



# Second Thoughts

Second Unitarian Church of Omaha

## Inside this issue:

Minister's Musings	2
Board of Trustees	3
Share the Plate	3
Treasurer's Report	4
Committee on Ministry	4
Ministry with Children	5
Laura Shennum Ordination	6
Lifespan Religious Education	7
LGBTQ Welcoming	8
Membership	10-11
Calendar	12
Church Information	13



## Ministry with Children

**June 3**

(see page 5)

## Church Yard Sale

**June 9**

(see page 11)

## The Ordination of Laura Shennum

**June 10**

(see page 6)

## Summer Supper

**June 24**

(see page 6)

## Join Us This Sunday!

**Worship Services 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**  
**Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 a.m.**

**June 3** **A Harmless Enigma?** Rev. Dr. Brian Eslinger  
*How can driving one-lane roads in the Scottish Highlands and the assertion by writer Umberto Eco that the "world is a harmless enigma" lead a person to respond with compassion? Join me and see if we end up driving on the right (or is it left) side of the road to enlightenment.*

**June 10** **Creating Community** Rev. Scott McNeill  
*Rev. Scott's sermon will focus on how we can get to know ourselves and others better in church.*

**June 17** **Coming of Age Service** YRUU  
*Young Religious Unitarian Universalists from both congregations who have begun a spiritual journey to better understand the worlds around them and within them will speak about the questions and answers they have found. Join us as we affirm and celebrate their credos.*

**June 24** **Flower Communion** Members of the Congregation  
*Join members of Music and Worship as we celebrate an important UU ritual – the sharing of flowers and the arrival of summer. Please bring a flower or two for our service*

**July 1** **Evangelical Unitarian Universalists?** Rev. Laura Shennum  
*Join Laura Shennum to discover the history of evangelism in Unitarian Universalism and how it influences the way we spread our "Good News" today.*

**July 8** **Independence and Interdependence** Rev. Scott McNeill  
*Following the July 4th Holiday, Rev. Scott will lead worship that encourages us to look at the balance of the individual and the community.*

**July 15** *Today's Service and Speaker to be announced*

**July 22** **A Universalist Utopia: Our Democratic Principles** Shawna Foster  
*Our Fifth Principle states: "The right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large." What are these principles and how do they shape our community? Learn the story of the Universalist Utopia of Hopedale and how Universalism ought to be used in our congregations - and world - today.*

**July 29** **The Necessity of Forgiveness** Rev. Anne Marie Aita  
*Rev. Aita is a United Church of Christ minister who has done a lot of work in counseling, hospitals and chaplaincy.*



## Minister's Musings

By Reverend Scott McNeill



It's here – summer, with its heat and humidity, storms and sun, flowers and festivities – it's here! And as I write this, it's only May! In a staff meeting recently, we discussed how summer had a different feel for parents vs. children. Some adults are in a place to take the summer off, but definitely not all of them. The memories of a summer vacation period make us wish for those weeks of pool-sides and playtime. But alas, many of us have to work.

Strangely, that brings me around to a couple of topics. The first is that churches are still functioning strongly during the summer. Sure, we often change programming. Committees tend to meet less regularly to have a little break. But things are still happening around here. This is our first year having two Sunday morning services and attendance has been so strong that we decided to keep that going through the summer!

Now, summer attendance sometimes slips from the usual church year (Sept-June). But this year, I am hoping you all can show up and experience some fantastic worship. We have ministers and ministry students, lay people and a big youth service – all sorts of neat worship opportunities this year. We (as a church) are definitely not taking the summer off – in any way!

June 24 will be a potluck and while some of us will be at General Assembly, the annual gathering of congregations, we hope that the rest of you will be here and have a great dinner together. Breaking bread is one of the best opportunities to connect!

Summer also brings a change to the minister's schedule. There are pros and cons to this, but the parish minister preaches far less in the summer. I'll still preach some – but we want to give others an opportunity to lend their voices to the pulpit. Each year, I am supposed to take vacation to refresh myself and study leave to learn. Last year, I wasn't so good about that – and I learned a good (but hard) lesson.

So this year, your emails may not be replied to as quickly as you're used to. You may not see me in worship as often. I will be better about taking time off – and I will also be working some over the summer. There is so much going on here at 2U that I simply can't take that much time off – we have to start planning for the fall and holidays!

