



October, 2012

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 October Worship Theme is *Vocation*

October 7

Take This Job and ...

Rev. Scott McNeill

Working is a natural part of life, whether it's a career, studying, raising a family, living day to day or something else. This month's theme is "Vocation" so let's reflect with some humor and grace on the ups and downs of our jobs. Rev. Scott even plans a little bit of improv theatre for you!

October 14

Wired to Worry

Rev. Scott McNeill

Know that feeling of being anxious, concerned that something isn't going the way it should (even if things seem to be okay)? This Sunday, we'll reflect on anxiety and work on being non-anxious even in the face of difficulty and change.

October 21

To Be Announced

We're working on finding a great speaker for this Sunday, so stay tuned!

October 28

Worship Service or Service as Worship Rev. Scott McNeill

This Sunday, Rev. Scott wants you to either come to worship or go participate in our service project (helping clean a trail). Both will be exciting – so feel free to choose whichever speaks to your heart.

November 4

The Me Mentality

Rev. Scott McNeill

In a world with more than six billion people, how on earth do we get anything done? This worship will pull together our various threads and encourage us to work for the common good.



**Family Service
Learning Project**
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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

What's new at 2U?

As you might imagine, there's a lot going on at Second – groups, meetings, new connections and more. As the church year kicks into high gear, here are some things you should know about:

Board – This year we have six board members (in the past few years, we've had eight).

Nancy VanderSluis (on the following page) is the Chair of the Board, which means that she facilitates our meetings and helps lead us. The Vice-Chair is **JoAnne Draper**. **Bill Kuhn** very graciously serves as our Secretary. **Cheri Cody** serves on the Board (last year, she was the Chair) and **Anita Jeck** and **Michael Lynne** complete the leadership group.



So what is the Board? They lead the church by establishing a vision for the church and helping people work together. The Board creates policies and approves the Budget before it goes to the congregation. If you get a chance, stop one of the Board members and talk with him or her about the good work they do!

Strategic Planning Committee – This is new for us – so hold on to your hats! We are asking several members of the church to help us create a strategic plan to live out our mission of being Authentic, Compassionate, and Transformative in our lives, our world and our faith!

The good people on the Strategic Planning Committee are: **Steve Abraham, Carol Johnson, Rich McArdle, Stephanie Peterson, Craig Piquette** and **Rev. Scott**. We had a great kickoff meeting that was led by **Sue Aschinger**. As the group does more work, they'll engage the congregation so please, please, please help our church move forward by showing up and speaking out!

Committee on Ministry – Many churches (UU or otherwise) have a committee that explores how ministry works. Our Committee on Ministry strives to get people to live the covenant that the members of Second Unitarian wrote a few years ago. In part, they evaluate the ministry of our church and find ways that we can improve.

Members are **Gay Robinson Abraham, Pat Caffrey, Louisa Foster, Molly Kliment-Jenkins**, and **Richard Koelling**. Feel free to talk with them about how you think your ministry is going and what you'd like to see as part of the ministry of the church.

Finally, **ministers!** You probably know me by now, but just to get all of our folks on the same page – I'm entering the third year of settled ministry here. I work with our staff and volunteers to get our ministry out into the world. My wife, the **Rev. Sarah Gettie Burks**, is a chaplain at Methodist Hospital (and even has her *own* Committee on Ministry!). She volunteers at the church some, as part of her affiliation (she's an Affiliated Community Minister). Ministers who work in the community are encouraged to connect to a congregation. Our former member, the **Rev. Laura Shennum**, is now in Washington state with her family in her first settled ministry. We were the church that sponsored her to ministry, as she went on to learn in Lincoln – so we are happy to see her ministry grow!

If you have more questions – ask any of those names you see above in bold print! We hope that this year our church keeps growing, in spirit, in faith, and in members. We have a lot of good programs going on and we hope that our work helps people connect to the Holy in life.

