



Second Unitarian Church of Omaha

Second Thoughts

February, 2013

Join Us This Sunday!

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

Fellowship and
Refreshments
10:30 a.m.

Community Garden Meeting

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Social Justice Movie Night

"Fixing the Future"
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The February Worship Theme is *Prayer*

February 3 *From Wonder unto Wonder, Existence Opens*

Rev. Ron Knapp

The title comes from the ancient Lao Tzu, but the sermon will be about sources of wonder in the twenty-first century.

February 10

Music as Prayer

Our Talented Musicians

Our theme of the month is **prayer**, and so this month we want to experience different types and see how some people practice their spiritual lives. This morning we share in making music and experiencing music. Be sharp to this event, or there will be treble (cue the groans).

February 17

"Oh God, Help!"

Rev. Scott McNeill

How does one pray when there isn't a belief in God? This service is a reflection on what prayer means to Unitarian Universalists of all different theologies, as well as an experience with different types of prayer.

February 24

Being Okay with Not Being Okay

Rev. Scott McNeill

For me religion is made difficult by feigning sincerity. Yet, community requires some level of "getting along" and getting past our own needs. Our worship will wrestle with the "authentic" part of our mission, as well as the "transformative" part.

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Please send articles and submissions to info@2Uomaha.org.

Deadline is the fifteenth of each month.



Minister's Musings

By Reverend Scott McNeill



"When Chekhov saw the long winter, he saw a winter bleak and dark and bereft of hope. Yet we know that winter is just another step in the cycle of life. But standing here among the people of Punxsutawney and basking in the warmth of their hearths and hearts, I couldn't imagine a better fate than a long and lustrous winter."

Oh, it's almost time for Groundhog Day.

Each February 2 we ask Punxsutawney Phil to emerge from his slumber. If he sees his shadow, there's six more weeks of fiscal cliff negotiations. Sorry, winter. Six more weeks of winter. And if the skies are grey that February Day, then spring is indeed on the way.

Perhaps more interesting than the day itself is the movie of the same name. In it Bill Murray experiences the same day over and over again. He finally wises up to the events and uses it ... well I won't spoil it for you. But check it out sometime.

It turns out church life can be a bit like Groundhog Day. Basically each year, we get through the slog of January and dig ourselves out of the snow and ice. Come February and we are ready to see what awaits us. Our Punxsutawney Phil is more like a Pledgecard Phil – and some years we have grey, and some years we have sunshine.

Even better, with Bill Murray-level accuracy, I can predict how certain church events will go. We routinely ask people to give their feedback about the church and what they like, why they come, etc. Most people like the community feeling, the chance to explore religious beliefs, and a church that works on justice.

Yet there's something important about having the conversation. This year, like we do lots of different ways in most years, we will ask you to give the church feedback about why you became a Unitarian Universalist. Believe me when I tell you that we ask the question **NOT** as a pro forma way of getting you to pledge, or to justify work we already plan to do.

We ask your opinions because the church isn't a building; the church is *you*. It's not necessarily that we need to hear what people want. We've heard that lots of times and the essence of that lesson is ingrained in our leaders' minds. What we need is to hear and re-hear the stories – how did the church change you? What were you looking for when you found us, and what did you find? What do you want others to find?

The single most spectacular part of my job happens when I get to hear stories about people's lives. It's not about where they end up, or seeing the final product, but about the journey they've taken. That's where we learn the lessons of life. So this spring, we will once again ask you to tell your story. We'll ask you to do it in a few different ways, and to tell different versions. I encourage you to share with us, even if you have before. Dig down deep in the wells of your memories and share them with us. Our church will be better, brighter, warmer, more hopeful for it.

There is no repetition found in the telling of our life stories, for we all experience life differently. Out of those stories comes rebirth and renewal, the spring of our lives.

In gratitude for the gifts you bring,

Rev. Scott



Planks and Slivers from the Board

By Nancy VanderSluis Chair, Board of Trustees



February is for lovers. Hallmark would be pleased that I reminded you of that. But I'm not talking about infatuated lovers who believe that love simply requires the purchase of valentines, roses or chocolate. I'm referring to a different love that has never been the target of an advertising campaign by any greeting card company.

This came to mind when I saw the stewardship theme for this year, "Hearts and Hands." And that brought to mind the words sometimes recited during the children's service: "We are the church of the thinking minds, the loving hearts and the helping hands." And so, with the children as my mentor, I began to think about having a loving heart.

