



February, 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.

February's Worship Theme is LOVE

February 3 Finding Our Greatness: Beloved Community

Rev. Scott McNeill

February's theme of the month is Love, which has all sorts of meaning. This Sunday, worship will focus on love within a community and how love helps us grow and change.

February 12 The O of Home

Rev. Scott McNeill

Laura Neece-Baltaro suggested this book and a sermon on the idea of home. Join us in worship as we play with the different concepts of home and its role in our lives.

February 19 Love

Sr. Mary Hogan

February 26 The Ashes of Martyrs, the Light of Hope

Rev. Scott McNeill

Using history and stories, Rev. Scott hopes that worship this week will inspire us toward the future and educate us about our past.



**FIND OUR
GREATNESS
Stewardship
Kickoff Event**
Saturday, February
25
(see page 4)

CIRCLE SUPPER
Sign up now!
(see page 5)

**TRANSGENDER
YOUTH GROUP**
(see page 9)

Second Thoughts is a monthly publication of Second Unitarian Church of Omaha.
Please send your articles and submissions to: info@secondunitarianomaha.org.
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Minister's Musings

By Reverend Scott McNeill



At least once a day, I need to go to our church's website. So I open a browser and begin to type www.second... And that's when I remember that our website has changed. It's now www.2uomaha.org. Sure, I could go to our old website and simply click the link at the top of the page to our new site – but instead, I try to train myself to go with the change, to work with our new system.

That's how change goes – it's hard to break old habits and patterns and so we either fail to adapt to the change, or we must intentionally train ourselves to do something different. Whether it involves a website, or a way of relating to someone – whatever change we hope to make in our lives has to be intentional and practiced over and over.

I know someone who has set a goal to quit smoking and I can only imagine the amount of change that will be required. Habits get ingrained into our lives and can be almost second nature. Shaking that up requires our mind to actively seek different behavior, and it almost always affects our hearts and souls in some way.

Such is the nature of change within church life, as well. We seek new ways of building relationships, new ways of doing things and in so doing, we require ourselves to make new habits and to end old ones. Many Sunday mornings, I find myself preferring to sleep in a bit, only to recognize that our change to two services means that I have to be up and ready a bit earlier than originally. I can only imagine how much you all have had to change your schedules and mindsets to grapple with this growth.

And yet, with whatever change we make, if we continue to do it long enough, it will sink in. Old habits take forever to change – but once they do, they feel perfectly normal. But it takes that time and effort, and in the midst, things often feel disjointed or weird. And so, I am thankful to everyone who is willing to accept some change in their life – either personally or with the church.

While I often think I am okay with change, maybe even encouraging of it, I find that it's just as hard for me as it is for most people. And yet what I realize is that life is changing in so many ways that often I am more comfortable if I try to let go of control. Some days and in some ways, I am better with that than others.

Talking with some of our great volunteers in Religious Growth and Learning, I started wrestling with the concept and issue of control and surrender. While I have not totally adopted it, there seems to be some validity to the Buddhist concept of non-attachment. I find myself suffering less when I let go, somewhat.

I find that I work best not when I *detach*, completely letting go of something. Instead, I am at my best self when I work hard for something and then can let go and let the universe, the Great Mystery of life, take over. Mostly because I have found that the universe will do whatever it will, regardless of my particular views.

I'd be interested in hearing more about your thoughts on surrender, control, habit forming, and changing. I imagine there are some of you who have figured it out – so hopefully you can share some of that wisdom with me, and others. In the meantime, I will have to work on correcting myself when I falter and comforting myself, too.

Habits are hard to change, and the solace they bring comforting – but often, we can grow more when we embrace the change rather than resist it. May I – may we – find peace in change and consistency.

In faith,

Rev. Scott



Planks and Slivers from the Board

By Cheri Cody, Chair, Board of Trustees



As Unitarian Universalists we know that our denomination is a small percentage of the total religious community, BUT should that dampen our ambitions for how we can be transformational – both internally and externally? Do you fantasize about how our congregation could have a real impact in the community and beyond? I think about this often and imagine what could be achieved if we were really clear about who we are and what we want. I'll be the first to admit that the imagining part is the easy part but our job – all of us - in the next few months is to reach clarity on this goal.