In Faith,

Rev. Scott



Planks and Slivers from the Board

By Nancy VanderSluis Chair, Board of Trustees



I'm a little uncomfortable with the name of this newsletter item, "Planks and Slivers from the Board." I'm okay with the *planks* part, but am not too sure about giving everyone *slivers*. Slivers are bad enough when accidentally self-induced, but to dole them out intentionally is a bit much. Yet, there might be a metaphor here.

In my life away from church, I help youngsters heal and deal with illness and injuries, slivers being a common item on the warm weather injury list. Unfortunately, I have to cause some extra pain to fix the problem. Mostly, everyone understands that this pain I am causing has a purpose and everything will feel better after the procedure is finished. Avoiding the discomfort isn't an option.

A more constructive kind of discomfort is growing pain. A real medical diagnosis, this is, a real pain with a real cause. It is also a pain with a purpose. Big or small discomforts arise from the changes that go along with growing. Whether pinched feet from too small shoes or leg aches from stretching muscles, growing forces adaptations required to meet the challenges of change. And we just expect kids to do this, because growing is natural, expected, and a sign of good health. Not growing isn't even an option.

We are also growing and maturing as a church community. It's possible we might experience a twinge of growing pain. This will not come in the form of leg pain but might be an ache of loss for something familiar that isn't the same anymore. Reflect on it a moment, see it for what it is, share the feeling with your church community, and know that growth is natural, expected, and a sign of good health. Adaptations must be made to meet the challenge brought on by change. But sometimes, it's a bit uncomfortable. However, not growing isn't really an option.

So, here's to slivers and growth and the healing power of blessed community. If we do this together, it will only hurt a tiny bit.

Nancy



Share the Plate for October: Tracy Iwersen Memorial Pride Players Scholarship Fund

One half of Second Unitarian's offering received in October will go to The Pride Players.

The Pride Players is a teen theatre group that uses improvisation to create songs, poetry, monologues, and skits that explore what it means to be a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, or allied teen in Omaha. The Pride Players has received a National Education Association Human and Civil Rights Award.

Our contributions will go to the Tracy Iwersen Memorial Pride Players Scholarship Fund. Tracy, who passed away in 2009 after a battle with cancer, co-founded the Pride Players 12 years ago. It was intended to be just a one-year project, but has grown to address new important issues that arise each year.

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 August 31, 2012

YTD Pledge Income/Current Year: \$31,494.40
 reflects 18.77% of \$167,758.00 Total Pledged for 2012-13.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	August	Year-To-Date
Income	\$14,103.21	\$35,039.71
Expenses	-\$15,262.51	-\$33,746.87
Net Over/Short	-\$ 1,159.30	\$ 1,292.84

YTD New Pledge Income/Current Year: \$500.00
 received of New Pledges for \$3,700.00 for 2012-13.

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

Thank you!

Treasurer
 Pat Caffrey

Are We A Healthy or Vulnerable Congregation?

By the Stewardship Task Force

UUA campaign consultant Dave Rickard visited Second Unitarian last spring to make an assessment of our capacity for obtaining a more accessible and functional church building. In his report he stated the following concern: "A quartile analysis showed that in 2011-2012, nine households (11%) provided 50% of the pledged amount. In my experience, such dependence on a few members is not good for the continuing financial health of the congregation."

What is Dave talking about? Are we really a vulnerable congregation?

Past Finance Committee chair Vicki Pratt did the quartile analysis for our 2012 Stewardship Campaign that is displayed in the table below. \$167,700 was pledged, so 25% (one quartile) is about \$41,900. For our congregation, the top four pledges (just under 4%) totaled \$44,500 or 26% of the total amount pledged. Obviously 4% is way below the desired 10% for a healthy congregation and even below the 5% for a vulnerable congregation. What does this mean for us? If any one of these top four pledges leaves the congregation, drastic measures may be necessary – for example, emergency cost cutting or fundraising. Some progress is being made: 13 households pledged 50% of the total, an increase from 9 last year.