February is for loving hearts. Loving hearts that welcome all. Loving hearts that embrace the covenant we have with each other. Loving hearts connected to the helping hands that reach out to help our neighbors. Loving hearts that speak with the universal expression of the smile -- another kind of sacred chalice. :)

Happy Loving Hearts Day!

Nancy



Share the Plate for February: RESPECT

One half of Second Unitarian's offering received in February will go to RESPECT.

RESPECT was founded over ten years ago to address bullying in schools. RESPECT programs consist of educational theatre presentations paired with panel or group discussions led by community professionals and actor-educators. With just a small staff of administrators and educators, RESPECT reaches approximately 40,000 students a year, with programs appropriate for preschool through high school, as well as training for parents, educators, and community members. RESPECT's goals are to decrease the acts of bullying, and even more important, to empower kids and adults who may be on the sidelines to take action and stand up to help a target. RESPECT collaborates with numerous organizations throughout Nebraska and maintains both a Community Advisory Committee and a Student Advisory Committee to ensure that their content stays relevant.

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 December 31, 2012**

YTD Pledge Income/Current Year: \$92,660.31
reflects 55.23% of \$167,758.00 Total Pledged for
2012-13.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YTD New Pledge Income/Current Year: \$2,905.00
received of New Pledges for \$9,695.00 for 2012-13.

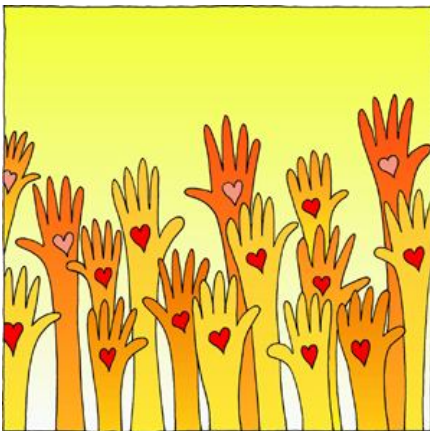
| | December | Year-To-Date |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Income | \$21,649.82 | \$107,941.56 |
| Expenses | -\$14,181.30 | -\$ 93,936.61 |
| Net Over/Short | \$ 7,468.52 | \$ 14,004.95 |
| | | |

Contribution Statements for the tax year of 2012 will be mailed to you. If you would like more detailed financial statements, please contact me.

Thank you!
Treasurer
Pat Caffrey

Stewardship Task Force

By Clyde Anderson, Co-Chair



Mark your calendar for the evening of **Saturday, March 2**, to attend the kick-off event for the 2013 Stewardship Campaign "Hearts & Hands." The venue is Centennial Hall in the Thompson Center on UNO's campus, 67th and Dodge. We will have a game to get people connected and then our first "State of the Congregation" presentation! After we hear how the church has been doing, we will invite you to think of how to use your own "Hearts and Hands" to make a difference.

This will be a fun and festive event that celebrates our accomplishments during the past year and promotes growth of relationships in our church community.

Childcare will be provided onsite. Please let us know at dre@2uomaha.org by March 1.

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!



Parents' Group

By Rev. Scott McNeill

Join the Parents' Group – a group for anyone who (1) has a child, (2) is expecting a child, (3) wants a child but wants to learn more, (4) has been pregnant or attempted to foster or adopt and has not had a successful experience. That makes for a pretty broad group. Invite any of your friends or neighbors who are parents! Typically, we meet on the Second Sunday but we may be moving that in the future. If you're interested in attending, please let Rev. Scott know so he can keep you up-to-date. Childcare is provided!

In January, we offered a lot of advice and discussed what it's like to have newborns as well as what life is like when kids learn to potty train and start yelling louder than you thought possible. We also (this part is really important) discussed books and tools to promote healthy relationships between parents and child(ren) as well as between parents.

In the future we're thinking about going to inexpensive dinners (childcare would be provided for free) or social outings. We'd love your ideas and thoughts and participation.

Building & Grounds

By Clyde Anderson, Co-Chair

Dealing with an Icy Parking Lot

An unfortunate sequence of events resulted in very icy conditions in the church parking lot during the holidays. Our first winter storm of the season started as rain December 19, changing to sleet and then heavy snow. When the lot was plowed December 21, the layer of slush next to the warm pavement quickly froze, and the air was too cold for salt to be effective, resulting in ice.

If you arrive at church and experience patches of ice on the walks and parking lot, there are jugs of deicer and a bucket of sand located in the foyer under the coat rack. Feel free to use them or alert a member of Building & Grounds to treat the ice.

