



# Second Unitarian Church of Omaha

## Second thoughts

*Join Us This Sunday!*

**Worship Services**

**10 a.m.**

### Save the Date!

June 11th is Frieda's Farewell Fiesta - 6:30 - 8pm! Join us for a potluck to celebrate Frieda's time here with us at 2U. All are invited.



### Omaha Gives



See page 14 for more info!

### UPCOMING SERVICES

May 1

Molly Kliment- Jenkins

#### **May Day**

In the (way) past, many of us participated in watching or making a Maypole in our school. Very few communities or schools in the US introduce children anymore to this centuries-old rite. We will right this wrong and celebrate the beginning of May by learning about the tradition and decorating our parking lot light pole with a traditional dance in our multigenerational celebration. All are encouraged to wear a palette of white and/or green for the festivities! Add flowers – a boutonniere or corsage or just a fun floral pattern in your shirt, dress or tie will do! Think Spring!

May 8

Rev. Frieda Gillespie

#### **Mother's Day**

The joys and trials of parenthood are hard to grasp if you haven't been a parent. We can uncover some truths that reveal this special world of parents and children, whatever the constellation of the family.

May 15

Rev. Frieda Gillespie

#### **White Privilege**

White Privilege: What is it? How can we use it for the good of all instead of simply taking it for granted?

May 22

Rev. Frieda Gillespie

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

Animals are a blessing to us, and in this service we will offer a blessing to our beloved pets. You may bring your dog, cat, hamster, fish...etc; any pet that won't suffer from being indoors ( or escape) with us for a while. We'll do our Fellowship refreshments afterwards outside if weather permits so you can linger longer with your animal friend.

May 29

Rev Sarah Voss

The Reverend Sarah Voss joins us.

# LETTER FROM THE MINISTER



This month, we are celebrating the pagan holiday of May Day with a real maypole. We'll celebrate the joys and sorrows of parenting. We'll talk about white privilege and how we can overcome fear and shame to use it to help others. And we'll reflect on what our beloved pets do for our lives, offering them a blessing. It will be a full and happy month. We will hold our members in our hearts as they go through their healing from surgeries and accidents. I appreciate so much how well you all take care of each other, bringing food, giving rides and encouragement. You are a very loving congregation.

*Frieda*

P.S. Scott McNeill, former minister for those who don't know, has sent a letter to the congregation and I am including it here for you to read. Scott is leaving the Bull Run UU Church in Manassas and will be serving the UU church in Bloomington, IN., focusing on Social Justice starting in August. But the best news is in his letter:

All,

I hope that this letter finds that each of you are well. Soon, the trees will blossom around the building and neighborhood, and there will be a vibrancy returning to the earth, and hopefully each of you.

After nearly two years of being away from some of the kindest, most faithful people I know – I wanted to share with you my hopes that you are about to enter into a fruitful and exciting new ministry. While I have kept my distance, I sense that the past two years of Rev. Frieda Gillespie's ministry has guided you and held you well – and I am sure that she found, as I did, that there are many blessings in Omaha and at 2U.

I imagine that both of us – me and members/friends of the 2U community – still have significant feelings about my time there, and my departure. I wanted to let you know that I deeply, deeply valued and appreciated my time there. And, the grief of losing connection with people I care about greatly is still something that tugs at my heart, and will always be there in some fashion. As you begin a new chapter of ministry, I hope that whoever works with you sees the love that can come from 2U and reflects it back, even when challenges arise. Still, I trust that you all are continuing to be the "Beacon of Hope" that West Omaha desperately needs!

On a personal level, many of you were around when we welcomed Elijah into the world; he just turned three (!!!) and is both a ball of energy and an old soul. As I said before I left, I will never be able to express my gratitude for my time in Omaha as it taught me many things – and brought me my greatest joy. Elijah will soon have someone to play with, read to, and annoy as good siblings do – we are expecting to have a boy in late August.

I wish you all the very best, personally and as a congregation.

In faith,

Rev. Scott McNeill (and Sarah Gettie, and Elijah)



## Planks and Slivers from the Board

*By Craig Piquette*

May will be a big month in the life of Second Unitarian! As you know, we have submitted our application for a Developmental Minister and although the Search Team has not received any names of potential candidates, we expect that they will by the middle of May. This is not the timeline we thought we would have, but in talking with our contacts at Mid-America and at the UUA, the timeline was delayed to allow for a larger pool of candidates. This is good for us and we know it will be good for our future Developmental Minister.