That's why it's vital to the financial health of our church to raise the level of pledging by members and affiliates in the lower quartiles. That will continue to be our focus for the 2013 Stewardship Campaign.

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH OF OMAHA
2012-2013 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
ACTUAL PLEDGES VS. UUA RECOMMENDATIONS

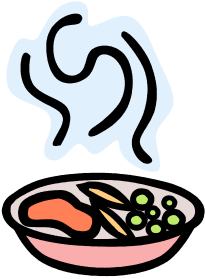
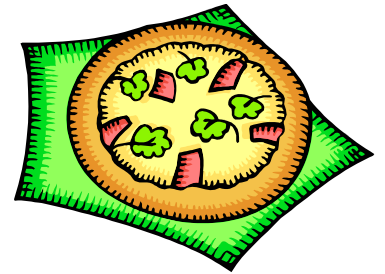
	<u>Heathly</u> <u>Distribution</u>	<u>Vulnerable</u> <u>Distribution</u>	<u>Second Unitarian Church</u>		
			<u>Amount</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>% of Households</u>
1st Quartile(Highest Pledges)	10%	5%	\$44,560	4	3.9%
2nd Quartile	15%	10%	\$38,080	9	8.8%
3rd Quartile	35%	25%	\$43,731	16	15.7%
4th Quartile (Lowest Pledges)*	40%	60%	\$41,387	73	71.6%
Total Amount Pledged:			\$167,758	102	100.0%

* Note: 22 of the 73 households in the 4th Quartile pledged \$0 or were not able to pledge.



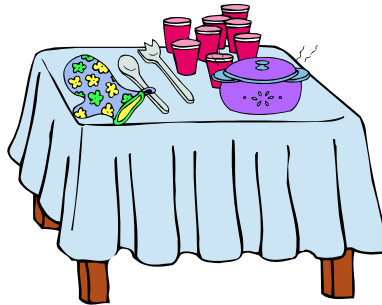
**Join us for a Fall Fun Fellowship Potluck,
Saturday, October 20, 6 p.m.
at Second Unitarian Church.**

Bring a dish to share, bring your family,
bring your fall spirit!



This is a family event, so no alcohol, please.

This event is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee:
*Dodie Robison, Laura Neece-Baltaro, Janet Nichols, Joan Busacca,
Mike Brockman, Betty Segell, and Judy Eller.*



FAMILY SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS!

Each "Last Sunday" of the month (October-May), we are meeting at a location to transform the world as part of our Religious Education model.

From 10 a.m. to Noon, anyone in the church can go and worship through education and service. With a small ritual to frame why this work is important, to a time where we learn about the needs of the world, and then when we actually do it - we hope to empower, energize, and encourage (new possibilities for work, learning, and relationships).

This is the PERFECT event for "Bring a Friend Sunday" and it makes having lunch with others from church so easy!

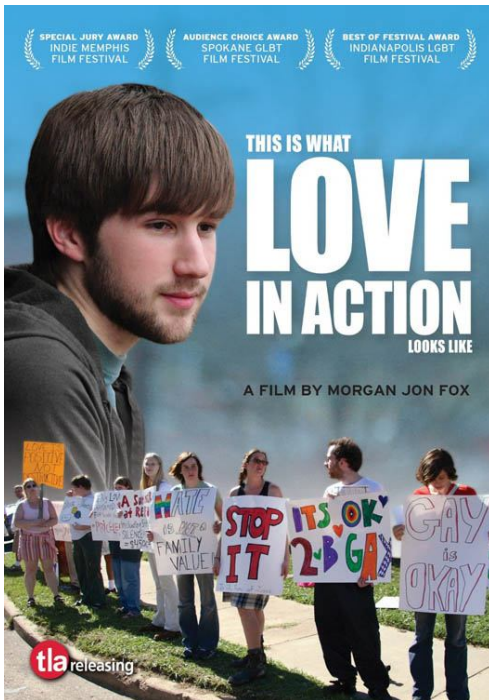
For more details - contact Rev. Scott (minister@2uomaha.org) or Kirsten Stiles (dre@2uomaha.org)! We will need people to sign up before we go.