When I was in elementary school, they started a program called "Year-Round School." Instead of having the summer off, students would go to school for 9 weeks and then have 2-3 weeks off all year long. I JUMPED at the chance to do this program – I can't stand to sit around for months. Therefore, it's hard for me to take off the summer and come back in August/September. I'd rather work part of the time, rest part of the time, and find a balance to life rather than swing back and forth.

As you may have heard in my sermons, balance is key to me. Part of my spirituality is centered in my (Western) understanding of Taoism. It's important to see the good and the bad, to rest and to work, to find the balance throughout all of life. I encourage you to do the same. Take some time off – but not too much. Sunday worship creates an opportunity to hear new ideas, to learn and grow, and to build community and connections. We hope you'll do that all year long!

-----

This fall, we hope to build upon the small groups we started last year. The ones that took off were a huge success and a couple that we started didn't pan out. So this year, we hope to learn from that and to really get everyone involved in a ministry that speaks to them. Be on the lookout for more information – and be thinking of how you would like to be ministered to, and how you would like to minister!

In Faith,

*Rev. Scott*

*Because of vacations and other summer schedules, this issue of Second Thoughts is covering both June and July. Be watching your Weekly Enews and the Order of Service announcements for last-minute changes during this period.*



# Planks and Slivers from the Board

By Cheri Cody, Chair, Board of Trustees



This is my final newsletter article as chair of the Board. I'd like to say that I have mixed emotions about it but the truth is – I love serving the church but I am not fond of writing these monthly newsletter articles!

That said, this has been a year of substantial accomplishments. This year we:

- ◆ moved from one service to two services on Sunday mornings, a change that has been well supported by members and visitors
- ◆ we created a new vision statement which led to a new mission statement which will guide us in our lives as we work to become more authentic, transformed, and compassionate in all we do
- ◆ worked with a UUA campaign consultant who is helping us assess our abilities to move to a more accessible, more welcoming and better functioning building
- ◆ showed our generosity in a record-setting stewardship campaign
- ◆ welcomed several new members to the congregation
- ◆ were fortunate to have the talents and contributions of many dedicated volunteers

New leaders for the board will be elected in June and I look forward to supporting them in the same way that the board members have supported me this year. It has been a genial and genius group.

I look forward to serving with you too as we move to where we need to go.

*Cheri*



## Share the Plate for June Project Interfaith

**One half of Second Unitarian's offering received in June will go to Project Interfaith.**

Project Interfaith aims to promote dialogue and healthy relationships between people of different faiths or no faith at all, to increase understanding and awareness of differences as well as build relationships. By bringing different people together, it changes how we see the world and treat one another. Supporting Project Interfaith reinforces the idea that community members who value and understand their neighbors' differences help grow and better the community as a whole.

Project Interfaith offers its speaker series, professional training, art programs, and community programs; dismantles stereotypes and furthers understanding through the Community Mosaic Video Project; and increases outreach to better engage a broader range of populations including youth, immigrant communities, young professionals, and ethnic and religious minorities.

To nominate an organization for our Share the Plate program, visit the church website or contact the Social Justice Coordinating Council or Rev. Scott.

***The July Share the Plate recipient will be announced in the Weekly Enews and Order of Service.***



# Treasurer's Report

By Pat Caffrey, Treasurer

**Second Unitarian Church**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Month End for April 30, 2012**

**YTD Pledge Income/Current Year:** \$131,233.39  
reflects 83.72% of \$156,747.00 Total Pledged for 2012-12.

**YTD New Pledge Income/Current Year:** \$4,080.00  
received of New Pledges for \$6,145.00.00 for 2011-12.

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<b>April</b>	<b>Year-To-Date</b>
Income	\$12,380.20	\$153,522.71
Expenses	-\$14,783.59	-\$139,874.78
Net Over/Short	\$ -2,403.39	\$ 13,647.93

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

**Thank you!**  
Treasurer  
Pat Caffrey

## **Committee on Ministry**

By Craig Piquette

### **Authentic, Compassionate, Transformative**

The Committee on Ministry works with the Minister to attend to the ministry of the church. In order to do that we have to know who we are as a community and what the community wants as a result of worshipping together on Sunday and entering into covenant with one another. Our covenant states that 'we freely explore our values and honor our diversity' for in it, lies our strength. The Committee on Ministry will have more conversations with the congregation as we discuss the ministry of the congregation and the direction we think it should take. We must be clear about who we are and how we live our Unitarian Universalist principles every day in order to be authentic.