The stewardship drive is wrapping up for next year and we have reached 99% of our pledge goal. Some lucky holdout will put us over the top and at our Annual Meeting on June 5th, a huge cheer will go up for the stewards of Second Unitarian; all those folks who made the commitment and pledged to make Second Unitarian financially sound and ready for greatness. Also in May, Omaha Gives! will take place on May 25th. This is a great opportunity for Second Unitarian because we are one of the churches that is participating and will be listed on the donation page. If you don't know what Omaha Gives! is, it is a way for nonprofit institutions to raise money and to compete for cash prizes for the number of donations received each hour and total. You can donate now but it is best to wait until that day because your donation will contribute to the total in the hour during which you give. This is important because our current year budget is running in the red because we have not brought in enough money from fundraising. Also, we have great news! As you may know, First Unitarian invited Barack Obama to speak at the centennial celebration of the First Unitarian building. Not to be outdone, Second Unitarian has invited the Pope to speak as a guest minister this summer and he has agreed but only if we build a confessional in the foyer. We also have to repair the parking lot so he can park his Pope-mobile close to the ramp. OK, the Pope stuff was just to see if you were reading carefully. I would love to hear from you if you get the joke.

One of the issues the board has wrestled with this year is committee leadership succession. As you know from our Bylaws, chairs are only allowed to serve for 3 years and then they must step down. Some of our committees, including Finance and Buildings and Grounds have a chairperson who has been in the job for 4 years because there is nobody to take his place. Clyde Anderson, the chair of both committees, who gives so much to our church, needs a break. I appeal to anyone who has an interest in being a steward for our church to step forward and volunteer to serve on one of these committees. Even if you know nothing about finance or house repair, this is a good opportunity to learn and play an important role in the church. One of the roles of the chair of each committee is to represent the committee at Program Council. Pat Caffrey has done a great job this year organizing the Council and increasing the interaction between committees. This is where the fun is in church work; interacting with fellow UUs and working toward a greater good. The Council is revising the Standing Rules with an eye towards turning them into a policy and procedure manual for each individual committee and not a ruling document owned by the board. This is all very important work and is contributing to what promises to be a very exciting May!

*Craig*

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I hope to see you at the May Day multigenerational celebration wearing traditional greens and whites... add some flowers somewhere in there! We will create a May Pole with whoever shows up! It's traditionally been created by children but I suspect we will have a multigenerational May Pole.



The Transition Team for YRUU (Young Adult Unitarian Universalists: our youth group) has been working hard for the past couple months. The team, composed of parents, youth and other youth advisors, has had two focuses as determined

in a January visioning meeting: to find the next set of youth advisors and to come up with a joint policy.

For those of you who may not know, YRUU is a shared youth group: it has members of both Omaha UU churches as well as youth who do not attend either. The joint policy will help YRUU and the two congregations delineate and define their rights and responsibilities to each other.

We moved our service learning to the summer months! This will give us the ability to tackle larger projects than what we tried in the past. We are definitely tackling the Little Free Library. We have some other ideas floating around the ether, but if you have a project you think would be a great fit, contact me.

Molly

## Share the Plate May 2016

### *Whispering Roots*

One half of Second Unitarian's offering received in May will go to **Whispering Roots**. The goal of Whispering Roots is to provide fresh, locally grown, healthy food for socially and economically disadvantaged communities by using Aquaponics, Hydroponics and Urban Farming. Their re-circulating systems use 90% less water than traditional farming to grow pesticide-free, naturally grown produce. Whispering Roots also runs cutting edge school programs that teach the principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S.T.E.M.) by using "Hands On" experiential learning.



To find out more about Whispering Roots and their Urban Farming, Education, Hunger Eradication Projects, Community Improvement Projects and Sustainability Projects in the Omaha Metro Area and rural communities in both Nebraska and Iowa visit their website: <http://whisperingroots.org/>

To nominate an organization for our Share the Plate program, visit the church website or contact the Social Justice Committee.

# LETTER FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Happy May! I just had a few notices for you and then a joke... yes a joke!

- \* A BIG Thank You to everyone who submits content to the Newsletter. I think it is a wonderful way to keep everyone up to date and more closely connected! It would help me tremendously if people could please try to hit the 15th of the month deadline as close as possible!



- \* And speaking of deadlines - If you are planning to submit anything for the annual report please remember that the deadline for submissions is **May 5th**. My birthday is May 7th, and all I want for my birthday is that! (Ok, that last part is not true... I have a longer list.)