We are overjoyed to launch this program.



LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation Committee

By Tammy Hunter



Social Justice Movie Night

This is What Love In Action Looks Like

Sunday, October 14

Potluck Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Film and Discussion at 6 p.m.

Please join us at Second Unitarian for a screening of the award winning documentary, "This is What Love in Action Looks Like." We'll have a potluck supper at 5:30, with the film and discussion beginning at 6:00.

In the summer of 2005, Zach, a 16-year-old boy from Memphis, Tennessee, wrote on his MySpace blog that he had told his parents he was gay. Within days of his coming out, his mother and father would send him to Love In Action (LIA), a fundamentalist Christian program that refers to homosexuality as an addictive behavior. His blog entries quickly spread from his friends, to the local community, to the nation through the Internet. In a remarkably short time, daily protests were organized outside the campus of LIA. "This Is What Love In Action Looks Like" documents the widely controversial and inspirational story of what The New York Times referred to as "A modern day message in a bottle."

The film's screening is courtesy of TLA Releasing.

National Coming Out Day Interfaith Rally

Thursday, October 11

Food and Resource Fair at 5:30 p.m.

Rally at 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass Street, Omaha

Please join members of our LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation Committee in celebrating National Coming Out Day at an interfaith rally at First United Methodist Church. A Resource Fair will begin at 5:30, with various supportive vendors available. The rally will begin at 7:00, featuring a performance by Pride Players (a youth LGBT performance group), local speakers, and Rev. Dr. Dawson Taylor from Dallas. Over 600 attended last year's event!

Small Group Ministry Updates from Rev. Scott

The **Young Adults of Second Unitarian Church** are planning an outing for the fall. If you're interested in joining us and are between the ages of 18-35, let us know by emailing Rev. Scott (minister@2uomaha.org). Our goal is to go bowling, hiking, or something similar once every couple of months to create community!

The first meeting of the **Parents' Group** was September 22 as we ate dinner together and talked about having kids, finding good pediatricians, and more. I was grateful to hear such good advice! This Parents' Group is for expectant parents, parents of babies, and parents of toddlers – including people in the community, so invite a friend! We'll get together again, this time at Second Unitarian Church, for dinner and discussion. Our date hasn't been set yet, but information will be in the order of service, weekly emails and announcements on Sundays. Childcare is provided for these gatherings, but please let us know if you will be using childcare. For more information, contact Rev. Scott at minister@2uomaha.org.



Fall Church Cleanup Saturday, October 6

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



Our **Fall Church Cleanup** is Saturday, October 6, from 8 a.m. to noon. We have a long list of tasks to accomplish! In addition to pruning trees, removing weeds and dead growth from the landscaped areas, and other outdoor chores, we need to complete installation of the entryway intercom system, repair weather stripping on the doors, clean windows, and much more.

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 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.

New Church Entry Intercom System

By Clyde Anderson, Co-Chair, Building & Grounds

Building & Grounds Committee members have installed an entry door intercom system at the main and lower level doors. If the door is locked, push the button and a chime will ring on the intercom handset on the Office Administrator's desk. (Intercom handsets are also being installed in the Minister's and Director of Religious Education's offices.)

When a meeting is being held downstairs and no one is in the sanctuary, we recommend that the front door be locked about 10 minutes after the meeting begins and let latecomers use the intercom to identify themselves.

To speak with the person at the door, after the chime rings, just pick up the handset and talk. Lights on the handset indicate which door station was activated.

Although the system has the capability of remotely unlocking the doors, we haven't yet purchased that upgrade.

Questions? Contact Clyde Anderson.