Our covenant calls on us "to build healthy relationships by respecting our differences and assuming good intentions." It also asks us "to listen appreciatively and speak directly, honestly and compassionately." We would be a fairly dull community if we all thought the same thing and always agreed with one another. The tie that binds us is compassion for each other. We must "do our best to forgive if we hurt one another, to make amends and to reconnect in a spirit of gratitude and generosity." That compassion extends to the minister, the DRE and the office administrator. The congregation may be asked to call on that compassion to care for our minister to avoid burnout and to help keep him whole. As many of you know, Rev. McNeill did not take a summer vacation last year in preparation for two services. The congregation honored his dedication to helping the congregation grow but our minister is expected to take time off in order to rest, to study and learn, to recharge. This may require some lay-led services to fill in for him but that compassion, to help bear another's burden, is what makes our community great.

Finally, we have all heard it said that change is a constant. In order for any organism to grow, it must change. How it manages that change determines its success. When a hermit crab gets cramped in its shell, it searches around for a new one. When it finds one that it likes, it pulls its body out of the old shell and scurries to insert it into the new one. During this transition, the hermit crab is most vulnerable. So it is as a congregation searches for a new home. We must do the good work, guided by our covenant, to prepare for a new church home. This will require us to address all concerns, prepare contingencies and find a home that will meet most if not all of our needs. This will be an exciting time but may also be anxiety-provoking as well. If anyone begins to feel that anxiety creeping in, our source of solace is the covenant. Go to the MEMBERS page on our website, click on Governing Documents and you will find it. The key for all of us will be to keep our eye on the prize of a new building that will transform us from what started as a small fellowship, to a vibrant religious community that can help transform Omaha. In covenant, we must do the work to strengthen those bonds that make us a congregation that is Authentic, Compassionate and Transformative.



## Ministry with Children

By Rev. Scott McNeill

---

**On June 3**, we are having one of the most important conversations of the church year. At 4 p.m., we will have a meeting to discuss our Ministry With Children and what the program looks like and where it's heading.

We want to draw your attention to this because we need to invest time and energy into our ministry with children. Whether you have children or not, this community is built on having multiple generations grow and teach one another about their experiences – and so we are hoping that you will come (there will be food and fun activities).

Particularly, if you have had children come through the program, or if you are interested in how our faith will grow and stay strong for generations to come, we hope you will bring your insight and voice. We are hoping to strengthen the program by focusing on what Unitarian Universalism and our church is about (highlighting the words **Authenticity, Compassion, and Transformation** – just like our adult ministry).

Instead of relying on a model that just delivers information, we are hoping to encourage people to relate to the children through whatever means works best. By talking about our own lives, we can share the most important lessons – and so if you have interest in walking with our children as they grow, **please join us on June 3**.



## Spring Church Cleanup

By Clyde Anderson – Building & Grounds

---

We had a fantastic turnout for our Spring Cleanup Day April 28. Twenty volunteers got a lot accomplished!

The yard team did a fantastic job sprucing up the flower beds, raking leaves, pruning trees, applying fertilizer to the lawns, repairing soaker hoses, cleaning out the window wells and garden supply storage area, and installing a drainage channel to carry storm water away from the west side of the church. Team members included Nancy Amsler, Marco Ballarin, Rick Bell, Stu Burns, David & Carol Johnson, Melissa Konecky, Tom Lundahl, Roger Nicolaisen, Vicki Pratt, Tom Rundquist, Michaela Weiss, and myself.

Inside the church our team of Kathy Bell, Janet Nichols, Shirley Rundquist, and Nancy VanderSluis cleaned the sanctuary and foyer walls, windows and light fixtures, sanitized the furniture in the RE Area, tested the kitchen stove and oven, and installed a threshold to the nursery. Bill Kuhn, Tom Peterson, and Larry Kurtz mounted the new speakers to the sanctuary ceiling which involved some precarious balancing on two extension ladders!

The work was completed by 12:30 p.m., well in advance of the wedding scheduled that afternoon.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped.





# Lifespan Religious Education

By Kirsten Stiles, Director of Religious Growth & Learning



*The whole purpose of religion is to facilitate love and compassion, patience, tolerance, humility, forgiveness.* -- H.H. the Dalai Lama

## LOVING OUR EARTH

We invite your children to join us in our outdoor adventure as we "Love Our Earth."