In mid-January, the board members participated in a webinar on board responsibilities that asked us to think about these very things and how we could enhance our leadership skills in these efforts. As I've mentioned before, we are working to create a succinct and clear vision as a start for this work. The webinar challenged us to articulate the legacy we, as a board, would like to have five years from now. We will be thinking carefully about that. What would you like our legacy to be?

If there is to be a legacy, we have to plan for the future and during the next few months, the board will work on a long range view. As part of our budget request for 2012-13 we have asked for funds for an initial visit from a UUA consultant. This consultant will help us, as a congregation, learn how to leverage our potential into real growth and make our mark in the community in a way that is helpful and healing.

Looking forward to taking this "trip" with you.

Cheri



Share the Plate for February: Siena/Francis House

One half of Second Unitarian's offering received in February will go to Siena/Francis House.

The Siena/Francis House is Nebraska's largest shelter and is located in three facilities at 17th & Nicholas Streets in downtown Omaha. The Siena/Francis House has been providing emergency overnight shelter to men, women, and women with children for over 35 years. The Siena/Francis House also provides food to the homeless through its Meal Provider Program, clothing, and case management outreach services through its day services program. Additionally, the Siena/Francis House operates a residential addiction recovery program, aptly named "Miracles" Treatment Center.

The Siena/Francis House is independent, in that it is not affiliated with a national or religious organization, is not a United Way member agency, and does not receive annual United Way allocations or grants.

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, 2011

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!
Happy New Year!

YTD Pledge Income/Current Year: \$79,731.08
reflects 50.87% of \$156,747.00 Total Pledged for 2011-12.

New Pledge Income/Current Year: \$338.00
received of New Pledges for \$1,965.00 for 2011-12.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Income	\$15,163.51	\$87,731.49
Expenses	<u>-\$14,084.30</u>	<u>-\$79,281.74</u>
Net Over/Short	<u>\$ 1,079.21</u>	<u>\$ 8,449.75</u>

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

Thank you!
Treasurer
Pat Caffrey

Find Our Greatness: Stewardship Kick-Off Event

By Carol Johnson



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 25**, to attend the kick-off event for the 2012 Stewardship Campaign, "Find Our Greatness."

The Kick-Off event will be at **Miracle Hills Golf and Tennis Club, 1401 N. 120th Street from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** This will be a fun and festive event that promotes growth of relationships in our church community. Desserts will be served along with tea or coffee; cash bar available for sodas or alcoholic beverages.

Reservations for the "Find Our Greatness" Kick-off Event should be sent to the office at info@2uomaha.org or 402-334-0537 ext. 114. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Childcare for this event will be available at Second Unitarian from 6:30 to 9:00. **Reservations for childcare should be sent to the church office along with your event reservation no later than February 19**, the Sunday before the event.

Dress casually for the event and bring your calendar for the three weeks following the event (February 26 through March 17) to sign up to attend a house meeting—you'll find out more about house meetings at the event!



Circle Suppers

**CIRCLE SUPPER
SATURDAY, MARCH 17
SIGN UP NOW!**

The Fellowship Committee coordinates Circle Suppers. Attending a circle supper is a great way for people to get to know each other in a relaxed, informal, small group environment. It is a way to build community while socializing and enjoying a potluck dinner. Dinners are hosted by members who open their homes, provide the main dish and drinks and host a group of around 6 to 8 guests. Guests each bring a dish to share.

Please sign up at the back of the Sanctuary and indicate if you are able to host a supper. You will be contacted to verify whether you'll be a host or guest. Or register by contacting Judy Eller.

Signup for the **March 17 Circle Supper** begins Sunday, February 5. Please look for the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary. We are looking for people who are willing to host as well as those who will be guests.

Please indicate on the sheet if you are able to host and the number of guests you can accommodate.

