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Schedule of Upcoming Events

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April 3 10:30 AM	Worship Service - "A Morning of Mindfulness: The Buddhists, other Eastern faiths, and western mystics suggest that mindfulness is what wakes us up to life. Let's practice."
April 5 6:30– 8 PM	Venerable Thubten Chonyi will be speaking at the NIC Campus (Lake Coeur d' Alene room) in Edminster Student Union on the "Qualities of a Rich Life." See Pg 3.
April 10 10:30 AM	Worship Service with Guest speaker Fred Toerne – "Spirituality for non-theists – All people have a spirit if they breathe. The understanding of our lives as a whole is our spirituality. Whether we believe in a God or not, we can learn about our spirit."
April 14 7-9 PM	The Dances of Universal Peace are always on the 2 nd Thursday of the month, 7-9 pm in room 107 at the Harding Center
April 17 10:30 AM	Worship Service – Mindfulness - "Few of us ever live in the present. We are forever anticipating what is to come or remembering what has gone." Louis L'Amour
April 24 10:30 AM 	Worship Service — Mindfully Exploring Black Lives Matter: Race in American is a challenging topic for most people. We will use mindfulness as a way to explore the history and goals of Black Lives Matter. Potluck Follows the Service
April 19 5:30 PM	Book Club will meet on April 19th. The book is "Lisette's List" by Susan Vreeland. They will meet at 5:30 at Bistro on Spruce. 
April 28 5:30 PM	Non-Violent Communication (N.V.C.) Discussion Group Based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg Morning Light Yoga Studio, Govt. Way and Harrison The next book they will study is "Living with an Open Heart." For more info call Elke Helmuth 771-1703(c) or 765-5409(h).

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SUNDAY SERVICES

All services begin at
10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

Touchstone Worship Services

Intergenerational Services

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Minister's Musings

In my sermon on March 13 on the rising expressions of hate in our country, I said it was important to not hate back. Feeling anger and disregard for people who act hateful is a natural response. Hate and violence, however, simply beget more hate and violence. We are better off to listen carefully for fear and human needs underneath the hate and validate and address those concerns.

I also said, we have to stand up. We cannot simply listen to and watch as so many people become more empowered to express hatred in violence and in words. We cannot afford to express horror to our friends and loved ones and stay home. So how do we stand up?

- **Get involved with the Human Rights Education Institute by attending events, donating and volunteering:** <http://hrei.org/>
- **Get involved with Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations** <http://www.idahohumanrights.org/>
- **Get involved with actions to “add the words” in Idaho to ensure that GLBTQ people are protected against discrimination in Idaho** <http://www.addthewords.org/>
- **Learn about and support Showing Up for Racial Justice** <http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/>
- **Join and support actions for the local Showing Up for Racial Justice affiliate, the Peace and Justice Action League in Spokane. They work regularly to end oppression and work with partners to react to hate and violence.** <http://pjals.org/>
- **Learn about and support Black Lives Matter** <http://blacklivesmatter.com/>
- **Write letters to the editor standing up for the dignity of each person and against hate.**
- **Post voter registration links on your facebook page. Convince everyone one you know to vote, especially young people.**

Get involved with local political races for people of any party that do not promote hate but promote civil discourse across differences. For those interested in exploring issues of hate and oppression in the United States and Idaho, I will happily lead a discussion or book group to learn more and develop plans to lead our congregation into deeper action. I need at least four people to commit.

Let me know at niuuminister@gmail.com or (509) 638-5316.



Venerable Thubten Chonyi will be speaking at the NIC Campus (Lake Coeur d' Alene room) in the Edminster Student Union on "The Qualities of a Rich Life."

"How much is enough? Couldn't we all use a little bit more of everything—money, love, praise, happiness? What makes us rich? And what are the symptoms of spiritual poverty? Join Tibetan Buddhist nun Venerable Thubten Chonyi to investigate what it means to live a rich life regardless of income."



NIUU COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Habitat for Humanity has broken ground on yet another Post Falls house. This one is for a couple, the Huffmans. Work schedules are being set up now. If you want to help on this project, contact JoAnn. 818-9378. Also, please consider volunteering to be the NIUU liaison with Habitat. If you have time to read emails and schedule NIUU volunteers, this is the job for you!

NIUU CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISE

Several members have suggested expanding this fundraiser to include the public outside of our church community. One idea is a Christmas in July event. Contact JoAnn with your ideas. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Kootenai Environmental Alliance has two plots left in its garden on 10th and Wallace for sponsorship. The plots, 10 by 40 feet each, are \$25 each and are usually sold out by April 1. Requirements by KEA are presentation of our group's work schedule, including nearly daily watering July and August, participation after harvest in a clean-up day and a Wednesday distribution day. There is also a play in August for kids 2 through 16. Do you know any kids that might be looking for something to do this summer and want to learn about gardening? Or how about you! Call JoAnn 818-9378. "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Abraham Lincoln

FAMILY PROMISE

CUMC will be hosting Family Promise from April 3 to 12. At this time there are no families in the program but that may change so I've been told to prepare as usual. Thank you and your group for assisting with this missio. Blessings, Linda

Miscellaneous

Seeking Social Media Guru

NIUU needs someone to create and guide its social media presence. If you spend a good deal of time on Face Book, Twitter, Instagram or other social media sites, this could be the job for you. Please contact Rev. Tracy Springberry at niuuminister@gmail.com or (509) 638-5316.

Minister Office Hours!

Rev. Tracy Springberry will be holding office hours on Wednesday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 27 from two to four at the Bakery on the Lake.

Seeking RE Teachers

We have more families attending our congregation. This means it is time to revive the RE program.

We are seeking people who are willing to teach. We currently have a multi-aged curriculum and prepared materials.

A teaching commitment means being prepared to teach one Sunday a month.

This means knowing the lesson well, coming to church one Sunday a month ready to teach, and if there are at least three children, offering the class. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Tracy Springberry at niuuminister@gmail.com.

New Member Class

Rev. Tracy Springberry will be offering a new Unitarian Universalist class after services at noon April 3 and April 27 after the potluck. The class will run about an hour and half.

This class introduces newcomers to UU theology, history, and polity.

Participants will have opportunities discuss their own religious history and theology and ask lot of questions. The class will run about an hour and a half.

The class will be offered if four people commit to attending. Please let Rev. Springberry her know if you would like to attend. She can be reached by email at niuuminister@gmail.com or by phone or text at (509) 638-5316.



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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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