Our next Building & Grounds meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 9:00 a.m. We will begin with our customary inspection of the church building and yard, and then discuss plans for the Spring Church Cleanup Day April 27, finding a larger space for the nursery, and adding a gutter to the east side of the roof. Everyone with an interest in our church facilities is invited to attend.

Website Evaluation by Nancy Amsler, Co-Chair, Communications Committee

Our new website has been in operation for one year, and it is time for us to ask how well it is working for you. Please let us know whether what you are looking for is easy to find, either right away or in just a few clicks, whether the site is easy to navigate, and if what you want is there. These are just starter questions! Please let us know additional thoughts you have. Please send responses to info@2uomaha.org by March 1. Thank you!



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, 2013**. 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 in the Fall of 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

Join Our Community Garden!

By Clyde Anderson, Care for the Environment Committee



Enjoying vegetables and fruits picked fresh from the garden is a blessing of summer and an excellent way to maintain a healthy diet.

If you don't have space for your own garden or would like to enjoy gardening with a community of urban farmers who practice the principles of organic and sustainable gardening, Second Unitarian's Community Garden is a great solution!

Interested? Then mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 2, 11:00 a.m.** to attend our Community Garden Planning Meeting in the downstairs worship area.

Our garden is on the north side of the church. Each of the 14 plots is about 2 feet by 4 feet – big enough for a few tomato plants, peppers, lettuce, cabbages, pole beans, herbs, or hill cucumbers. Watering is easy with a soaker hose under each plot. Gardeners sign up for a week to turn on the water to all plots if it doesn't rain. Major responsibilities for each gardener include pulling weeds and picking produce when ripe. Last year a couple of plots were abandoned, and the remaining gardeners had to maintain them.

The \$10 fee for each plot helps defray costs for water and supplies. Gardeners buy their own seeds. We have some shared tools and plan a couple of group workdays to prepare and close down the garden. Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to gardeners who had a plot last year and/or who attend the February 2 meeting. For more information, please contact Marco Ballarin, or Vicki Pratt.



Strategic Planning Committee

By Rich McArdle

The Strategic Planning Committee (Carol Johnson, Steve Abraham, Stephanie Peterson, Craig Piquette, Rich McArdle) continues to gather the insights needed for the May strategic plan. Our overall objective is to develop a long range plan that supports our Mission (Authentic, Compassionate, Transformative) with specific action plans. Our work is inspired by the book, "Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations." Our definition of planning is a structured conversation about what a group of people believe they are called to be or to do.

The committee sponsored and inspired the January 13 worship devoted to "Finding Comfort Challenge and Connection." Rev. McNeill, Stephanie Peterson, and Craig Piquette gave their thoughts on Second Unitarian's history and their personal journeys with the church, challenging us to find our calling - how we fulfill our mission through service to individuals and the community. We had positive feedback from those attending, and interest in our next steps.

We are planning group meetings at various locations to get direct feedback from the congregation and the community. Taking our mission statement as a guide, we will discuss how we can become more authentic, compassionate, and transformative, individually and as a faith community, to make a bigger difference in our world.

These meetings, including one at the Church, will be held in February and early March. With this input we know we can build a strong and visionary strategic plan for May.

Retirees' Group

By Richard Koelling

The Radio Talking Book Service (RTBS) of Nebraska will be the subject of February's meeting at 1 p.m., Tuesday, February 12.

John Fullerton, the director of RTBS since 1996, will describe its objectives and operations, who and how it benefits, and its sources of funds. He will also be open to questions about his experiences over the years both with readers and listeners. John is an excellent speaker and those who have little or no knowledge of this service could have an eye-opening experience just listening to him and learning.

RTBS offers many opportunities for volunteering, and we welcome anyone who can attend the meeting to visit and perhaps discover a talent you didn't know you have. You also may know some visually impaired person who would enjoy radio programming designed not for 'news babble' or loud music, but that is informative and entertaining for the mind.

So whatever your age, if you can make it to our meeting at the church, we encourage you to be there and learn about a very valuable statewide service based and operated in Omaha.



Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

By Naomi Solomon, Youth Programming Coordinator

If Wednesday nights just aren't your thing, join us for a YRUU Overnight from 8 p.m. on Friday, February 8, to 8 a.m. on Saturday the 9th at First Unitarian Church. We will watch a movie, play tried and true games, try new team-building exercises, snack all night, and clean it all up quick as a wink before we have to leave at 8 a.m. This event will give us a great chance to visit a variety of topics and activities that we generally don't have time for. I hope each and every Omaha UU teen can make it!