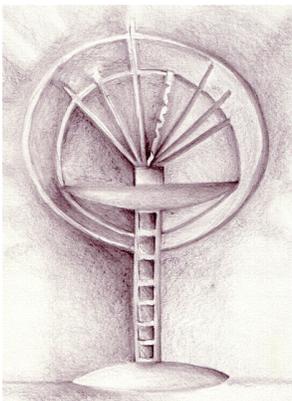
To register, contact Judy Eller.

Hungry after worship? Looking for friends?

After the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service, we are hoping to connect people (and generate business for our local economy).

If you want to meet new people and eat lunch together, meet in the foyer around 12:45 p.m. to head to a local restaurant. No RSVP is needed, only a strong appetite or a desire to talk and meet others.

For more information, [contact Rev. Scott](#).



New Church Directory Coming Soon Please Update Your Info!

The Membership Committee is busy checking with Second Unitarian members and affiliates to update information for the Church Directory. If your contact or family information has changed since last January, please contact the church office at 402-334-0537 or info@secondunitarianomaha.org with your changes.

Vespers Services

There will be no Vespers Service in February

Looking for Connections? Looking for Silence?

Starting in March (**3/24/12**), our Vespers service will move to **Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m.** Each month, our focus will be on meditation and silence – and after a contemplative worship led by 2U members, interested people will go out to dinner together.

If you're interested, contact Rev. Scott McNeill, Julie Kirn, or Steve Abraham. We look forward to sharing a different type of worship with the church, especially with the opportunity to "break bread together afterwards."

*THANKS from those of us in the new Church Office
and the new Church Nursery!*

Have you stopped by to see the nice new office and nursery yet? We're settling in. Both rooms are still being decorated, and (just like any move) there are still some things being ironed out. Stop by and say "Hi!"

Many thanks to the Building and Grounds Committee and Technology Committee for their help moving and getting things settled in. Special thanks to Clyde Anderson, Tom Rundquist, Bill Kuhn, Tom Peterson, Mike Brockman, Rick Bell, Roger Nicolaisen, and Larry Kurtz, who helped with the project, and to Michael Jones, who built the new office desk.

Weather-Related Cancellations

If weather or road conditions cause services or an all-church event to be cancelled, 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,
3. Placing a message on the church website (www.2uomaha.org), and
4. Placing a notification on our Facebook page.

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





Lifespan Religious Education

By Kirsten Stiles, Director of Religious Growth & Learning



The month of February is generally a cold time of year here in the midwest. What better way to warm your heart and soul than by telling those people in your life, the people that you love and care about, how you feel.

Sometimes we need to hear it more often than others. To be able to find a special way to express your love and friendship for one another is priceless, to receive that expression of love and friendship is even more priceless. Whether it be a child, a neighbor, a friend at work, or partner, take the time this month to tell those people that you value them.

Red roses, fancy store-bought Valentines Day cards, boxes of expensive candy, stuffed animals. These are how Valentines Day is represented. I challenge you to open up your perspective of this holiday and extend it throughout the entire month of February.

Don't confine your actions of showing your love for one another to the 14th of February, Let it be the 4th, the 10th, the 24th...let it be every day in February. Don't waste your money on silly little gifts. Instead, get a pen and paper and put your feelings into words. You can make it into a personalized homemade card (the best kind). You might consider reciting your words directly to the person. Whatever way you choose to show your love and appreciation of the people in your life, it is bound to warm your heart and soul just as much as it will theirs.

I am thankful for the love I have found here at Second Unitarian Church of Omaha. That includes all who are a part of this church. I extend this as the warmth of my appreciation for all of you! Happy Valentines Day to you all! Thank you!