Our one-of-a-kind **Summer Program** features a unique learning experience that is sure to be the highlight of your child's summer by far! We have recreated the welcoming circle in an outdoor setting. Our gathering space possesses a warm, natural worship feeling. This is where authentic relationships flourish, where transformations begin, and compassion grows in the heart of every child.

Some of our lesson topics include: Up-Cycling, Our Breathing Planet, Carbon Footprints, Investigating Unlikely Connections, and so much more. Loving Our Earth starts June 3 and runs until August 29. Loving Our Earth will also be offered at both services.

## REGISTRATION CARDS

This year we are requiring that you fill out a registration card for each child before joining us on our outdoor adventures. This is to ensure that each child has the best experience possible. Anything that might affect his or her time outdoors is to be noted on this card. Also note any extreme fears your child might have or any parent preference on this card.

## NOTE TO PARENTS: SUNSCREEN

Please take five minutes to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to church. Make sure your child is prepared for the outside elements. Things to consider might include: sun hat, tennis shoes, sunscreen, light jacket, inhaler (if needed), even an umbrella!!

If you have any question or would like to be a guest at one of outdoor adventure lessons, please contact Kirsten Stiles. We are always looking for new and exciting ways to connect with members of our church. Everyone has something to share!

## UMBRELLAS!

Over the summer we will be collecting umbrellas for a top secret end of the summer surprise. Please do not go out and buy a new umbrella just for this -- we only want your used (but still in good safe condition) umbrellas. Please put your name on it, as this will be very important.



## Making Your Summer Plans?

Consider spending five days at **Camp StarTrail** between Omaha and Lincoln. Our theme speaker, Rev. Nate Walker, is doing creative things at his church in Philadelphia. Come hear his vision for vibrant and relevant UU religious community. **Rev. Scott is leading the worship!**

All housing is air-conditioned, and the company and the food are great! Previous campers included all ages, from toddlers to people over 80!

**This summer's dates are July 29 to August 3, 2012.**

More information here: <http://www.psduua.org/Camps/CampStarTrail2012>.



# LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation Committee

By Tammy Hunter

## 2012 Heartland Pride Parade and Festival - Saturday, June 30

Mark your calendars and plan to be part of this wonderful annual event that celebrates diversity and promotes equality and unity for LGBTQ persons in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa!

This year the parade route will be through the Aksarben area and will end at Stinson Park at Aksarben Village (67th and Center), where the festival will take place.

Here's the schedule:

9 a.m.	Parade Registration at Scott Conference Center, Parking Lot 9, 67th and Pine, UNO
10 – 11 a.m.	Parade
11 a.m. - noon	Opening Ceremonies
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Booths & "Cox Family Area," featuring roaming artists, carnival games, art, books, etc.
Noon - 10 p.m.	Pride Stage Entertainment and Guest Speakers; Cabaret Stage in the Cabaret Wine and Beer Garden
5 – 10 p.m.	Pride Concert

We'll be collaborating with First Unitarian to decorate a parade float, to march/ride in the parade, and to staff a booth to share information about Unitarian Universalism and about our two churches.

Please sign up in the coffee hour area if you are interested in decorating our parade entry, marching with us in the parade, and/or volunteering to help staff our booth at the festival.

For more information and/or to volunteer, please contact Laura Shennum or Kate Wiig.

## Social Justice Movie Night and Potluck - Sunday, July 8

Join us for a Social Justice Movie Night and Potluck on Sunday, July 8. Potluck supper starts at 5:30 p.m., with the film and discussion beginning at 6. We're still working on getting the film so we can't announce the title quite yet -- be watching your weekly enews for announcement of the title.

### ***Tornado season is upon us again!***



What if a severe storm with a possible tornado approaches our area during Sunday church service? **Do you know our tornado evacuation plan?**

The safest area of the building is in the basement. Go down either north or south stairway. Proceed to the south classrooms area (under the foyer and library areas) and stay away from the larger east-facing windows because the strong winds could blow debris through them. The windows on the west side are less dangerous because they are protected by window wells. The restrooms, storeroom beyond the women's restroom, and kitchen are also relatively safe areas. Please stay clear of the downstairs worship area and church office which have large east-facing windows. Tornado shelter signs are posted as a reminder.

**How do we tell if a severe storm is close?** There is a tornado siren about two blocks away, and we have a weather radio in the kitchen that will sound a loud alarm automatically whenever the National Weather Service issues a weather warning for Douglas County.