*Gaieme*

## A Bit of Humor for Your Day...

It was sometime during the harvest season that Reverend Murphy, the minister at Lake Wynotta Unitarian Church, first noticed the church's foyer area seemed darker than usual.

"I looked on up and saw one of the light bulbs just wasn't twinkling as bright as the others," a solemn Murphy told reporters Tuesday. "I realized right away that this was a serious safety hazard. So, I jumped into action! Quick as I could, I turned in the paperwork for the issue to be considered for the next board meeting's agenda."

Unfortunately for the church's faithful, that next board meeting ended up being cancelled due to snow. "It was a real dark winter," confirmed Murphy.

But, as the saying goes, *let there be light*—because Board President Matt Roberts was delighted to announce Tuesday that the board meeting had successfully taken place, and the light bulb measure passed unanimously.

"We're looking forward to putting our dark days behind us," Roberts declared. "All we've got to do now is pass a vote to create a light bulb committee, elect a committee chair, and then get out of the way and let them do their job!"

## Developmental Ministry Search - May Update

by Sue Aschinger

Your Search Team has been working the UUA Transitions Office regarding candidates for our Developmental Minister. These are candidates who are the best matches in terms of our church overall, but most importantly, our goals. As we have stated before, the candidate needs to be motivated by our goals and ready to provide inspiration and leadership for our journey.

So your Search Team -- Sue Aschinger (Lead), Lorraine Duggin, Pete Miller, Jaime Short, Rachel Yamamoto, and Jack Frost -- is in the midst of our selection process. We will continue to provide updates to the congregation as we have information to share. Support from the UUA will be ongoing to help facilitate the hiring process. More importantly, they will provide ongoing support to ensure success of our goals for the future >>>> ***becoming an even more vibrant, growing church in support of our members and our community!***

## Developmental Ministry Goals

From the Summary of the Congregational Application for Developmental Ministry

A longtime goal of the church has been to grow and become a beacon of liberal religion in Omaha. Growth should not only be numeric but should include personal growth of the individual members and organizational growth to improve the value of the church to its members, staff and volunteers and to the city as a whole. Many of us have grown personally through our association with this community and the organization continues to evolve, but numerically, our membership has stayed the same. A symptom of being “stuck” is a membership between 115-135 consistently for over 10 years.

Our aspirations are to develop a vibrant, innovative and exciting church environment that attracts and retains young and older persons, including families, persons of color, those of diverse ethnic backgrounds, gender identities and sexual orientation. We envision a congregation that fosters the connection of those persons with each other and the community at large to carry out dynamic programs that exemplify our Unitarian Universalist values to transform our local area and the world at large.

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

We value that we are a caring and connected church community. At the same time, we want to challenge ourselves to expand our horizons beyond simply community-building, and broaden our focus to bringing our values to life in the greater Omaha and larger community.

## Treasurer's Report

by Vicki Pratt, Treasurer

In March our income was slightly higher than our monthly expenses so we added to the year-to-date surplus.

	March 2016	Year To Date
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$16,814.34</b>	<b>\$158,413.20</b> (73% of budget)
<b>Expense</b>	<b>16,754.86</b>	<b>154,370.30</b> (71% of budget)
<b>Net Over/Short</b>	<b>+\$59.48</b>	<b>+\$4,042.90</b>

Income came from Stewardship Campaign Pledges (\$15,150.00); New Pledges from Current Members (\$90.00); New Pledges from New Members (\$80.00); Fundraising (\$726.85; Other Income (\$29.49); and Offering (\$737.75).

Expenses were from Salaries and Benefits (\$5,350.24); Minister's Compensation (\$7,631.92); Administrative Expenses (\$35.10); General Expenses (\$2,410.53); and Committee Expenses (\$1,327.07).

If you would like to see more detailed financial reports, you can join the Finance Committee, contact me at 402-334-0678, or email: [treasurer@2uomaha.org](mailto:treasurer@2uomaha.org)

## Stewardship Update

by Cheri Cody

By the time you read this article, we should have received every expected pledge from current members and affiliates for the 2016/17 church year AND we will have reached our pledge goal of \$188,600. Not to brag but this has to be a record to have all pledges in by May and also meet the pledge goal. I'm really bragging about the stewards. This couldn't have happened without the dedication and hard work of the 29 stewards who helped with this year's campaign. They are the best!!!