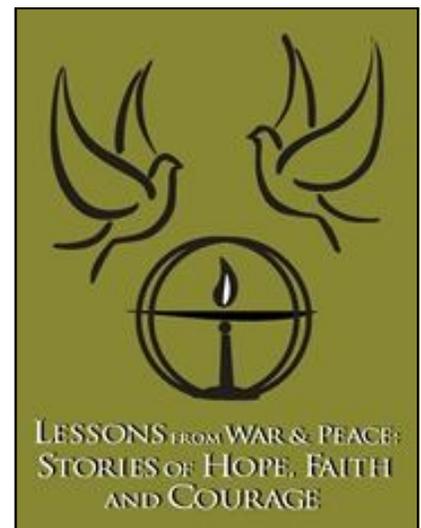
And we'd like to extend a BIG thank you to Nebraska Furniture Mart for their wonderful donation of our new nursery carpet. I extend that appreciation to Jim Stamey for donating his time and skill to lay the carpet at no cost to us. Everyone seemed so eager to help! Thank you again, my friends!

Prairie Star District (PSD) Conference to Explore War & Peace

Join fellow UUs the weekend of April 13-15, 2012, in Bloomington, Minnesota, for the Prairie Star District Annual Conference which will address the challenging theme, "Lessons From War & Peace: Stories of Faith, Hope and Courage."

In addition to examining this profoundly moving theme, you can benefit from workshops designed to strengthen your congregation, deepen your social justice work, and enrich you on a personal level. Come and experience some of PSD's top talent, culminating with the joy of shared worship and musical celebration on Sunday morning.

For more information about the conference, please visit <http://www.psduua.org/AnnualConference2012>.



***Where on Earth are we going?
And what can we do about it?***

The **Awakening the Dreamer Changing the Dream Symposium** is a profound inquiry into a bold vision: to bring forth an **environmentally sustainable spiritually fulfilling** and **socially just** human presence on Earth. If you are ready to explore what this vision means for you, And the opportunity to create an inspiring future, we invite you to attend.

“This has given me the purpose and drive to change my life. Everyone working for or wanting a better world must see this.” - JS, Concord, CA.

Saturday, February 4, 2012
First Unitarian Church
3114 Harney St., Omaha

9:00 a.m. – Noon
Continental Breakfast
provided at 8:45

For more details or to register, contact Kenneth Deffenbacher

Register online at Awakening the Dreamer Events atdevents@pachamama.org

Bring information from your social or environmental organization to share.

Free will donations accepted



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.



LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation Committee

By Tammy Hunter

Equal Employment Ordinance

As many of you know, plans had been in place to reintroduce an amendment to Omaha's employment non-discrimination ordinance that would prohibit discrimination in the workplace based on a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. This action has now been postponed, due to a related bill that has been introduced at the state level. Legislative Bill 912 is being considered by the Judiciary Committee of Nebraska's Unicameral.

LB 912 would essentially invalidate any Nebraska city's choice to introduce an ordinance that would differ from the state's current antidiscrimination policy. And the state does not recognize the LGBT community as a protected class.

Check out the following web links for more information on what is happening at the state and local levels and to find out how to get involved and let your voice be heard!

- **Equal Nebraska** - <http://www.equalomaha.org/equalnebraska.org/>
- **Equal Omaha** - <http://www.equalomaha.org/index.php>

Transgender Youth Group

In February, the LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation Committee will begin hosting a monthly social gathering at the church for transgender, questioning, and genderqueer youth, and their families and friends. The group will meet on the third Saturday of each month, from noon until 2 pm. Pizza and pop will be provided for the initial meeting, on February 18. The goal is to provide a safe space for transgender and questioning youth to socialize, connect, and get information and resources if needed. Families and friends are also welcome. Please share this information with anyone you know who might be interested. Contact Tammy Hunter with questions.

Women's Alliance

By Ellen Shurson

Attention Women of First and Second Unitarian Churches!

The Women's Alliance will hold its next meeting, **February 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Common Room at First Unitarian Church.

Our featured speaker will be Janet West. Janet spent four weeks in Kenya visiting her Kenyan son's family. She will present some history of Kenya and talk about some current social, economic, and religion issues. Just for fun, wear your animal print apparel or jewelry if you want.