Women's Alliance

By Ellen Shurson

Attention Women of First and Second Unitarian Churches. The Women's Alliance will hold its meeting on Monday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room at First Unitarian Church. The topic is "A Treasure Across the River." First Unitarian member Abby Cape will share the story of the Union Pacific Railroad Museum in Council Bluffs. The museum, which opened in the historic Carnegie Library in 2003, shares the experience of the building of the transcontinental railroad. Exhibits cover the last 150 year history of the Union Pacific. Abby is Communications & Volunteer Relations Manager at the museum.

We will collect \$12 for our scholarship fund. Dinner plans to be announced. If this is your first time, please be our guest. Reservations must be made no later than Friday, October 5, to Janet West. We hope to see you at the meeting.



Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

By Naomi Solomon, Youth Programming Coordinator

One main focus of the programming this year comes from UUA's *Tapestry of Faith* curricula. We are also reaching out to other (non-UU) congregations around Omaha to enjoy opportunities for interfaith dialogue between youth. Anyone attending 7th-12th grades is welcome, and there are opportunities for leadership roles as well. Please contact Naomi Solomon at yruu@2uomaha.org. A short registration form is also available at www.tinyurl.com/YRUUreg. We look forward to meeting new friends!



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 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.

Second Circle

By Gay Robinson Abraham



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.

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KIOS BUNDLED DONATIONS 2012

If you are planning to contribute to KIOS public radio, you may do so through Second Unitarian Church. We will bundle all KIOS contributions and purchase ad spots for our church. Please send your contributions to the church or leave them in the Sunday offering plate. **Make your check payable to KIOS.** Questions to Nancy Amsler. Thank you!



Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning

By Kirsten Stiles, Director of Religious Growth & Learning



Family Service Learning Project Number One is scheduled for Sunday, October 28, at 10 a.m. Come join our efforts to keep Omaha beautiful! On October 28 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 & West Maple Road. The trail runs from the Park to West Dodge Road. Spice up your Sunday morning worship routine in a new way to feed your soul for the week ahead.

"Helping others, you can't help helping yourself."

-Avenue Q, the Musical

What is this Family Service Learning Project I keep hearing about?

Typically, the last Sunday of the month we will organize an opportunity at an offsite location to learn how to better get involved through different organizations throughout the community. These hands-on experiences are just what we need. Lessons to last a lifetime can be found in these service learning projects.

Who can participate?

Anyone who wants to take an active role in our community is encouraged to come along. This is not limited to only children and their families. It is open to any and all who might be curious, even friends and family of the curious are welcome to join us.

What do I need to do to get on board?

As soon as you decide you want to attend, locate the sign-up sheet downstairs near the DRE space. Here you will find all the needed information regarding the upcoming Family Service Learning Project. Remember to put your name on the sign-up sheet along with anyone else attending with you.

***** Family Service Learning t-shirts are coming soon! *****

**JUMP, JUMP, JUMP UP! JUMP, JUMP AND FALL DOWN!
Pump, pump, pump yourself back up and JUMP, JUMP, JUMP UP!**

The Sunday before we Jump into service learning, our Religious Education program will feature a special lesson inside a giant bounce house. We will practice falling down and getting back up. The ability to work together can make everyone jump a little higher. Make sure you don't miss out on this fun and exciting opportunity. Sunday, October 21, during both services. Bonus: we will even have a mini bounce house for the little ones 2 and younger. If you would like to help with this activity, please contact me.

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!

- 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
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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!

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

Attendance				
Date	Adults in Worship	Adults in R.E.	Children in R.E.	Youth in Second Circle
8/26	78	4	5	--
9/2	87	<i>Intergenerational</i>		--
9/9	79	6	12	--
9/16	112	4	12	8
9/23	130	2	6	--

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.

