



Second Unitarian Church of Omaha

Second Thoughts

Join Us This Sunday!

Worship Services

10 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

**Leadership 101 Saturday,
December 3 8:15 am to 4:00
pm**

This is an exciting opportunity for all members to be involved in personal growth. Being comfortable in a leadership position is a skill anyone can learn. Your own comfort level will change by attending this workshop and learning how Second Unitarian does its work as well as gaining confidence in your own leadership skills. More information will be shared later.

Come, share, and learn from your fellow UUs.



UPCOMING SERVICES

October 2nd

The Sources That Inspire Us
Music & Worship Committee

Our service on October Second will be a lay-led, communal experience where the congregation will explore our diverse and varied sources of faith and wisdom. From the Quran and the Ramayana to Star Trek and Gilmore Girls, please come prepared to reflect and to share the sources that inspire you.

October 9th

Coming Out Day
Rev. Cyndi Simpson

Tuesday, October 11th is National Coming Out Day. We will celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) or as an ally. Second Unitarian honors all who have come out as LGBTQ+ or as a straight ally for equality – that takes bravery, and we commend you.

October 16th

Samhain
Rev. Cyndi Simpson

Samhain is a Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the “darker half” of the year.

October 23rd

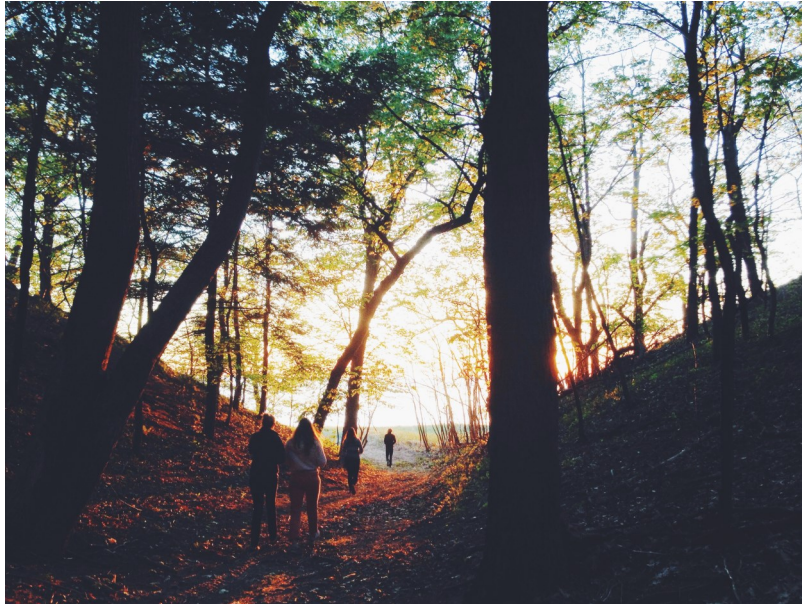
To Be Announced
Reverend Cyndi Simpson

October 30th

Day of the Dead
Reverend Cyndi Simpson

October is upon us! We welcome a new season in nature and in our life together as Second Unitarian Church.

The Board and Rev. Cyndi will be celebrating Columbus Day with a Board retreat. A time to rediscover how we can become a stronger leadership team and take our first steps into Developmental Ministry. We are looking forward to having Tracy Beck as our facilitator. We also appreciate the MidAmerica Region's support in covering the cost of her visit as one of their consultants because we are part of our Region's Developmental Ministry program.



We are also looking forward to having Dori Davenport Thexton, Congregational Life Consultant-MidAmerica Region, with us the weekend of **November 11th -13th**. We will be gathering together to revisit our Developmental Ministry Goals and have an opportunity to begin to determine what they mean to us and what our next steps will be. As the time gets closer we will be able to lay out for you the workshops that will be held that weekend. **Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!**

As you recall, our Developmental Ministry goals include:

- Be Welcoming and Engaging to Newcomers and Members
- Worship is central to the Second Unitarian community and we enjoy services that inspire, challenge and educate us.
- Change the culture of how we work together to accomplish the mission and vision of Second Unitarian church.
- Build a clear sense of our identity which defines our purpose and how we can best live our mission.

[Click here to read more about our developmental ministry.](#)

Have comments, suggestions, or ideas, please feel free to send them to Board@2uomaha.org.

Thank you!

Pat Caffrey

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report

by Vicki Pratt, Treasurer

In August we spent more than we brought in so we dipped into our year-to-date surplus.

	August 2016	Year to Date
Income	\$13,462.41	\$48,126.30 (22% of budget)
Expense	19,661.69	34,387.47 (16% of budget)
Net Over/Short	-\$ 6,199.28	+\$13,738.83

Income came from Stewardship Campaign Pledges (\$12,154.68); New Pledges from Current Members (\$30.00); New Pledges from New Members (\$200.00); Last Year's Pledge (\$190.00); Fundraising (\$41.00); Other Income (\$80.23); Offering (\$766.50).