Speaking of the best (YOU), the stewards counted on all of you to make pledges to support the work of the church and make achieving our goal possible - **AND YOU DID IT**. For those of you who were at the kickoff dinner, **THE BEST NEWS IS THAT YOU GET TO KEEP YOUR QUALITY MUSIC PROGRAM AND CHOIR!!** The "bad" choir that you saw at the dinner has been banished (hopefully for good!).

We will celebrate this fabulous achievement sometime in May with treats after the church service.

## April Attendance

Date	Adults in Worship
4/3	48
4/10	66

Date	Adults in Worship
4/17	45
4/24	77

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BUILDING & GROUNDS

## **Be Sure to Follow Building Lock-Up Procedure!**

If you are the last one to leave the building, please be sure to follow the Lock-up Procedure that is posted next to each exit:

1. Close Windows
2. Turn Off Lights
3. Make sure all exterior doors are locked - including the double doors in the Downstairs RE worship area.

To lock the keypad-entry locks, be sure the thumb-turn knob on the inside of the lock is in the horizontal position. After locking the front door, pull on the handle to be sure the door is latched and secure.

If you are part of a group leaving the church after a meeting or event, make sure there is a clear understanding who is taking responsibility for locking up.

## **...And be cautious in the Parking Lot.**

- ⇒ Don't leave valuables in your car in the parking lot.
- ⇒ Don't put items in your glove box or trunk after arriving in the parking lot.
- ⇒ If you see someone you don't recognize watching the parking lot or behaving in a suspicious manner when you arrive at church for Sunday service, please notify one of the greeters or the volunteer at the Visitors Desk.
- ⇒ If arriving or leaving after dark, please watch your step on the stairs and parking lot.
- ⇒ Please report any exterior lights not working to the Church Office.
- ⇒ If you enter the church during weekday business hours, please identify yourself to the Church Administrator. It can be creepy hearing someone walking around upstairs not knowing who it is!

## **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 First Hour areas) and stay away from the 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 rest rooms, storeroom beyond the women's rest room and kitchen are also safe areas. Please stay clear of the RE Worship Area and Office which have large east-facing windows. Tornado shelter signs are posted as a reminder.

How do we tell 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 whenever the National Weather Service issues a weather warning for Douglas County.

# NOMINATIONS

The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee is announcing candidates for Board of Trustees, Endowment Committee, and Nominations Committees. All offices are for 3-year terms ending June, 2019. The slate will be offered to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, June 25th**. Meet our candidates:

## **From Monica Meier - for Nominations committee:**

I found Unitarian Universalism after receiving the 100% UU result on the [beliefnet.com](http://beliefnet.com) quiz. It took a while to return to giving up my lazy Sunday mornings, but when I became pregnant with my eldest child, I knew I wanted to raise her in an environment where she would be learning the values I hold most dear. I love that my children have grown up in this church and if we ever miss a Sunday they notice.

I realize I was also seeking connection with like-minded individuals and people open to exploring – not just being told an answer. My husband and I officially became members of Second Unitarian church in 2014. We quickly became greeters and enjoyed doing that as well as participating in the many events. I helped with 2015's auction and currently teach RE for the elementary classroom. I participated in the Leadership workshop this year and very much enjoyed the experience. I look forward to continuing to grow in my church home as well as continue to make lasting connections with other members. I'm honored to be invited to join the Nominations Committee.

## **From Don Mundy - for the Board of Trustees:**

Since finding Second Unitarian and becoming a member in April 2011, I have served as a greeter and am now on the Journeys hospitality team. I have served on the endowment committee and helped the team that performed the church audit a year or so ago.

I continue to serve as President of The Solutions Group, Inc. which is a financial planning firm. I have been in the financial services industry since 1974. I am a member of Financial Services Professionals and the Omaha Estate Planning Council, First Financial Resources and am a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and hold Security Series 6, 7, 25, 63 and 65.

Finding Second Unitarian was like a coming home experience for me. A home I hadn't realized existed. I feel fortunate to have found this place and the people that make it up. It seems in the last several years a lot of good work had been done. I'm encouraged that our members have been active and embraced the tasks of identifying large and difficult issues and shortcomings as well as searching for ways to improve the present and the future. It's not easy for any entity to self-examine honestly while defining the way forward and planning for the future. Not to mention, we are in the midst of searching for a minister and rethinking many of our congregational goals. It seems like a pivotal point in time for our church.

I am very flattered and honored to be nominated to the Board of Trustees. I'm hopeful that some of the experiences I bring can be helpful to the church.

