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Schedule of Upcoming Events

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Sept. 4	No Service
Sept. 11 10:30	Worship Service – Worth and Dignity “One’s dignity may be assaulted, vandalized, and cruelly mocked, but it can never be taken away unless it is surrendered.” —Michael J. Fox
Sept. 18 10:30 	Worship Service—Water Communion — Dance of Water, Dance of Change. We will begin the church year with our annual Water Communion. Please bring water representing the places you have been whether those are physical, spiritual or emotional. Potluck follows the service
Sept. 15 1 pm to 4	Minister Hours —Rev. Tracy Springberry will be available to talk with or visit on Thursday from 1-4 at Bakery On The Lake in CDA.
Sept. 22 5:30—7 PM	NVC (Non-violent Communication) Group meets the 4th Thurs. of every month at Morning Light Yoga Studio, Govt Way and Harrison. Call Elke at 771-1703 © or 765-5409 (H) for more information
Sept. 27 	Book Club (location TBA) The book is "Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail".
Sept. 28 10:30	Worship Service – Equinox Celebration With Tracey Sutton ----- Concert in McEuen Park, 4 PM-8:30, Celebrating K-27 Memorial Project and recognition of major McEuen Park donors. Concert, food, beverages and entertainment. For more info: panhandleparks@gmail.com or 208-446-4813

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We Accept.
We Support.
We Transform.

SUNDAY SERVICES

All services begin at 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services
Touchstone Worship Services
Intergenerational Services

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Minister's Musings

Some people like change. They find it invigorating like jumping into the Northwest Pacific Ocean. They like to see what will happen, how different it will make them feel, and what new possibilities exist. They enjoy adventure and getting lost and deciding on a completely new direction simply because it is Tuesday and they feel like it.

I am not one of these people. I like the comfort of ritual and routine. I eat almost the same thing for breakfast every day. I use the same piece of exercise equipment at the gym each time I go. I prefer the same grocery store and same coffee shop. I have an Americano every day. In winter it is hot and in the summer iced. The biggest change I make is sometimes I drink it black. Ritual and routine make me feel safe.

I was partly called to ministry out of a love of ritual. Church life is full of ritual. Sunday morning is predictable. Each element of the service flowing as it should from the next. The same things happen each year: water communion, fall programs, Thanksgiving, Christmas, stewardship drive, spring programs, Easter, annual meeting, Flower Communion.

Certainly a joke played on me -- called into ministry by ritual and once I said yes to discover the job description did not really, "conduct ritual" but, "manage and create change."

What? But it is true.

Ministers support people through change: through death and birth; marriages and divorces; job choices and losses; natural and political crises. They remind us that change is about loss, leaving the known, and feeling uncomfortable.

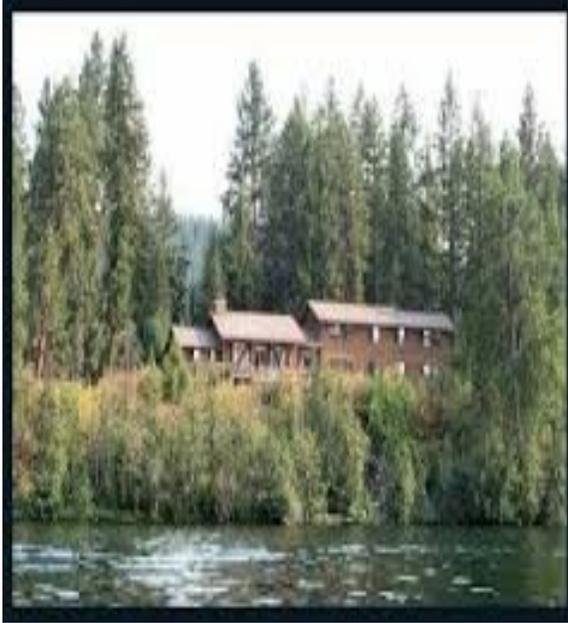
Ministers work for transformation: they lead, cajole, and push people, congregations, and communities to be more loving, healthy, courageous, generous, and just. They remind us that change can lead to transformation, birthing more compassion, beauty and justice.

I became a minister so I have grudgingly gotten used to change. I still don't love it, but I try to remember if a meteor hadn't crashed into earth and killed off most of the life on the planet, I never would have gotten to smell lilacs or eat ice cream. I try to remember if there was no change I would be out of work.

NIUU is going through a significant change as I move from half-time to quarter-time. Some Sunday services will change. Members will need to take more leadership and volunteer roles. While change means saying good-bye and letting go of what we enjoyed from the past, it also allows for the possibilities of new possibilities and new futures.

This year the Board and I will be working with the congregation to imagine new possibilities to live its mission in the world.

Miscellaneous



UUCS Women's Retreat, Sept 30—Oct. 2. The theme for this year's retreat is "Getting To Know You." The weekend will be spent at Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d' Alene. The keynote speaker is Judy Fjell. She will do Saturday workshops, a Saturday concert and Sunday worship. There will be a variety of workshops to attend. The cost is \$125 for the whole weekend. Partial scholarships are available on request. Last day to register for is Sept 16. For more information and registration go to <http://uuspokane.org/WP2/member-directory/uu-womens-retreat/>

Fun in the Sun at JoAnn and Mark Schaller's Circle Supper



Seeking Social Media Volunteer:

NIUU needs someone to manage its Facebook page and explore the use of other social media by NIUU. Please contact Rev. Tracy Springberry if you are interested at niuuminister@gmail.com.



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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist

Association, covenant to affirm and promote :

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a

We Believe

Principles in Poetic Language for Children

◆ And search for what is true

- ◆ Every person is important
- ◆ Be kind in all you do
- ◆ We're free to learn together

- ◆ All people need a voice
- ◆ Build a fair and peaceful world

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