Expenses were from Salaries and Benefits (\$5,427.44); Minister's Compensation (\$6,655.79); Administrative Expenses (\$115.62); General Expenses (\$6,957.61); and Committee Expenses (\$505.23)

If you would like to see more detailed financial reports, you can join the Finance Committee, or e-mail: treasurer@2uomaha.org



BUILDING AND GROUND'S REPORT

Fall Church Cleanup Saturday, October 8th!

Building & Grounds Committee

When you are sitting in the Sanctuary during Sunday service, do those spider webs outside the windows bug you?

Or how about those grungy linoleum floors?

Do you think those persistent weeds growing in the Churchyard, or the dead branches in the box elder trees distract from the sanctity of our Church?

Here's your chance to help clean up the church inside and out!

Our Fall Cleanup Day is scheduled for

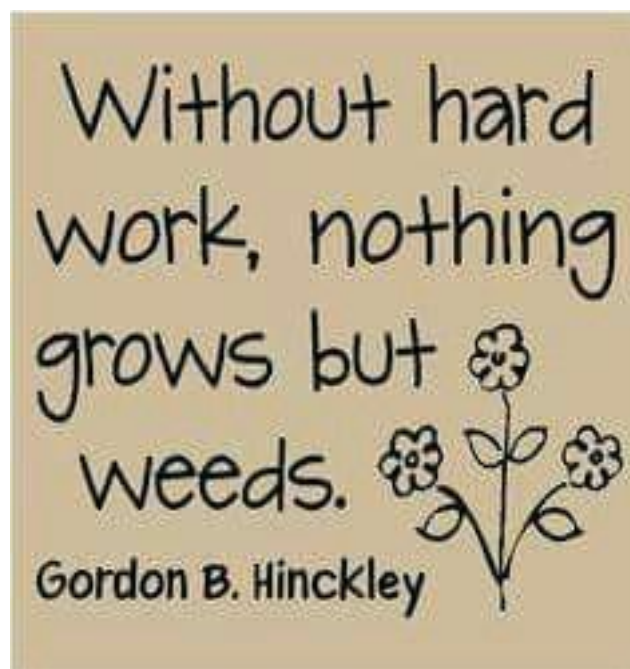
Saturday, October 8th from 8 am to Noon.

We will have 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). Feel free to bring tools if you wish, but the B&G Committee members will arrange to have a supply of tools and materials available.

As always, we'll have refreshments available beginning at 8:00 am in the Church Foyer.

Please note the event on your calendar, and we hope many of you can help, even for just a few hours.



EnqUUiring Minds

by Lorraine Duggin, Membership Committee

Have you been thinking about joining this church but want to know more? Are you already a church member of 2U, but still have some questions about our UU faith? Would you like to share your spiritual journey with others in a supportive and welcoming space?

All those who have been visiting us, as well as current members, are invited to sign up for an exciting new 4-part series designed by Rev. Cyndi Simpson called "Enquiring Minds." These classes will provide essential information about our faith and allow us to explore our spiritual odysseys in a structured format, including: a time for questions, answers and discussion; a survey of UU History and theology through a rousing game of "Stump the Minister" (you won't be able to!); and outline the responsibilities of UU membership.

These fun, friendly and spiritual sessions will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the church on October 11th, 18th, 25th, and November 1st. Enrollment will be limited to 15, so please reserve your space by signing up with Donna Dudley, Membership Committee Chair. Childcare, if requested, and refreshments will be provided. Rev. Cyndi hopes to offer this program again in the spring and twice a year thereafter, so you'll want to be among the first to participate!



**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM!**

Retirees' Group Connecting Through Social Media

Do you consider yourself to be social media illiterate? Do you wonder what your granddaughter is up to when she's tweeting or snapchatting? Join us **Tuesday, October 11th at 1:00 p.m.** for a presentation on *Connecting Through Social Media*.

Join us on a virtual voyage through the world of Social Media. After a brief overview of different social media platforms Elise Brazeal-Daganaar will show us the basics of setting up and using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. She will discuss tips for being a savvy Social Media user including safety and etiquette. She will also highlight groups that retirees may find especially interesting to follow. Feel free to bring your smart phone, tablet, or laptop computer (bandwidth permitting) and any questions you have. Elise has also offered to be available via email and by appointment on Sundays if you need one-on one-assistance.



Calling all 7th through 12th Graders Teen Movie Night October 30th! *The Little Prince*



October 30 (note the date change from our typical 3rd Sunday) at 4:00, our Second Unitarian teens (7-12 graders) will be viewing the first full length animated adaptation of the 1943 novel "The Little Prince", which was just released in the U.S. in 2016.

When an overscheduled girl befriends an eccentric aviator, he regales her with tales about the adventures of an unusual boy who lives on an asteroid. The stories he tells her are philosophical and include social criticism.

A discussion of the film will be led by Bob Fischbach. Snacks and drinks will be available and a freewill donation taken for pizza.

