



Second Unitarian Church of Omaha

Second Thoughts

January, 2013

Join Us This Sunday!

Worship Services
9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

**Fellowship and
Refreshments**
10:30 a.m.

The January Worship Theme is *Grace*

January 6

Grace

Rev. Scott McNeill

The idea of grace is nebulous for many, though we “know it when we see it.” For me, Grace is unearned forgiveness. This first Sunday of 2013, let’s start the year by learning about grace for ourselves and others. This sermon comes courtesy both of our theme of the month (January is Grace) **and** Dr. Phil Dudley’s wise suggestion, after he won the “Name the sermon topic” auction item!

January 13

Finding Comfort, Challenge and Connection

Rev. Scott McNeill & Strategic Planning Committee

Rev. Scott and the Strategic Planning Committee are wrestling with questions about how this church can be its best self. Discerning our path forward requires self-reflection and visioning, so we will use this worship to get the congregation thinking and ready to give us feedback as we create our strategic plan.

January 20

Who Am I?

Understanding yourself and your history is key to understanding race and other cultural identities. On Martin Luther King weekend, we’ll ask people to reflect on who they are.

January 27

Please join us for worship this Sunday. While the details of worship are not known (due to Rev. Scott and Rev. Sarah Gettie’s due date), we will announce our plans for worship in the week or so ahead of this Sunday. Still, we hope that you will join us without having the details or theme laid out, as worship is about so much more than titles and themes. You can support our community by being present!

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**Sing for Your
Supper**
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Minister's Musings

By Reverend Scott McNeill



I'm occasionally wary of being told I'll enjoy some new show or restaurant – few people really get my tastes (largely because they're so random; rarely do I like one specific genre). Once I find someone who does, I keep hounding them for recommendations. Oh, and I hate fads – movies, songs, foods, etc., which are momentarily popular, loved by everyone, and then fade away.

So when my beloved partner suggested watching *Downton Abbey*, I put her off as much as I could. I'm a bit embarrassed to admit that my style does not usually include British TV (aside from *Vicar of Dibley*) or period pieces. I grew up as someone who probably would've worked or lived in the servants' quarters, if even there. Typically, lower class and lower-middle class families distance themselves from shows that have accents (unless they're Southern accents). Frankly, my TV tastes are meant to help me escape the daily world. I read a lot of books and magazines; TV (for better or worse) is a place to go for shiny diversions.

So when I bought her *Downton Abbey*, I did so selflessly – knowing that I would watch it with her and hate it all the while. We're through a season and a few other episodes, and I am just hooked. If it weren't part of our family time, I would watch it all day and just finish the episodes already out on DVD, waiting for the next season to come on.

Imagine my shock at liking this show when everything in my gut told me I wouldn't.

Like a kid looking to hate the broccoli on his plate, and yet enjoying it, I was ecstatic that I found something I enjoyed so much yet dismayed that I'd have to tell everyone how wrong I was when I would say *Downton* wasn't my kind of show. Good and bad come with everything, I suppose.

So aside from passing along a recommendation (for what it's worth), why on earth am I writing about this?

Well, we are entering 2013. Some of us do resolutions and some don't. Regardless of where you fall on that, let me challenge you a bit. Do something, once a day, once a month, once a year – do something that you don't think you'd like and see if that changes.

Stick to it for a little bit of time; you can't simply try it once and be done. I've determined that for me to like a sitcom, I've got to watch it at least three times to try and connect with a character. If I cannot connect after that, I can stop watching. So for you it may be trying something three times or five or whatever – but **please** don't give up immediately. That helps only minimally.

But our religion says that one of the good things we should do -- think of it as a UU version of "Thou shall..." as opposed to "Thou Shall Not..." -- one of those things is to be open to change, to be open to something new and to look at the things we believe and explore why we do not believe them.

That's what one of my sermons was to preach (we'll still get that one – perhaps in March or May).

Got it? I'm calling it the Change Challenge and I would LOVE for folks to help kick it off with me (we'll do some sort of party/event at the beginning and end). So if you're possibly/relatively interested, give me a call or send me an email and I would LOVE to talk to you more about it. We'll also talk about it in worship some.

