, and to our religious and spiritual selves. We explore through discussion, ritual, media, and a variety of activities. All meetings are facilitated by two adult volunteers from our church community.

Please refer questions to Gay Robinson Abraham.



Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning

By Kirsten Stiles, Director of Religious Growth & Learning



"Don't worry that your children are not listening to you; worry they are always watching you!"
- Robert Fulghum

The month of September is a good month to use the opportunity to simply breathe. Breathe in the air and let yourself absorb it. As you inhale, it begins to refresh your being and your mind. As you exhale, you can feel it lift your spirits and refuel your purpose.

Facilitator Orientation

Facilitator orientation will be offered twice again this year, on a Saturday morning and on a weekday evening. If you are interested in learning more about participating in this year's Religious Education Program, I encourage you to attend. Many volunteers start not knowing what to expect and find that the opportunity is more rewarding than they ever expected.

Who Made a Difference to You?

Think back to your childhood. Who is the one person or people you remember best? Maybe a teacher, a Girl Scout leader, pastor, maybe even your bus driver. Whoever it is, you remember their name and the difference they made in your life. From good advice, to being your solid rock during tough times we all have these memories. Maybe it was someone who was always willing to listen and never judged you. To have the chance to be that person in a child's life for me is priceless. Please take a moment to think what that might mean to you and what that might mean to a child.

Family Service Learning Projects

Family service learning projects start next month. On October 28 we will be teaming up with the Keep Omaha Beautiful organization. We will be cleaning up trash and debris in the Hefflinger Park and Trail in an effort to keep Omaha beautiful. Hefflinger Park is located at 112th and West Maple Road. The Trail runs from West Maple Road to West Dodge Road. Please sign up your family as soon as possible. It's always helpful to know how many volunteers will be participating. There will be a sign-up sheet available starting in September. Check their website to see all the other activities and opportunities they have going on throughout the coming months.

At the Committee Fair on September 2, you will be able to order T-shirts to wear on our family service learning outings. The T-shirts will be FREE for the children and available at cost for anyone else who wishes to have one. Visit the Lifespan Religious Growth and Learning table for a special treat when you order your family's T-shirts.

Kirsten

PRIVACY POLICY FOR CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

As stated in church policies: *Respect for the privacy of members, friends, and visitors is a primary consideration. When newsletter submissions contain personal information (phone number, street address, email address, etc.), it is the author's responsibility to get the subject's permission to publish this information.* Since many of our communications are transmitted electronically and information therein may more easily be re-transmitted, it's essential that any personal information be approved for inclusion. In general, it's preferable to omit personal information, but in those cases where it's necessary (such as a location for an offsite meeting), those who submit articles should ask for permission to publish the personal information. An alternative is "Please call or email the church office for contact information." Contact the Office Administrator for more information.

Regarding published photographs: If you do not want your photo published (including in the newsletter or on the website), please inform the Office Administrator in writing. Thanks!

Shop at Amazon.com and Help Second Unitarian Church

Your online purchases can help the church! Here's how: Visit the church website at www.2Uomaha.org, under Quick Links click on Books, and then click on the link for Amazon.com. *Up to five percent of your purchase will be donated to the church.* What a great and painless way to shop and help the church at the same time!

- Travel and stay in homes of people who share your ideals
- Learn about hosting people in your home to earn extra money

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) offers a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and are happy to open their home to like-minded people. Travel to different cities and stay in reasonably priced accommodations or become a host and enjoy meeting new friends.

For more information, visit www.UUreHome.com or write to info@uurehome.com



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CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS

Adopted May 23, 2010

To strengthen the bond of peace within and beyond the Second Unitarian Church of Omaha: We pledge

- to create a religious community where we freely explore our values and honor our diversity as a source of communal strength.
- to build healthy relationships by respecting our differences and assuming good intentions.
- to listen appreciatively and endeavor to speak directly, honestly, and compassionately, particularly when we are in conflict.
- to do our best to forgive if we hurt one another, to make amends and to reconnect in a spirit of gratitude and generosity.
- to abide by this covenant in celebration of the common purpose that unites us.

Faithfully done, our work carries forward the ministry of this church to create loving community and supports our mission to grow as a beacon of hope—sharing a vision of a world community that embraces diversity, justice, and respectful stewardship within the interdependent web of existence.



Membership

By Kathy Bell, Volunteer Membership Coordinator

Pathways Class

Are you thinking about becoming a member of Second Unitarian Church? We invite all who are interested in membership to participate in our next "Pathways to Membership" class which will be held on a Saturday in late September or October -- watch the online calendar and weekly enews for updates.

After a tasty breakfast, you will learn about the history of Unitarian Universalism and of this church, be given the opportunity to share a few words about your religious journeys with each other, hear about our ministries, and learn about the benefits and expectations of church membership. Some find this a meaningful time to become a member, so an opportunity to sign the Membership Book will be provided at the end of the class. We will wrap up the morning with lunch and fellowship with several church leaders.

If you're interested, please reserve your spot in class by contacting Kathy Bell. Please indicate if you will need childcare when you sign up for the class.