Parents, we are also looking for volunteer chaperones if you are willing to give up at least a few hours of your sleep that night. Please contact Naomi Solomon if you are willing to help out in any way.

We are looking for all teens and parents to join us for an important discussion on March 6. The ministers of Omaha's two UU churches will be there and we hope you can join us for this discussion!

Second Circle "Under Construction"

By Anita Jeck

There will be no Second Circle on Sunday mornings in February. The Sunday morning program for teens is "under construction" as we assess what the needs are and whether Sunday morning is the best time to meet those needs.

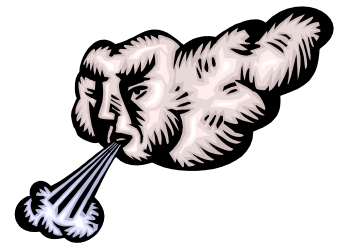
Approximately 15 years ago, the joint First and Second Unitarian Church youth group was formed when both churches had just a few teens. We realized that what they needed most was each other, so we brought them together in the joint youth program on Wednesday evenings at First Unitarian. This has been a joint venture between the two churches. Teen ministry happened on Wednesday evenings instead of Sunday mornings. On Sundays, some teens chose to attend services, help with the younger children downstairs, or sleep in. After a while though, some teens started to congregate in the foyer during church services because their need at that time was to be with their friends. So we decided to start "Second Circle" as a Sunday morning option for teens to meet more intimately with their peers in a covenant group-type program.

Those teens who first congregated in the foyer have grown now, and again we have teens whose needs differ from their predecessors. We are taking some time to assess what these needs are and how we can best meet them. In January, we facilitated a showing and discussion for teens and parents of the movie "Crash." We continue to ponder other options for the future and will keep you posted on the "construction" as we progress. Please feel free to share your own thoughts and ideas with Anita Jeck and Gay Robinson Abraham as we give thought to this important segment of our church community.

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



Toolbox of Faith

We added our first tool to our toolbox last month, the ruler! We have learned how rules are important for us to make the best of our time together. We learned what purpose a covenant has for the church, as well as ourselves, by creating our own covenant.

This month, we will learn about the magnifying glass. Remember, you're always welcome to be a guest in Religious Education. You never know, you just might need to sharpen your tools!

Family Service Learning Project

If you haven't attended a Family Service Learning Project yet, you don't know what you're missing. Last month's project went fabulously, just as expected. We had a wonderful turnout and so many excellent items donated for the Nebraska Humane Society to use. The staff is truly grateful for the things we donate, not to mention the fellas that get to put them to use!

This month we will go back to the House of Hope for a second visit. This time we will visit the Alzheimer's wing of House of Hope. I am working with Michelle, the activities director at House of Hope, on some fun ideas for February's visit. I look forward to seeing some returning faces as well as some new ones!

February's Family Service Learning Project

Sunday, February 24, 10 a.m.

House of Hope Alzheimer's Care

4801 N. 52nd Street

Omaha

Even if your home is smoke-free, your family could still be at risk for lung cancer.

Breathe even easier knowing how to take action to protect your family!

If you have never tested for radon, start now! It's never too late to protect your family's health. Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and contributes to more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year (according to the EPA).

Radon, a gas created by the natural decay of uranium, is found in almost all soil and seeps in through cracks and holes in your home's foundation. It is odorless, colorless, and tasteless, so you would never know it was there.

You can, however, pick up a radon test at local retail stores for just \$15 – 30. Nebraska Health and Human Services says you should test once every two years. For more information, you can call the radon hotline at 1-800-334-9491.

Kirsten



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 Journeys

By Kathy Bell, Volunteer Membership Coordinator

| Attendance | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Date | Adults in Worship | Adults in R.E. | Children in R.E. | Family Service Learning |
| 12/30 | 62 | 5 | 7 | --- |
| 1/6 | 83 | 9 | 9 | --- |
| 1/13 | 96 | 4 | 13 | --- |
| 1/20 | 96 | 4 | 10 | --- |
| 1/27 | 67 | <i>Service Learning</i> | | 43 |

In late January we completed another “Pathways to Membership” class, where participants shared stories of their spiritual journeys and learned about membership at Second Unitarian. I’m happy to announce three new members signed the membership book as the morning ended!