-- Building & Grounds Committee

## FULL CIRCLE

***Our honorary association of people who have remembered Second Unitarian Church of Omaha in their estate planning.***

Congratulations to these charter members of Full Circle:

***Gene and Vija Kopecky, Cheri Cody, Anonymous,  
Rick and Kathy Bell, Vicki Pratt, Sue Aschinger***

Special thanks to Sue, who also came up with the name "Full Circle." Charter members will be recognized at a special event in June.

This generous form of planned giving helps lay a foundation for our church's continued growth, including a collateral fund for capital projects (such as a new building) and expanded programming through interest-bearing investments.

If you would like to join these great people as a member of Full Circle, please take a brochure in the church foyer or contact Stu Burns.

## Registration Is Now Open for 2012 UU Living Legacy Civil Rights Pilgrimage

The next UU Living Legacy Civil Rights Pilgrimage is scheduled for October 6-13, 2012, and registration is now open.

This unique bus trip is much more than a Civil Rights history tour through Alabama and Mississippi. We will be visiting historic sites and meeting veterans of the Civil Rights Movement, and will also be spending time together and with guests exploring what racism, white privilege, and barriers to equality look like today in Southern towns we visit---and in our own hometowns.

Beyond experiencing firsthand the civil rights legacy, our goal is to develop commitment, vision and mechanisms within our group to work on issues of race, injustice and inequality that still bedevil our congregations and our society.

The Living Legacy Pilgrimage is hosted and organized by the Reverend Gordon Gibson and Judy Gibson; the Reverend Hope Johnson; the Reverend James Hobart; Janice Marie Johnson; Annette Marquis; and Donna Sequeira, and co-sponsored by the Southeast District of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

For more information and to register, please visit [www.uulivinglegacy.org](http://www.uulivinglegacy.org). *Don't miss your chance to be on the bus!*

## PRIVACY POLICY FOR CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

As stated in church policies: *Respect for the privacy of members, friends, and visitors is a primary consideration. When newsletter submissions contain personal information (phone number, street address, email address, etc.), it is the author's responsibility to get the subject's permission to publish this information.* Since many of our communications are transmitted electronically and information therein may more easily be re-transmitted, it's essential that any personal information be approved for inclusion. In general, it's preferable to omit personal information, but in those cases where it's necessary (such as a location for an offsite meeting), those who submit articles should ask for permission to publish the personal information. An alternative is "Please call or email the church office for contact information." Contact the Office Administrator for more information.

**Regarding published photographs:** If you do not want your photo published (including in the newsletter or on the website), please inform the Office Administrator in writing. Thanks!

- Travel and stay in homes of people who share your ideals
- Learn about hosting people in your home to earn extra money

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) offers a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and are happy to open their home to like-minded people. Travel to different cities and stay in reasonably priced accommodations or become a host and enjoy meeting new friends.



For more information, visit [www.UUreHome.com](http://www.UUreHome.com) or write to [info@uurehome.com](mailto:info@uurehome.com)

[www.UUreHome.com](http://www.UUreHome.com)  
43 Vermont Court  
Asheville, NC 28806  
828-281-3253

### ***Shop at Amazon.com and Help Second Unitarian Church***

Your online purchases can help the church! Here's how: Visit the church website at [www.2Uomaha.org](http://www.2Uomaha.org), under Quick Links click on Books, and then click on the link for Amazon.com. *Up to five percent of your purchase will be donated to the church.* What a great and painless way to shop and help the church at the same time!

## **CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS**

*Adopted May 23, 2010*

To strengthen the bond of peace within and beyond the Second Unitarian Church of Omaha: We pledge

- to create a religious community where we freely explore our values and honor our diversity as a source of communal strength.
- to build healthy relationships by respecting our differences and assuming good intentions.
- to listen appreciatively and endeavor to speak directly, honestly, and compassionately, particularly when we are in conflict.
- to do our best to forgive if we hurt one another, to make amends and to reconnect in a spirit of gratitude and generosity.
- to abide by this covenant in celebration of the common purpose that unites us.

Faithfully done, our work carries forward the ministry of this church to create loving community and supports our mission to grow as a beacon of hope—sharing a vision of a world community that embraces diversity, justice, and respectful stewardship within the interdependent web of existence.