Again, the suggested rules (so-called) are:

- Between January 1, 2013 and sometime later in 2013, you are to do something that you think you'll dislike and enough of it that it could change your mind. Once is not enough.
- This can happen once daily, once monthly, once a year or irregularly (whenever you can/want to).
- This doesn't have to be related to money, (eating, watching something, etc) – think about relationships, etc. Be appropriate in this; this isn't meant to encourage people acting out in any sort of way – but in stretching themselves and growing.
- Pay attention: Journal about this. Write some notes about what you tried; why you didn't like it; previous experiences with it; how you feel now, etc. Try to keep these entries for all of them – so that at the end, we can have some good stuff to share and look to (and use in other ways). If you have pictures of you doing it, or a ticket stub, or something else, keep it and we can make something with the items!

Finally – I don't know the prize yet, but someone will win a prize at the end of the contest (we'll set the final deadline date at our first meeting). Maybe it will be a fun trophy or something – we're not sure yet.

If you're interested, let me know so we can start pulling folks together!

In faith, and the spirit of change,

Rev. Scott



Planks and Slivers from the Board

By Nancy VanderSluis Chair, Board of Trustees

January, a time for planning



I grew up on Buffalo Ridge, a windswept land formation in Minnesota where winters recall the glacial age that gave it form. My family made a living by farming, my dad growing corn and beans in the rocky fields, my mother with the help of my siblings and me, growing fruit, vegetables and flowers in her big garden. When the bitter cold and long dark nights of winter arrived, we were forced indoors. In the cocoon of warmth around the living room stove, we used the time to reflect, contemplate, reevaluate, and dream about the future. I loved dreaming about next year's growing season while paging through the Gurney Seed Catalogue. Maybe this year we could try planting gourds.

This rhythm of the seasons stays with me to this day, and although I am no longer trapped indoors, I still like to use the quiet dark evenings of winter to reflect on time that is past and to envision the time to come. What is going well and why? What could use a new approach? What path asks for exploring this year? Each of us can visualize a future for Second Unitarian as we live out our mission to be Authentic, Compassionate and Transformative. What are your dreams?

Later this year I see us coming together in many ways to connect and share the stories of what we have dreamed. And then we will join together, pick up our rakes and hoes, and work together to plant that garden and to make those dreams reality.

Shalom,
Nancy



Share the Plate for January: CERG (Central East Regional Group, UUA) Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief

One half of Second Unitarian's offering received in January will go to the CERG (Central East Regional Group of the Unitarian Universalist Association) Disaster Relief Fund.

As you know, Hurricane Sandy caused widespread devastation along the Mid-Atlantic coast. Many are still without basic necessities. The CERG UU Disaster Relief Fund has been set up to collect donations to aid UU congregations and members affected by this tragedy.

CERG will work with the affected congregations to channel the money raised where it can make an impact in people's lives, with initial efforts to provide the basics needed for people who have been displaced or are in need of emergency support. Additional funds will be used to assist congregations in rebuilding damage when their insurance is not adequate to cover the repairs.

If you would like to see how your money is being used, visit the [CERG UU Sandy Relief Facebook Page](#) for photos and stories. You can read more about the [relief efforts here](#).

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 November, 2012

For 2012 tax deductions, consider making contributions to Second Unitarian Church by December 30, 2012.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Income	\$16,878.45	\$86,291.74
Expenses	<u>-\$15,023.86</u>	<u>-\$79,755.31</u>
Net Over/Short	<u>\$ 1,854.59</u>	<u>\$ 6,536.43</u>

YTD Pledge Income/Current Year: \$73,350.65 reflects 43.72% of \$167,758.00 Total Pledged for 2012-13.

YTD New Pledge Income/Current Year: \$1,880.00 received of New Pledges for \$7,555.00 for 2012-13.

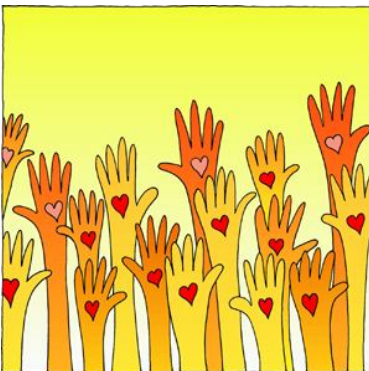
If you would like more detailed financial statements, please contact me.

Thank you!

Treasurer
Pat Caffrey

Stewardship Task Force

By Clyde Anderson, Co-Chair



Hearts & Hands

January is a time for renewal, and that includes your dedication to our church community through sharing your talents and treasures. It's not just the things we do but also the spirit in which we do them. We are each looking for a connection, and the sharing of our spirit is what connects us.