# NOMINATIONS

## From Joe White - for the Board of Trustees:

I've long been a Universalist, though I didn't actually know the word until I started coming to 2U. Since I joined the congregation in 2002, I spent a few years on the technology committee, I've been an off-and-on member of the choir, and my "Tale of the Cult of the Fur-Bearing Trout" has become a fan favorite at Sing for your Supper.

When the church started small-group Covenant Groups under Reverend Josh, I was quick to join a group, and later I stepped up to be a covenant group facilitator. Even though I'm a natural introvert, my time in covenant groups has given me amazing connections to others in the church. I also encouraged teens to join covenant groups, and while only a few did, I heard amazing feedback about how much the adults loved hearing the teens' points of view.

My biggest involvement at church has been with the youth group -- not something I would have predicted, but there was a need, and I got hooked; I've been a fixture at Wednesday-night youth group for over a dozen years now. I've ferried teens across multiple states to youth conventions ("cons"), and can tell you exciting stories about getting lost in the woods and stranded in an ice storm (not on the same trip, thank goodness). I've been on the Youth-Adult Committee (YAC), the youth group's leadership team. And a few times, I've left my comfort zone and stepped up to do something or other that Had To Be Done -- often made possible only by the support of some of my dear friends from the congregation.

I've also been involved with the Our Whole Lives sexuality classes, as both member (Adult OWL) and facilitator (1st-2nd grade once, and 7th-9th grade three times). I particularly love leading the 7th-9th grade OWL class, because it's a chance to give teens knowledge that I wish I'd had at that age. (There's a whole session about how to ask people out. God, I could have used that.)

As a member of the board, I would bring an eclectic leadership background, my own unique way of seeing things, and strong connections with the youth -- all of which should make things interesting as we begin work with our developmental minister and try to figure out who we, as a church, want to be when we grow up.

## From Phil Phillips - for Endowment Committee:

My wife Betsy and I joined Second Unitarian over two years ago. Since joining we have been involved in activities such as Build Your Own Theology, participating in circle suppers and serving as ushers. I am also on the Stewardship Committee. Prior to joining Second Unitarian I was a member of Unitarian churches in several cities, including Champaign-Urbana Illinois, Lexington Kentucky and Minneapolis Minnesota and participated in a wide variety of activities in those congregations.

*Second Thoughts* is a publication of Second Unitarian Church of Omaha.

Please send articles and submissions to [info@2Uomaha.org](mailto:info@2Uomaha.org).

**The submission deadline is the fifteenth of each month.**

## Retirees' Group

Please join us Tuesday, May 10th at 1:00 to learn about Volunteers Assisting Seniors. The mission of VAS is "to simplify the lives of seniors by enabling them to make informed decisions regarding their benefits." The presentation will describe services offered by the organization and describe how to access their services.

Retirees Group meets monthly for socialization, fun, and learning. Everyone is welcome!

The Adult Religious Education Subcommittee is offers **UU Heritage** classes with Russ Alberts.

The series runs:

- Wednesday May 4th, 7 pm
- Thursday May 12th, 7 pm
- Wednesday May 18th, 7pm
- Wednesday May 25th, 7 pm



**UUHERITAGE**

**Do you enjoy baking? Are your brownies the envy of the neighborhood? Have a new bread recipe to try out?**



YRUU is having a bake sale! First Unitarian is a polling place and we are serving up goodies for all those stepping out to do their civic duty on May 10th. If you would like to donate some baked goods or even want to help staff the goodie table at First Unitarian you can sign up on [Facebook](#), email [Jaime Short](#), or call Jaime.

## Meditation Group

The Meditation Group has changed its meeting date to the **third Wednesday of the month**. We will meet at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary following the choir rehearsal. As always, at our meetings we have both a meditation-related discussion and an actual meditation. No previous meditation experience is necessary, and we love "drop-in" visitors or anyone curious about meditation. Upcoming meetings will be May 18 and June 15.

### Women's Alliance - With Our Very Own Carla Kuhn

Monday, May 9 at 6:30pm in the Common Room at First Unitarian. Those who identify as women are invited to attend this gathering. Socializing and beverages start at 6:30; with heavy appetizers and dessert following at 7pm. Carla Kuhn will be our guest presenter. We will be donating to Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Services) for their programs, including the May Mustaches for Kids Campaign. We ask for a minimum donation of \$5 that will be donated to Y.E.S. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with others. However, if this will be your first time attending a WA get-together, please be our guest.