# Membership Journeys

By Kathy Bell, Volunteer Membership Coordinator

Please take a moment to welcome and get to know our newest members. Their pictures and bios will appear 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
4/29	68	5	10	--
5/6	92	4	11	3
5/13	81	<i>Intergenerational services</i>		
5/20	101	4	14	4

## CHURCH YARD SALE

**Saturday, June 9  
7 a.m. to Noon**

This will be a fundraiser for the church, but more importantly – it will be a FUN day.



We'll be selling off gently-used, good condition items. It's a chance to get rid of things cluttering your basement. Please bring donated items during the week of June 3-8. If you feel an item should be sold for a certain price, please label it BEFORE you bring it. Otherwise, we will encourage shoppers to make us an offer/name their own price.

**We need people to help set up the items and collect money Saturday morning. If you can donate items or volunteer, we would be very appreciative.**

Bring a friend, or two, or five – this is a great way to introduce people to our space, our wonderful community garden, and to clean out your closets!

**All funds will go to support Second Unitarian Church of Omaha.**

If you have more questions, talk to Rev. Scott, Rev. Sarah Gettie, Lynn Alsman or Larry Kurtz.



# Second Unitarian Church Calendar

June/July, 2012

- Sat., June 2, 1 p.m., Nebraskans Against Death Penalty (SA)  
Sun., June 3, 4 p.m., Ministry with Children (SA)  
Mon., June 4, 5:30 p.m., Executive Committee (offsite)  
7 p.m., Fellowship Committee (FH)  
Tue., June 5, 6:30 p.m., Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning (DN)  
6:30p.m., Hungry for Change (WH)  
Wed., June 6, 7 p.m., Social Justice Coordinating Council (FH)  
Sat., June 9, 7 a.m. - Noon, Yard Sale (outdoors)  
5 p.m., Pagan Group (SA, KI)  
Sun., June 10, 12:45 p.m., Lunch for Newcomers (DNW)  
Mon., June 11, 7 p.m., LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation (offsite)  
7 p.m., OTOC Steering Committee (offsite)  
Tue., June 12, 1 p.m., Retirees Group (FH)  
6 p.m., Committee on Ministry/Burks (FH)  
Wed., June 13, 6:30 p.m., Finance Coordinating Council (FH)  
Thu., June 14, 7 p.m., Board of Trustees (DNW)  
Sat., June 16, Noon, Transgender Youth Group (WH)  
Mon., June 18, 6:30 p.m., Library Committee (FH)  
Tue., June 19, 1 p.m., Communications Committee (DNW)  
7 p.m., Membership Committee (FH)  
June 20-24, UUA General Assembly (Phoenix, AZ)  
Thu., June 21, 7:30 p.m., Music & Worship (DNW)  
Tue., June 26, 1 p.m., Marketing Advisory Council (FH)  
5 p.m., Caring Committee (FH)  
7:30 p.m., Blackstone Book Club (FH)  
Thu., June 28, 7:40 p.m., Meditation Reincarnated (SA)  
Sat., June 30, all day, Heartland Pride Festival (offsite)
- Sun., July 1, 6 p.m., Full Circle Recognition (SA)  
Mon., July 2, 7 p.m., Fellowship Committee (FH)  
Tue., July 3, 6:30 p.m., Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning (DN)  
Wed., July 4, *Independence Day*, Church Office Closed  
Sun., July 8, 12:45 p.m., Lunch for Newcomers (DNW)  
5:30 p.m., Social Justice Movie & Potluck (WH)  
Mon., July 9, 7 p.m., LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation (offsite)  
Tue., July 10, 1 p.m., Retirees Group (FH)  
6 p.m., Committee on Ministry/Burks (FH)  
Wed., July 11, 6:30 p.m., Finance Coordinating Council (FH)  
7:30 p.m., Committee on Ministry/McNeill (MO)  
Thu., July 12, 7 p.m., Board of Trustees (DNW)  
Mon., July 16, 6:30 p.m., Library Committee (FH)  
Tue., July 17, 1 p.m., Communications Committee (DNW)  
5 p.m., Caring Committee (FH)  
7 p.m., Membership Committee (FH)  
Thu., July 19, 7:30 p.m., Music & Worship (DNW)  
Fri., July 20, 5 p.m., Private Event (SA)  
Sat., July 21, Noon, Transgender Youth Group (WH)  
3 p.m., Private Event (SA)  
Tue., July 24, 1 p.m., Marketing Advisory Council (FH)  
7:30 p.m., Blackstone Book Club (FH)  
Thu., July 26, 7:40 p.m., Meditation Reincarnated (SA)  
Sat., July 28, Noon, Know Your Rights (offsite)  
July 29-August 3, Camp StarTrail (offsite)

## Regular Events:

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

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

**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.

## All events are subject to change.

To check the latest church calendar updates anytime, visit  
[www.2Uomaha.org](http://www.2Uomaha.org)  
and click on CALENDAR, or call the church if there is a  
question.