To capture that spirit, we selected the theme **Hearts and Hands** for the 2013-2014 Stewardship Campaign, and we believe our new logo reflects this authentic and compassionate spirit.

Open your new 2013 calendar and reserve Saturday evening, March 2, for our fun and inspirational **Hearts and Hands** Stewardship Kickoff Event.

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!



Celebrate a Baby Shower for Reverends Scott & Sarah Gettie January 12

The Fellowship Committee invites friends and family to celebrate with the McNeills. We guarantee treats, both sweet and healthy, plus congenial fellowship!

The soon-to-be parents have registered at Target and Babies R Us. They have plenty of baby clothes from the shower given by family in Indiana. Cash donations may be given to Judy Eller or Betty Segell.

Please join in the CELEBRATION at Second Unitarian on **Saturday, January 12, from 2-4 p.m.**

Questions? See Judy Eller or Betty Segell.



Don't Miss Second Unitarian's Annual "Sing for Your Supper" January 26



Time to chase away those winter blues. All talented 2U members (congregation, take note---all qualify)! Polish your musical talents, poetry writing, recitation, and dramatic readings. This is YOUR opportunity to PERFORM at Second Unitarians' annual Sing for Your Supper. Audience participation is also welcome!

Please join us on **Saturday, January 26, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

Please bring soup and/or dessert to share. Fellowship will provide bread, coffee, and beverages.

Questions? See Judy Eller or Betty Segell.



2013 Merritt Scholarship

The Merritt Scholarship Fund was established years ago by Dr. and Mrs. John Merritt. Each year, a scholarship is awarded by a committee of the Women's Alliance.

The Women's Alliance is accepting applications for its scholarship until **March 31**. To be eligible to receive the scholarship, the applicant must be a member of First or Second Unitarian Church or a dependent of a member. The applicant may be planning to attend a two-year college, a four-year college, graduate school, or professional school Fall 2013.

The scholarship application is available online (Word document or PDF) on our website at 2uomaha.org (click on *Members*, then *Office Forms*), or by contacting the Church Office: info@2uomaha.org or 402-334-0537 ext. 114.

Please send your completed application to:

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
Attn: Merritt Scholarship Committee
3114 Harney St.
Omaha, NE 68131

Marketing Advisory Council

By Nancy Amsler, Chair

KIOS Contribution

Thanks to those who contributed to KIOS Radio through the church. Our 2012 contribution was \$1,125, which will be used for ads for the church.

We have just learned that the spots which were to have run in 2012 did not air. Because of this error KIOS will combine our contributions for 2012 and 2013 and run spots for Second Unitarian Church every week in 2013 on the shows "On Being," which is aired Sunday mornings from 9 – 10 a.m., and on "All Things Considered," which is aired weekday afternoons from 3 – 5:30 p.m.

Parents' Group

By Rev. Scott McNeill

Join us each month on the Second Sunday from 3-5 p.m. for a Parents' Group meeting. Anyone parenting would be welcome to meet with us as we trade stories, lessons learned, jokes, and good resources. We plan to read a book together to learn more about parenting. Childcare is provided!



Strategic Planning Committee

By Carol Johnson, Chair

Members of the Strategic Planning Committee are learning about long range planning in a contemporary congregation from a book entitled: Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations. The definition of planning presented in this book and adopted by the Strategic Planning Committee is: *a structured conversation about what a group of people believe they are called to be or to do*.

To actuate this definition, the role of the committee becomes that of facilitator of conversations and discovery. This also means that every member has a role in voicing his or her perceptions of who we are at Second Unitarian and what we are called to be or do in this community. This book is now in our church library for any member who wishes to learn more about the planning process.

The strategic plan will have your "stamp" on it and will weave together our collective picture of what we can become as a congregation. The Strategic Planning Committee (Steve Abraham, Carol Johnson, Rich McArdle, Stephanie Peterson, Craig Piquette, with guidance from Rev. Scott) looks forward to thoughtful and meaningful conversations about our future. The committee is planning a worship service for January 13 to "kick off" the "holy conversations" our congregation will be holding.

Retirees' Group

By Richard Koelling

On Tuesday, January 8, at 1 p.m., a representative from the Omaha Public Library will tell us about the resources and services available at our libraries.

