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Schedule of Upcoming Events

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<p>Jan 3 10:30</p> 	<p>Worship Service - Guest Speaker - Christine Davitt "True Colors"</p> <p>How many times have we hidden our true colors feeling they are too bright, too scary, too much like a rainbow shouting out who we really are? Feeling that if we keep some or all of our real selves hidden, we will be safe and secure, that no one has to see the really ugly truth about us? Come find out how to let your true colors shine! (See Pg 3.)</p>
<p>Jan 10 10:30</p> 	<p>Worship Service—Speaking Non-Violently. "We think of violence as an act that physically hurts our bodies, but speech can also be violent. How do we speak non-violently to others?" Also, Rev. Springberry will be offering the "This I Believe Workshop Round 2" following the service. (See Pg. 3)</p>
<p>Jan 15 7-9 PM</p>	<p>The Dances of Universal Peace are always on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 7-9 pm in room 107 at the Harding Center</p>
<p>Jan 17 10:30 AM</p>  <p>7 - 8:30 pm.</p>	<p>Worship Service - Non-violence "Peace cannot be built on exclusivism, absolutism, and intolerance. But neither can it be built on vague liberal slogans and pious programs.... There can be no peace on earth without inner change...." Thomas Merton</p> <p>Small Group Ministry meets the third Sunday of every month, Topic - Nonviolence; 208-755-0189; 1126 E. St. Maries St., CDA</p>
<p>Jan 24 10:30</p> 	<p>Worship Service - A New Kind of Movement: Black Lives Matter is not the civil rights movement reborn. It's a new way of approaching social change. What does this mean for Unitarian Universalists? Potluck Follows the Service</p> 
<p>Jan 28 6 PM</p> 	<p>Book Club: We need to look at possible alternate meeting days other than Thursdays. We also need to choose books for the next several months. Please e-mail 2 book choices to Cathy at cat.mohns@gmail.com. We will discuss Molokai for January. If you cannot attend the meeting, please also e-mail any conflicts you have for meeting dates (e.g. 2nd Wednesday, etc.).</p>
<p>Jan 31 10:30</p>	<p>Worship Service - Guest Speaker - Rev. Fred Toerne "Ahimsa: Harmlessness"</p>

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Minister's Musings



I love the holidays. I love the dark and cold and how it draws me inward – inward to my home and myself. The long holiday stretch feels warm and cozy– a time to remember what I love and what gives me hope.

Just as I love the holidays, I love the beginning of January. The tree comes down, the decorations and gifts are put away, the high fat and high sugar foods vanish, and the parties end. January feels clear, crisp, and open.

It is the New Year and we begin again. Over the last several years our congregation has suffered many losses and challenges. We have lost important and beloved members to moving away and death. Others have retired and increased their time traveling.

We spent six months meeting in the cold Harding Center having heat just enough to make us believe it was fixed this time. Many chose not to come anymore, finding other activities for Sunday mornings. Others came, but often felt angry about the cold and sad about those they no longer saw.

People moving on, death, and building problems are the ordinary things that happen in life. However, when they happen regularly without much respite, it can wear on us and lower our energy and enthusiasm for most things, including a congregation.

As we move into January, I want to extend an invitation to begin again.

What do you love about the congregation? Why are you a member? Why do you come on Sundays? Time to reflect and remember values? Consider life in new ways? Coffee hour? Do other church activities bring meaning to your life? Book group? Small group ministry? Service work? How can you bless your life with more of what feeds and nurtures you in our congregation?

This is the New Year; let's begin by noticing what we love.



This I Believe Workshop

This I Believe Workshop Round 2 Held by Rev. Tracy Springberry

Rev. Springberry will be offering a This I Believe Workshop on January 10 after church.

New people and those who have had this class in the past are welcome.

Through this workshop people will learn to write short, two- to three-minute essays on personal beliefs, spiritual experience, and/or the ways being a Unitarian Universalist has enriched his or her life. The practice is based on the *This I Believe* essays on National Public Radio.

When each of us becomes a Unitarian Universalist we agree to walk together as we each seek truth and meaning in our lives. Unfortunately, we often find little time in our hectic lives to reflect on or talk about the beliefs that inform our lives. This workshop will provide the time and structure to do so, and participants can share their final pieces in worship if they wish.

Rev. Springberry will offer her workshop on January 10 at noon. Please bring a lunch or a snack and writing materials.

Meanwhile, if you would like to learn more examples of similar essays and writing tips can be found at <http://www.thisibelieve.org/>.

About our Guest Speakers



Christina M. Davitt is a member of Cascade Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Wenatchee, WA. Raised Catholic, she chose Unitarian Universalism for its emphasis on the inherent worth and dignity of every person and affirmation of individual search for truth and meaning. She and her family moved here from New Jersey in 2009. She practices elder law with an emphasis in guardianship and health care law in Wenatchee. She is a certified professional guardian and has a background as a geriatric nurse practitioner. She and her family – wife Mary, who is a geriatrician, and their daughter Joyce, enjoy playing with their five dogs and walking them on the Apple Capital Loop trail in Wenatchee.

At Cascade UU, Christina is member of the Worship Team. She preaches both in her home congregation and in other UU congregations as well. She has been involved in many aspects of congregational life including the choir, membership and teaching religious education. She loves to tell stories at the Time for All Ages. Christina is called to preach and share the good news of Unitarian Universalism. She is enrolled as a student at large at the UU Meadville Lombard School of Theology.



Fred Toerne or Pastor Fred, as he's sometimes called, was born and grew up in San Antonio, Texas, where he attended Trinity University. He attended Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, and both of his children, Kevin and Karen "Turney" were born there. Fred is also the proud grandfather of Kyla and Kian and Lucas.

Thanks to Beth's son John and his wife Amber, who live in the Seattle area, Fred and Beth have two sweet granddaughters Katie, Lizzie and newborn Brandon. Fred served as a Lutheran pastor for over twenty years, all in Texas, in the Austin and Houston areas. He escaped from Texas in 2000, when Kevin and Karen were both students at the University of Idaho. Fred and his lovely wife, Beth, live in Pullman and are members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse in Moscow.

Rev. Toerne's Service Topic, "Ahimsa," is the concept of harmlessness; a way of life that refrains from harming any living thing. Ahimsa is one of the most basic principles of Hinduism and Buddhism, inspiring a non-violent way for Mahatma Gandhi and many of his followers. It is a life-long goal for many of us.



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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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