# Contact Us

## Staff

**Rev. Scott McNeill, Minister**

Office hours by appointment  
402-334-0537 ext. 111  
[minister@2Uomaha.org](mailto:minister@2Uomaha.org)

**Rev. Sarah Gettie Burks, Affiliated Community Minister**

[community\\_minister@2Uomaha.org](mailto:community_minister@2Uomaha.org)

**Kirsten Stiles, Director Religious Growth & Learning**

402-334-0537 ext. 112  
[dre@2Uomaha.org](mailto:dre@2Uomaha.org)

**Gary Emenitove, Office Administrator**

402-334-0537 ext. 114  
[info@2Uomaha.org](mailto:info@2Uomaha.org)

**Donna Zebolsky, Music Director**

[music@2Uomaha.org](mailto:music@2Uomaha.org)

**Naomi Solomon, Youth Programming Director**

[YRUU@2Uomaha.org](mailto:YRUU@2Uomaha.org)

**Molly Wilson, Childcare Coordinator**

[childcare@2Uomaha.org](mailto:childcare@2Uomaha.org)

*Second Thoughts* Staff: Rev. Scott McNeill, Nancy Amsler, Richard Koelling, Betty Segell, Gary Emenitove

## Board of Trustees

[board@2Uomaha.org](mailto:board@2Uomaha.org)

**Trustees with terms expiring June 30, 2012**

Kathy Bell  
Lorraine Duggin  
Don Shennum, Secretary

**Trustees with terms expiring June 30, 2013**

Cheri Cody, Chair  
Laura Neece-Baltaro  
Nancy VanderSluis, Vice-Chair

**Trustees with terms expiring June 30, 2014**

JoAnne Draper  
Anita Jeck

**Appointed by the Board of Trustees**

Pat Caffrey, Treasurer

Second Unitarian Church Of Omaha  
3012 South 119th Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68144  
402-334-0537  
[www.2Uomaha.org](http://www.2Uomaha.org)

## Committees

***Audit Committee***

Richard Baltaro, Chair

***Building and Grounds***

Clyde Anderson & Tom Rundquist, Co-Chairs

***Caring***

Dodie Robison, Chair

***Committee on Ministry***

Richard Koelling, Contact

***Communications***

Nancy Amsler, Chair

***Fellowship***

Janet Nichols & Betty Segell, Co-Chairs

***Finance Coordinating Council***

Vicki Pratt, Chair

***Endowment Fund***

Stu Burns, Chair

***Fundraising***

Chris Peters & Stephanie Peterson, Co-Chairs

***Stewardship***

Clyde Anderson, Chair

***Library***

Melissa Konecky, Chair

***Lifespan Religious Growth and Learning***

Jaime Short, Chair

***Membership***

Kathy Bell, Volunteer Membership Coordinator

***Music & Worship***

Julie Kirn, Chair

***Aesthetics/Second Showing***

Dodie Robison & Pam Curtiss-Smith, Contacts

***Nominations/Leadership Development***

Sue Aschinger, Chair

***Personnel***

Carol Johnson, Contact

***Social Justice Coordinating Council***

Pat Caffrey, Chair

***Care for the Environment***

Contact to be announced

***Closing the Economic Gap***

Pat Caffrey & Cheri Cody, Contacts

***Welcoming Congregation / LGBTQ Beacon***

Tammy Hunter, Contact

***Technology***

Bill Kuhn, Chair

Many church communications are sent via e-mail. 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.

**Second Unitarian Church**

3012 S. 119th Street

Omaha, NE 68144

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**MISSION STATEMENT  
SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH OF OMAHA**

*“Second Unitarian Church of Omaha is an inclusive and nurturing religious community engaged in thoughtful pursuit of truth and meaning. Our mission is to grow as a beacon of hope – sharing a vision of a world community that embraces diversity and promotes justice and respectful stewardship within the interdependent web of existence.”*

*Adopted May 16, 2004*