Meditation Group

The Meditation Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month. We meet at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary following the choir rehearsal. At our meetings we have both a meditation-related discussion and an actual meditation. No previous meditation experience is necessary, and we love "drop-in" visitors or anyone curious about meditation.

Our upcoming meeting will be on October 19th.

September Service Attendance

<i>Attendance</i>	
Date	Adults in Worship
9/04	42
9/11	73
9/18	86
9/25	80

KIOS FUNDRAISER

Make your donation go twice as far by supporting two of your favorite things with one check! Our church can bundle your KIOS Public Radio contribution with others to purchase ad spots for our church. Please send your contributions to the church or leave them in the Sunday offering plate. Donations will be accepted from **October 15th - November 15th**.

Make your check payable to Second Unitarian Church with KIOS in the Memo Line.

Questions to Nancy Amsler. Thank you!



PRIVACY POLICY FOR CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

Church policy states: *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!

OWL - Our Whole Lives Life Span Sexuality Education

Through the efforts of both Omaha UU congregations, we have a great supply of facilitators at all levels to provide OWL to our members and friends! Since we offered elementary OWL at Second Unitarian last year, First is taking the lead this year to catch the rest of the children who were not able to attend. We are also offering middle school OWL and want to offer a young adult/adult OWL.

- **Kindergarten through 1st Grade:** Will be offered this fall at First Unitarian on Sundays. Requires parent permission and mandatory attendance at a parent meeting.
- **5th & 6th Grades:** Will be offered this fall at First Unitarian on Sundays. Requires parent permission and mandatory attendance at a parent meeting.
- **7th-9th Grades:** Will start this fall.



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What age group would you be interested in taking?

Young Adult or Adult OWL?

We would like to offer an adult OWL class! (probably in the spring) We would like to know which one has more demand. Young adult OWL is for those who are primarily still single. Adult OWL is for those who are older or partnered. Please let Molly know your preference. Both are approximately 14 sessions.

Save the Date: Holland Lecture

October 26th

Build a wall? Deport eleven million? Dr. Joseph Carens says, "Open the borders!"

The
Holland
Lecture Series

Wednesday, October 26th the Holland Lecture Series presents Dr. Joseph Carens with *The Ethics of Immigration*. Free tickets are available at Ticket Omaha, beginning Monday, October 3rd. (ticketomaha.com) Each caller may request up to six tickets.

Dr. Joseph Carens
The Ethics of Immigration



SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 26 • 7:30 pm
Holland Performing Arts Center

Women's Alliance

At First Unitarian

Women, and those who identify as women, are invited to attend the Women's Alliance gathering on **Monday, October 10th at First Unitarian**. Socializing and beverages start at 6:30 with dinner following at 7pm. The October meeting will have Mary Kay Peters leading us in a celebration of the feminine spirit and honoring our female ancestors. Participants are encouraged to bring a picture of a beloved female relative.

We ask for \$15 which goes to the cost of dinner, the Merritt Education Fund, the Partner Church scholarship, and various activities at First Unitarian. If this will be your first time attending a WA get-together, please be our guest!

Our dinner selection will be soup and salad. We will have cheese and broccoli, chicken vegetable, tomato basil, and vegetarian barley. We will also have a salad bar and a variety of breads. The desserts for October will be supplied by Sheri Conner and Sharon Conlon.

You can RSVP via the Facebook event.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by October 6, 2016. Thank you!

Learn About Candidates for US Congress and OPPD

By Vicki Pratt, Social Justice Coordinating Council

OTOC (Omaha Together One Community) is hosting a Candidate Accountability Session so you can find out where November 8 candidates stand on important issues:

US Congress candidates– Brad Ashford and Don Bacon – will answer questions about:

- Affordable health care for everyone
- Improvements to behavioral health care
- How to mitigate climate change
- Fair treatment of immigrants and refugees

OPPD (Omaha Public Power District 5) candidates - Craig Moody and Tom Mulligan – will answer questions about:

- Revising the recent fixed service fee increase
- Transparency in Board decision making
- Commitment to increased renewable energy

When: **Monday, October 17, 7p.m.**

Where: St Leo Catholic Church, 102nd and Blondo

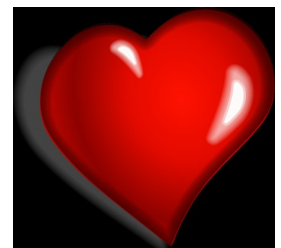
Reservations are not required but it will help us keep track of our attendance commitment. If you can attend, please email [Pat Caffrey](mailto:Pat.Caffrey@stleocatholic.org).

Halloween Heart & Hand Auction

Friday, October 28th 6-10 p.m.

First Unitarian Fundraiser

Auction, Raffle and Dinner! Check out the 1st Unitarian website for more info: firstuomaha.org



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MISSION STATEMENT

SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH OF OMAHA

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

Adopted May 20, 2012