Our dinner (\$10) will be baked ham with elegant potatoes, an Alliance favorite, plus a vegetarian choice prepared by our own excellent chefs, Barb Dewell and Lois Norris. 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.



Immigration as a Moral Issue

By Carol Johnson

Delegates at the 2010 General Assembly selected "Immigration as a Moral Issue" to be the 2010-2014 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

The Congregational Study/Action Issue is an invitation for congregations and districts to take a topic of concern and confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it and take action —each in their own way.

The course will be held three Sundays in February and three in March from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the church. Topics for each session are:

- February 5 *Understanding the Causes of (Im)migration*
- February 12 *The History of (Im)migration in the U.S.*
- February 19 *Economic Pressures Around (Im)migration*
- March 4 *Security, Enforcement and Human Rights*
- March 11 *Who Benefits From a Broken System?*
- March 18 *Seeking Solutions*

You need not attend all sessions; however, there is reading preparation for each session, so please pre-register for the sessions of your choice so that materials can be sent to you. For questions and/or to sign up for sessions, please contact Carol Johnson.

Writing for Spiritual Growth

At the Second Unitarian Church, **10-11:30 a.m., on the second Saturday of each month** all year long, we celebrate Writing for Spiritual Growth by placing our understanding of this awareness into poetry and prose, which adds clarity and passion to our lives. Join us in creating the world we desire through the written word.

All members and friends of the Second Unitarian Church of Omaha are welcome to participate in this project, which is part of this church's adult religious education. We welcome all sojourners who wish to share the paths on which they walk in search of enlightenment. There are no creeds, no goals, and no competitive members, here. Our group's motto is "Just Write." Our belief is our truth will appear, when we write enough.

Love to make a joyful noise and have fun with a delightful group? *Please join the Second Unitarian Choir!* We would love to have you join us! Email our fantastic music director Donna Zebolsky at music@secondunitarianomaha.org.

Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 and the choir performs about once a month!

Have you visited
www.2uomaha.org
yet?

It's our new website -- still being built but ready for your visit.



2012 Spring Fundraising Events

By Stephanie Peterson



The Fundraising Committee is planning two awesome events for this spring. First, the **annual silent and live auction** will offer fun, fellowship and opportunities to bid on great items, experiences and services. Second, we are working to arrange **an evening of delicious food and special live entertainment**, with proceeds benefiting Second Unitarian. The dates for these events are not quite finalized - stay tuned!

There are many ways to support the Church through your involvement:

1) **Auction Donations are needed.** Create an experience to share with others (a dinner, a day trip, a guided tour, lessons, a party...).

Donate one of a kind items. Solicit donations from the businesses you support.

2) **We will be looking for helpers before, during and after the events.** Contact us to volunteer!

3) **Attend these events.** Invite your friends and family. Bring your checkbook!

4) **Volunteers are needed to assist with planning and organizing.** Planning meetings will be held at the church on second and fourth Saturday mornings in February and March at 9:00. Your input will be greatly valued.

Meditation Reincarnated

By Kevin Dunlop

Do you have an interest in having a more positive effect on other peoples lives? Meditation Reincarnated has begun a new focus as we take a unique look at Buddhism. We are learning how to use Buddhist philosophy in our everyday interactions with people. We are learning how to apply Buddhist philosophy to help other people and ourselves as well. What a great way to make the world a better place! And, of course, we will practice meditation as well. Everyone is welcome.

We meet on **the fourth Thursday of each month** in the sanctuary. **The next meeting will be February 23 at 7:40 p.m.** No previous meditation experience or Buddhist background is necessary. Please join us!

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!



Membership Journeys

By Kathy Bell, Volunteer Membership Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming our newest members at a New Member Recognition Ceremony during our **February 5** Sunday morning worship services.

The Membership Committee will provide a cake during the fellowship hour between worship services.

Please take a moment to welcome and get to know our newest members. Their pictures and bios will appear in on the New Member board in the foyer in the coming months.