Attendance				
Date	Adults in Worship	Adults in R.E.	Children in R.E.	Youth in Second Circle
7/29	85	4	8	--
8/5	66	5	8	--
8/12	69	5	4	--
8/19	70	4	6	--

Connection Cards

You may have noticed a Connection Card in your Sunday morning Order of Service. We hope Connection Cards will make it easier for everybody from first-time guests to long-time members to provide new contact information as well as their desire to receive mailings or become more involved. No need to fill out the entire card; just fill in your name and the new or changed pieces of information. Drop filled-out cards in the collection plate; place unused cards with your order of service in the recycle basket on the Coffee Bar so that we can reuse the cards on future Sundays.

Meditation Reincarnated

By Kevin Dunlop

Imagine the value of the following: a more positive state of mind; better health; improved mental clarity; peace of mind; less stress; more creativity. Would you place a high value on those kinds of improvements in your life? They can be yours simply by devoting a few minutes each day to meditation. Are you able to feel your breath as it comes into and out of your body? Then you can meditate! Spend five, ten, or fifteen minutes a day feeling your breath as you inhale and exhale.

Meditation Reincarnated is a group that meets monthly in the church sanctuary to learn about and practice meditation. No previous meditation experience is necessary. Please join us on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.. The next meeting is on **September 27**.

Call for Workshop Applications!

Prairie Star District Annual Conference 2013 is April 5-7, 2013, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Conference theme is *Inspire the Future We Envision*.

Help Prairie Star District explore this theme in greater depth by presenting a workshop at the Annual Conference. The application deadline is Monday, September 24, 2012.

Information about the Conference and the online application are available at psduua.org/AnnualConference2013





Second Unitarian Church Calendar

September, 2012

Sat., Sep. 1, 8 a.m., Intercom Installation (WH)
 Sun., Sep. 2, 10:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social & Committee Fair
 Mon., Sep. 3, Labor Day
 Church Office Closed
 7 p.m., Fellowship Committee (FH)
 Tue., Sep. 4, 6:30 p.m., Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning (DNW)
 Wed., Sep. 5, 6 p.m., YRUU Parents (offsite)
 7 p.m., Long Range Plan (DNW)
 Sat., Sep. 8, 9 a.m. LRGL Facilitators
 10 a.m., Writing for Spiritual Growth (DNW)
 Sun., Sep. 9, Library Book Sale
 12:45 p.m. Lunch for Newcomers (DNW)
 Mon., Sep. 10, 6:30 p.m., Women's Alliance (offsite)
 7 p.m., LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation (FH)
 Tue., Sep. 11, 1 p.m., Retirees Group (FH)
 6 p.m., Committee on Ministry/Burks (FH)
 Wed., Sep. 12, 5:30 p.m., Executive Committee (DNW)
 6:30 p.m., Finance Coordinating Council (DNW)
 7 p.m., LRGL Facilitators
 7 p.m., Committee on Ministry/McNeill (MO)
 Sat., Sep. 15, Noon, Transgender Youth Group (SA)
 Sun., Sep. 16, Library Book Sale
 Mon., Sep. 17, 7:15 p.m., Library Committee (FH)
 Tue., Sep. 18, 1 p.m., Communications Committee (DNW)
 5 p.m., Caring Committee (FH)
 7 p.m., Membership Committee (FH)
 Wed., Sep. 19, 7 p.m., Board of Trustees (DNW)
 Thu., Sep. 20, 7 p.m., Music & Worship (DNW)
 Sat., Sep. 22, 7 p.m., Peter Mayer Concert (offsite)
 Tue., Sep. 25, 1 p.m., Marketing Advisory Council (FH)
 7:30 p.m., Blackstone Book Club (FH)
 Thu., Sep. 27, 7:30 p.m., Meditation Reincarnated (SA)

Regular Events:

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m., Worship Service
 Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship & Refreshments
 First & Third Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Second Circle
 Wednesdays, 6 p.m., YRUU (offsite)
 Thursdays, 7 p.m.*, Choir Rehearsal
 *Tentative time; please check online church calendar

15th of Every Month: *Second Thoughts* deadline

Save These Dates Next Month:

October 8: Fall Church Cleanup

October 13: Program Council

October 24: Holland Lecture

Love to make a joyful noise and have fun with a delightful group? **Please join the Second Unitarian Choir!** If you enjoy singing we'd love to have you join us in the choir! *We are in special need of men's voices.* No prior experience is necessary. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at or around 7 p.m. -- check the church calendar online for updates. **Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 6.**

Calendar Codes:

RE=Religious Education, (FH)=First Hour Area, (SA)=Sanctuary, (DN)=Downstairs Classroom, (DNW) = Downstairs Worship Area, (OS)=Offsite, (WH)=Whole Church, (KI)=Kitchen, (MO)=Minister's office: scheduled by Minister only.

All events are subject to change.

To check the latest church calendar updates anytime, visit www.2Uomaha.org and click on CALENDAR, or call the church if there is a question.

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