You can RSVP via the First Unitarian Facebook event page or call First Unitarian - 402-345-3039. Please RSVP by May 7th and please indicate if you will be bringing an appetizer or dessert.

Want to help out RE but loathe to give up your worship time on Sunday?

Would you like to expand your own questioning and searching?

We are looking for someone who can help out a couple hours a week in the RE classrooms to set them up for the coming week. Let Molly Kliment-Jenkins know if you are interested. It's actually a great way to expand your horizons and learn about world religions, our covenant, and help a DRE out!

#### RE Assistant Volunteer Description

- \* Select a new Presence Bead for the coming Sunday.
- \* Record Attendance
- \* Read lessons and get out needed art supplies for coming Sunday, letting the DRE know of any supplies that need to be purchased.

### Share Your Story

A great way to share your story is to display your artwork on the Second Showing Wall. Artwork can be paintings, photographs, or needlework; virtually anything that can be displayed on the table. If you're interested, and we hope you are, contact Dodie Robison or Pam Curtiss-Smith.

# GET INVOLVED

Omaha Gives -Wednesday, May 25, 2016

The Challenge - \$5000 in 24 Hours



It is what you have been waiting for...

**The NON-FUNDRAISING EVENT FUNdraiser for Second Unitarian!**

**Now is your chance!! Second Unitarian Church is included in the OMAHA GIVES event this year! Also ask your family and friends to donate to Second Unitarian Church!**

- ◆ **Wednesday, May 25, 2016 – Midnight to Midnight**
- ◆ **Online donations at [OMAHAGIVES24.org](http://OMAHAGIVES24.org)**
- ◆ **Scheduled donations from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>**
- ◆ **Minimum donation of \$10.00**
- ◆ **Bonus dollars and prizes make your gift go farther!**
  - ◇ **Bonus dollars - Based on percentage of donations received. If we raise 1% of all the funds, we get 1% of the bonus dollars (Bonus dollars total of \$350,000)**
  - ◇ **Hourly drawings – Each hour, one donation will be randomly selected to have an additional \$1,000 added to it! (Scheduled donations are not eligible)**
  - ◇ **Participation Prizes – Awarded to top 5 nonprofits in 3 separate size categories during (3) 8-hour time periods (Scheduled donations qualify)**
  - ◇ **Possible Challenge Funds to make your donation go further!**



**More information coming soon!!  
Questions? Contact Pat Caffrey.**

## PRIVACY POLICY FOR CHURCH PUBLICATIONS

Church policy states: *Respect for the privacy of members, friends, and visitors is a primary consideration. When newsletter submissions contain personal information (phone number, street address, email address, etc.), it is the author's responsibility to get the subject's permission to publish this information.* Since many of our communications are transmitted electronically and information therein may more easily be re-transmitted, it's essential that any personal information be approved for inclusion.

In general, it's preferable to omit personal information, but in those cases where it's necessary (such as a location for an offsite meeting), those who submit articles should ask for permission to publish the personal information. An alternative is "Please call or email the church office for contact information." Contact the Office Administrator for more information. **Regarding published photographs:** If you do not want your photo published (including in the newsletter or on the website), please inform the Office Administrator in writing. Thanks!

The  
**Holland**  
**Lecture** Series

**Dr. Naomi Oreskes**  
*The American Denial of  
Climate Warming*



**SAVE THE DATE:** **Wednesday, May 11 • 7:30 pm**  
**Holland Performing Arts Center**

To most, climate research is measurable, verifiable science. Yet some equate it to socialism and tyranny. In her book, *Merchants of Doubt, How a Handful of scientists Obscured the Truth on Issues from Tobacco to Global Warming*, science historian **Dr. Naomi Oreskes** finds herself at the center of the climate change debate arguing that some cynically try to confuse the discussion by simply denying that the problem exists – just as they did with tobacco smoke, the ozone hole, and acid rain.

Dr. Oreskes became Professor of the History of Science and Affiliated Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University in 2013 after 15 years at The University of California, San Diego.

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**FREE TICKETS** for this reserved seating event available at Ticket Omaha. Please put this lecture on your calendar and on the calendar of your friends! The highly regarded Holland Lecture Series is now in its 12th year of presenting internationally recognized, thought-provoking speakers. To help you introduce friends and neighbors to the series, each caller may request up to six free tickets for the lecture.

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MISSION STATEMENT  
SECOND UNITARIAN CHURCH OF OMAHA

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

Adopted May 20, 2012