With the evolution of electronic communication, many of the old-fashioned services have become outdated and replaced by those electronic capabilities. This will be a good chance for us to catch up on how we can use the library again.

The meeting will be in the fellowship area at the back of the sanctuary.

Meditation Reincarnated

By Kevin Dunlop

Meditation Reincarnated is a group that meets monthly in the church downstairs to learn about and to practice meditation. We are currently studying the book, "You Are Here," by Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh, which teaches the reader about discovering the magic of the present moment. Both the book and our meditation practice is designed for everyone, whether monk or beginner. No previous meditation experience is necessary.

Please join us on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Our next meetings are on January 24 and February 28.



Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

By Naomi Solomon, Youth Programming Coordinator

YRUUers have enjoyed the first part of the school year as we explored interfaith topics and discussed some of the main tenets of Christianity. Over the next couple of months, we hope to have even deeper discussions about who we are and what kind of difference we want to make on the world. We will continue to explore major world religions, hopefully with diverse presenters and off-site visits to new places.

Coming of Age spiritual exploration sessions are starting up this month for a couple of ninth graders and their mentors. Some of our teen leaders are currently helping us to create 2012-2013 t-shirts and also to plan an overnight lock-in event this month.

New members or visitors are welcome anytime! Anyone in grades 7-12 can visit us at First Unitarian Church on Wednesday nights from 6:45-8:30. We would love to see you! Contact Naomi Solomon with questions at yruu@2uomaha.org.

We look forward to meeting new friends!



Second Circle

By Gay Robinson Abraham



All teens and parents are invited to a movie and discussion on Martin Luther King weekend. We will share food and watch the movie *Crash* together, and Rev. Scott will lead us in a discussion. (*Crash* is rated "R", so parental permission will be expected.)

There will be no Sunday morning meetings of Second Circle in January.

We are hoping that the movie gathering will be an opportunity for our many teens and parents to connect, and share the experience of considering some important issues we all face.

Watch for more details in January!

Weather-Related Cancellations

If weather or road conditions cause services or a major church event to be canceled, we will notify you by:

1. Placing a message on the church phone (402-334-0537),
2. Sending a message to the weekly email list, and
3. Placing a message on the church website (www.2Uomaha.org).

In case of a Service cancellation, we will also contact local media with our information.





Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning

By Kirsten Stiles, Director of Religious Growth & Learning



Happy New Year!

A new year brings an opportunity that comes only once a year. We will each probably set a few New Year's resolutions, some more realistic than others, yet each of us is equally hopeful for our success. Some might roll over last year's resolutions and try again -- no shame in that. You never know how close to success you might have been if you quit trying.

Toolbox of Faith

This month marks the start of the new Toolbox of Faith program. I can't wait to get started teaching and learning with the children. We will fill our toolbox with one new tool every month. Soon we will be equipped with all the tools a Unitarian might need, not only to follow our seven UU principles in make right choices, but also to use the tools to help others do the same. We will begin filling our toolbox on January 6. The first tool we will put in our toolbox will be a ruler. Don't miss our Toolbox of Faith kickoff as it's sure to be a success!

Family Service Learning Projects

The Family Service Learning Projects have been so successful. We have moved small mountains of trash. We have filled lonely hearts with love. We have brought Christmas smiles to the faces of many children and their families. There is no telling what kind of unseen good we have accomplished as well as what we each have gained inside our own hearts.

This month, we extend our hearts to the animal world. For January's FSLP, we will partner with the Nebraska Humane Society. We will have a special behind-the-scenes tour of their facilities hosted by Kerry Eckelbe. This will give you and your family a deeper look at what these special people do for these animals.

We will meet Sunday, January 27, at 11:30 a.m. at NHS located at 8929 Fort St. (90th & Fort) in Omaha to begin our tour. Following our tour, we will meet in their auditorium for our gathering and worship. At this time you may bring in any items you might have collected to donate to NHS.

Check out this list of needed items provided to us by The Nebraska Humane Society: blankets, towels (used work best), veterinarian-approved cat and dog toys, large and extra large Kong toys, unopened jars of peanut butter, Ziploc freezer bags (one gallon size), canned cat food, unopened bags of cat food with no red dye, clear plastic tubs, distilled water, yarn (for crocheted cat bags), box fans, soft dog treats for training, Feliway spray, DAP collars and spray, rubber-backed rugs, canned chicken, canned Vienna sausage.