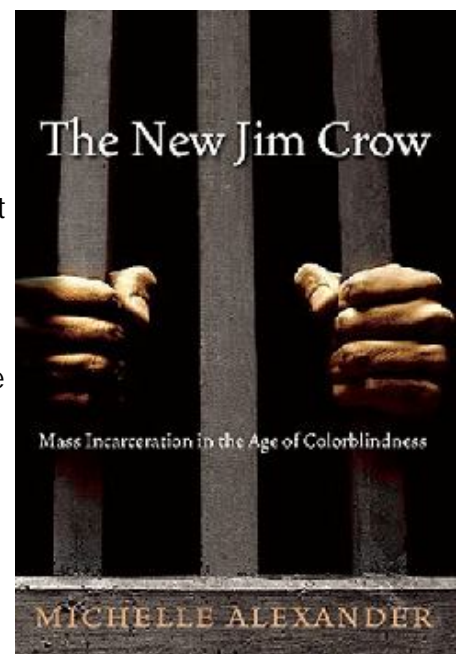
Meditation Reincarnated meets monthly in the church downstairs to learn about and practice meditation. No previous meditation experience is necessary. Please join us on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. -- our October meeting is October 25.

The 2012-2013 UUA Common Read is *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness has been selected as the 2012-13 Unitarian Universalist Association Common Read. In this remarkable book, civil rights advocate and litigator Michelle Alexander asserts that crime-fighting policies and systems in the U.S., such as the "war on drugs" and the incarceration system disproportionately and intentionally affect Americans of color. She describes multifaceted, lifelong discrimination and disenfranchisement that affect people who are branded "felon."

The [UUA Common Read](#) invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations.

A discussion guide to *The New Jim Crow* will be available online in October, 2012, to help Unitarian Universalist groups reflect on the book and consider together what steps they are called to take, as people of faith, in response to Alexander's call for awareness and action.





Second Unitarian Church Calendar

October, 2012

- Mon., Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m., Omaha Time Exchange (DNW)
7 p.m., Fellowship Committee (FH)
- Tue., Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m., Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning (DNW)
6 p.m., Committee on Ministry/Burks (FH)
- Wed., Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Social Justice Coordinating Council (DNW)
- Sat., Oct. 6, 8 a.m., Fall Church Cleanup (WH)
- Sun., Oct. 7, 12:45 p.m. Lunch for Newcomers (DNW)
- Mon., Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., Women's Alliance (offsite)
7 p.m., LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation (FH)
- Tue., Oct. 9, 1 p.m., Retirees Group (FH)
6:45 p.m., Music & Worship (DNW)
- Wed., Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m., Finance Coordinating Council (DNW)
- Sat., Oct. 13, 9 a.m., Program Council (FH)
10 a.m., Writing for Spiritual Growth (DNW)
- Sun., Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m., Social Justice Movie Night & Potluck (WH)
- Mon., Oct. 15., 7:15 p.m., Library Committee (FH)
- Tue., Oct. 16, 1 p.m., Communications Committee (DNW)
5 p.m., Caring Committee (FH)
7 p.m., Membership Committee (FH)
7 p.m., Strategic Planning (DNW)
- Wed., Oct. 17, 7 p.m., Board of Trustees (DNW)
- Sat., Oct. 20, Noon, Transgender Youth Group (SA)
6 p.m., Potluck Supper (WH)
- Tue., Oct. 23, 1 p.m., Marketing Advisory Council (DNW)
7:30 p.m., Blackstone Book Club (FH)
- Wed., Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Committee on Ministry/McNeill (MO)
7:30 p.m., Holland Lecture (offsite)
- Thu., Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., Meditation Reincarnated (SA)
- Sat., Oct. 27, Noon, Private Rental (WH)
- Sun., Oct. 28, 10 a.m., Family Service Learning Project (offsite)
- Tue., Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m., Church Safety Webinar (DNW)
7 p.m., Strategic Planning (FH)

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

15th of Every Month: *Second Thoughts* deadline

Save These Dates Next Month:

- November 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends*
November 11: Social Justice Movie Night
November 17: Thanksgiving Dinner @ Church
November 25: Family Service Learning Project

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 7 p.m.

Calendar Codes:

RE=Religious Education, (FH)=First Hour/Library 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.

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"Our Mission is to be Authentic, Compassionate, and Transformative in our lives, in our faith, and in the world."

Adopted May 20, 2012