Attendance				
Date	Adults in Worship	Adults in R.E.	Children in R.E.	Youth in Second Circle
1/1	65	<i>Intergenerational Service</i>		
1/8	93	5	14	--
1/15	103	10	16	9
1/22	77	9	10	--

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Second Circle

FOR TEENS OF SECOND UNITARIAN

By Gay Robinson Abraham



All teens are invited to join **Second Circle**, meeting between the two services at 10:30 a.m. on the **first and third Sundays** of the month, September through May. We gather in the church foyer and walk over together to our space across the street. 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.

Questions to Gay Robinson Abraham.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists

By Rev. Scott McNeill



Second Unitarian is privileged to be hosting YRUU. For years, the program has met at both locations and they are meeting at Second Unitarian on **Wednesday nights** for the January-May 2012 semester. We look forward to having their energy fill the space at Second Unitarian!

If you have questions, please talk to Rev. Scott McNeill. All 7th through 12th graders are welcome to this teen program, as well as our Sunday morning program, Second Circle!



Second Unitarian Church Calendar

February, 2012

Wed., Feb. 1, 7 p.m., Social Justice Coordinating Council (FH)
Sat., Feb. 4, 10 a.m., Program Council (WH)
Sun., Feb. 5, 2 p.m., Immigration as a Moral Issue (SA)
6 p.m., Covenant Group (SA)
Mon., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m., Stewardship Task Force (DNW)
7 p.m., Fellowship Committee (FH)
Tue., Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m., Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning (DN)
7 p.m., Hungry for Change (DNW)
Wed., Feb. 8 Staff Retreat
6:30 p.m., Finance Coordinating Council (FH)
7:30 p.m., Committee on Ministry/McNeill (MO)
Thu., Feb., 9, 7 p.m., Board of Trustees (DNW)
Sat., Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Visionary Donor Event (offsite)
Sun., Feb. 12, 12:45 p.m., Lunch for Newcomers (DNW)
2 p.m., Immigration as a Moral Issue (SA)
Mon., Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m., Women's Alliance (offsite)
7 p.m., LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation (DNW)
7 p.m., OTOC Steering Committee (offsite)
Tue., Feb. 14, 1 p.m., Retirees Group (FH)
6 p.m., Committee on Ministry/Burks (FH)
Thu., Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., Music & Worship (DNW)
Sat., Feb. 18, Transgender Youth Group (WH)
Sun., Feb. 19, 2 p.m., Immigration as a Moral Issue (SA)
6 p.m., Covenant Group (SA)
Mon., Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m., Library Committee (FH)
Tue., Feb. 21, 1 p.m., Communications Committee (DNW)
5 p.m., Caring Committee (FH)
7 p.m., Membership Committee (FH)
Wed., Feb. 22, Audit Committee (offsite)
7 p.m., Marketing Advisory Committee (FH)
Thu., Feb. 23, 7:40 p.m., Meditation Reincarnated (SA)
Sat., Feb. 25, 6 p.m., Stewardship Kickoff Event (offsite)
Mon., Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Executive Committee, (offsite)
7 p.m. Earth-Based Spirituality (FH)
Tue., Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m., Stewardship Task Force (DNW)
7:30 p.m., Blackstone Book Club (FH)

Regular Events:

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m., Worship Service
Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship & Refreshments
First & Third Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Second Circle
Tuesdays, 12 noon, Lunch @ Church
Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Young Religious Unitarian Universalists
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
Second Saturdays, 10 a.m., Writing for Spiritual Growth
15th of Every Month: *Second Thoughts* deadline

Calendar Codes:

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

Save These Dates Next Month:

March 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
March 17 Circle Supper
March 24 Saturday Vespers Service begins
March 31 Pathways to Membership

Let us know how you use this calendar. Do you post it on your refrigerator? Do you use it to remind you of a meeting you need to attend? Or perhaps do you prefer to check the online calendar which is updated regularly, not just once a month like this calendar in the newsletter? Please let us know how important this calendar is to you, and if you have suggestions for improvements. **Thank you!**

All events are subject to change.

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

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