Please take a moment to welcome our newest members and look for their biographies on the new member board in the foyer in the coming months.



Social Justice Movie Night: "Fixing the Future"

By Kathy Bell

Please join the Social Justice Committee and the Omaha Time Exchange on **Sunday, February 10**, for Social Justice Movie Night. This month's featured film is *Fixing the Future*. **The film will be shown at 6 p.m., preceded by an optional potluck dinner at 5:30—bring a dish to share.**

Following the film, the Omaha Time Exchange will provide information on what you can do to fix the future in Omaha.

In *Fixing the Future*, host David Brancaccio, of public radio's *Marketplace* and *NOW on PBS*, visits people and organizations across America that are attempting a revolution — the reinvention of the American economy. By featuring communities using sustainable and innovative approaches to create jobs and build prosperity, *Fixing the Future* inspires hope and renewal.

The film highlights effective local practices such as time banking/hour exchange, local business alliances, community banking, worker cooperatives, and local currencies.



Meditation Reincarnated

By Kevin Dunlop

In his book "You Are Here," Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh writes, "Mindfulness is not an evasion or escape. It means being here, present, and totally alive. It is true freedom - and without this freedom, there is no happiness."

The group Meditation Reincarnated is studying this text in our monthly meetings. We meet in the church downstairs on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and learn about and practice meditation. Both the book and our meditation practice is designed for everyone, whether monk or beginner. No previous meditation experience is necessary, so please come and check us out.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 28.

Women's Alliance

By Ellen Shurson

The Women's Alliance will hold its next meeting Monday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room at First Unitarian Church.

Our speaker for the February meeting is Elizabeth (Beth) Furlong. Beth is a faculty member at the Center for Health Policy and Ethics at Creighton University. Beth's education is in public health nursing, an area in which she practiced and taught for several years. She will present a one-woman drama of Miss Lavinia Dock, public health nurse and suffragist of the early 1900s.

Our dinner (\$12) will be baked spiral ham with elegant potatoes, an Alliance favorite. The vegetarian entrée will be cornbread-topped southwestern frijoles. If this is your first time, please be our guest. Reservations must be made no later than Friday, February 10, to Janet West. We hope to see you at the meeting.



Second Unitarian Church Calendar

February, 2013

Sat., Feb. 2, 9 a.m., Building & Grounds (DNW)
11 a.m., Community Garden Meeting (DNW)
7 p.m., Stewardship Kickoff (WH)

Mon., Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m., Stewardship Task Force (DNW)
7 p.m., Fellowship (FH)
7 p.m., Membership (DN)

Wed., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m., Lifespan RGL (DN)
7 p.m. Social Justice Coordinating Committee (DNW)

Fri., Feb. 8, 12 noon, Committee on Ministry/McNeill (MO)
8 p.m., YRUU Overnight (offsite)

Sat., Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m., Writing for Spiritual Growth (DNW)

Sun., Feb. 10, 12:45 p.m., Lunch for Newcomers (DNW)
12:45 p.m., Visiting Stewards Training (SA)
5:30 p.m., Social Justice Movie Night (WH)

Mon., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., Women's Alliance (offsite)

Tue., Feb. 12, 1 p.m., Retirees' Group (FH)
7 p.m., LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation (offsite)

Sat., Feb. 16, Noon, Transgender Youth Group (SA)
7 p.m., Visionary Donor Event (offsite)

Mon., Feb. 18, 7:15 p.m., Library Committee (FH)

Tue., Feb. 19, 1 p.m., Communications Committee (DNW)
5 p.m., Caring Committee (FH)
6:45 p.m., Music & Worship (DNW)

Wed., Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Board of Trustees (DNW)

Thu., Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m., Stewardship Task Force (DNW)
8 p.m., Finance Coordinating Council (DNW)

Sun., Feb. 24, 10 a.m., Family Service Learning Project (offsite)

Tue., Feb. 26, 1 p.m., Marketing Advisory Council (DNW)
7:30 p.m., Blackstone Book Club (FH)

Thu., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., Meditation Reincarnated (DNW)

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 Each Month: *Second Thoughts* Deadline

Save These Dates Next Month:

March 2: *Stewardship Kickoff Event*

March 10: *Daylight Savings Time begins*

March 31: *Easter*

Family Service Learning Project

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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Most church communications are sent via email. A weekly e-news update is transmitted each Wednesday. If you have no access to a computer, please let the church office administrator know the best way to convey information to you.

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

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