We'll have snacks and refreshments after our day's good duties.

Kirsten

Special thanks to Second Unitarian member **Molly Kliment-Jenkins**, who provided much-appreciated assistance with the new *Second Thoughts* layout. This is a work in progress, and your comments are appreciated!



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.

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. 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.



Membership Journeys

By Kathy Bell, Volunteer Membership Coordinator

“Pathways to Membership” 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 Saturday, January 26, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 a seat in class by contacting Kathy Bell by Sunday, January 20. Please indicate if you will need childcare when you sign up for the class.

<i>Attendance</i>					
Date	Adults in Worship	Adults in R.E.	Children in R.E.	Youth in Second Circle	Family Service Learning
11/25	64	<i>Service Learning</i>		2	15
12/2	61	5	10	---	---
12/9	78	4	9	---	---
12/16	81	5	7	---	---
12/23	63	<i>Intergenerational</i>			---
12/24	75	<i>Christmas Eve Intergenerational</i>			---

2013 Prairie Star District Awards

The Prairie Star District (PSD) is soliciting nominations for the following awards by **January 31, 2013**. These awards will be presented at the PSD Annual Conference April 5-7 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Complete information on these awards, including nomination forms and past awardees, is at <http://www.psdoua.org/Awards>.

Keeping the Faith Award: To recognize people who live by UU principles, who have worked to keep Unitarian Universalism alive in their community and who touch the lives of congregation and community members in a positive way.

Unsung UU Award: To affirm UUs whose actions inspire, support, and express Unitarian Universalism, but have not been previously recognized. The award is given to a person or group whose lifetime activities have made a significant contribution to the cause of Unitarian Universalism.

PSD Social Justice Awards (one youth and one adult): To honor those who witness to the ideals of social justice and responsibility so important to our UU heritage.

Ellie Morton Award: To honor an individual or individuals who have made a significant contribution to religious education in our District.

Betty Gorshe Heritage Award: To recognize an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to preserving, understanding, and celebrating our Unitarian Universalist history.



Second Unitarian Church Calendar

January, 2013

Tue., Jan. 1, *New Year's Day* (Church Office Closed)
Wed., Jan. 2, 6:30 p.m., Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning (DN)
7 p.m. Social Justice Coordinating Committee (DNW)
Mon., Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Fellowship Committee (FH)
Tue., Jan. 8, 1 p.m., Retirees' Group (FH)
6:45 p.m., Music & Worship (DNW)
7 p.m., LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation (FH)
Thu., Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m., Stewardship Task Force (DNW)
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (SA)
8 p.m., Finance Coordinating Council (DN)
Sat., Jan. 12, 9 a.m., Program Council (FH)
10:30 a.m., Writing for Spiritual Growth (DNW)
2 p.m., Baby Shower (WH)
Sun., Jan. 13, 12:45 p.m., Lunch for Newcomers (DNW)
3 p.m., Parents' Group (FH)
5:30 p.m., Social Justice Movie Night (WH)
Mon. Jan 14, , Noon, Committee on Ministry/McNeill (MO)
Tue., Jan. 15, 1 p.m., Communications Committee (DNW)
5 p.m., Caring Committee (FH)
7 p.m., Membership Committee (FH)
Wed., Jan. 16, 7 p.m., Board of Trustees (DNW)
Sat., Jan. 19, Noon, Transgender Youth Group (SA)
Mon., Jan. 21, *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day* (Church Office Closed)
7:15 p.m., Library Committee (FH)
Tue., Jan. 22, 1 p.m., Marketing Advisory Council (DNW)
7:30 p.m., Blackstone Book Club (FH)
Thu., Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m., Stewardship Task Force (DN)
7:30 p.m., Meditation Reincarnated (DNW)
Sat., Jan. 26, 8:45 a.m., Pathways to Membership (WH)
6 p.m., Sing for Your Supper (WH)
Sun., Jan. 27, 11:30 a.m., Family Service Learning Project (offsite)

Regular Events:

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m., Worship Service

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship & Refreshments

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., YRUU (offsite)

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

15th of Every Month: *Second Thoughts* deadline

Save These Dates Next Month:

February 10: Social Justice Movie Night

February 24: 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.

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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***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