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Unitarian Church of Underwood

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Services

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Beginning June 4

July 2 - Chris Hyslop

July 9 - Bob Worner

*July 16 - Jodi Janati
(Workshop following)*

*July 23 - Roger Parks,
"Non-Dual Reality"*

*July 30 - Ellie
Kingsbury*



***July 2017
Newsletter***

**Services Begin at 10:00
a.m. year-round**

◀ June		July 2017					August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 Chris Hyslop "Humanity & Placement People on the Move"	3 AA 7 pm	4 	5	6	7	8	
9 Bob Worner "At One Ment"	10 AA 7 pm	11	12 Speakers Committee 3:30 pm Executive Committee 5:30 pm	13 Communications/ Technical Zoom Meeting 5:30 pm	14	15	
16 Jodi Janati "Response-Able" + Workshop Mindfulness Sitting 8:30 a.m.	17 AA 7 pm	18	19 Board of Directors 5:30 pm *	20	21	22	
23 Roger Parks – "Non-Dual Reality"	24 AA 7 pm	25	26	27	28	29	
30 Ellie Kingsbury "If I'm not doing anything, then who am I?"	31 AA 7 pm						

- Note: Because of the Workshop following Sunday services on July 16, the Board of Directors scheduled for the 3rd Sunday will instead meet Wednesday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m. You are invited to attend any of the Board meetings.

Churches United for the Homeless Shelter Needs List

Members of the Battle Lake U Group plan to serve lunch at the Homeless shelter on July 6. If you wish to donate items for them to take, please bring to church by Sunday, July 6. See the current list of items needed @ <http://www.churches-united.org/volunteer/> Click on Give & Current Shelter Needs List. Cash is always accepted!!

July Speakers/Programs

July 2 – Chris Hyslop, “Humanity and Placement People on the Move.” On his annual visit with us, Chris will talk about human displacement and migration due to conflict and instability and what it means for our world now and in the future

July 9 – Bob Worner – “At one ment,” addressing the 4th Principle.

July 16 – Jody Janati – “You are ‘Response-Able.’” Dr. Jody Janati teaches in the Communication Studies Department at the University of Minnesota. She has an Ed.D. degree in Organizational Leadership and her primary interest area pertains to interpersonal conflict resolution strategies.. During her academic career, she has held a number of administrative positions in higher education, taught for the MN state prison system and worked for various colleges throughout Minnesota. She is also the author of five books.

One-hour Workshop following service. Learn the language of collaboration and remove resistance from your conversation with others. Understand defusing techniques that really work and find your “Conversation Peace.” See details below.

Note: Mindfulness/Quiet Time Sitting @ 8:30 a.m.

July 23 – Rev. Roger Parks, “Non-Dual Reality,” the second in Roger’s three-part series.

July 30 - Ellie Kingsbury “If I’m not doing anything, then who am I?” Ellie Kingsbury spent five weeks in Fergus Falls in an artist residency through Springboard for the Arts. Her focus was to explore how social media affects one’s sense of identity and community. From there she created an 8’ x 12’ art installation in the Springboard office. She had builders cordon off the front of the office with wood studs, and she covered the area with long transparent collages of website screen grabs along with photos from the community.

A full 90% of the world’s data was created in the last two years. Every one of us is constantly producing and releasing data about ourselves. We do this either by moving around passively -- our behavior being registered by cameras or card usage -- or by logging onto our PCs and surfing the net. At the same time, our messages are more abbreviated or done through images instead of words.

Multitasking is a misnomer. The brain can only focus on one thing at a time, even if it's only for a second. With the proliferation of information so readily available with the click of a mouse, how do we identify and position ourselves in the context of family, community, and the world? Ellie's presentation will be both a summarization of her research and a look how social media contributes to and detracts from the living traditions of UUA.

Ellie Kingsbury has used photography as her principle art form for the past 40 years, and has recently incorporated mixed media into her projects. As a life-long Midwesterner, her ideas have always been rooted in the beauty and life force found in the ordinary.

Ellie received a McKnight Fellowship for her project "Automatic Beyond Belief", a story of Industrial Design Age kitchen appliances. She is also a twice recipient of the Artist Initiative-grant through the Minnesota State Arts Board. She has shown both nationally and internationally, including group shows in Beijing, Helsinki, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Portland OR, Gallery spaces in her city of Minneapolis have included her in several group shows, including the Katherine Nash Gallery, St. Catherine University, and the Bloomington Arts Center. Her first solo show was at the Vine Arts Center in January 2016.

For your gift giving to UCU. please consider direct debit. Your gifts support and sustain the mission of UCU through Program, Facility and Community Outreach. Thank you!!



Communications Workshop

July 16 following Sunday Service

Got Conflict? Find Your "Conversation Peace"

Description: Learn 101 things to "say and do" during difficult interactions. Maintain your personal integrity through effective communication strategies that really work. Participants will learn step by step responses to transform difficult conversations. Multiple techniques will be discussed to ensure you can find your voice maintain wholeness and go unimpaired while engaging others during difficult interactions. Be cool, calm and collected and set healthy boundaries with others and ultimately find your "Conversation Peace."

Objectives:

- Learn to use assertive communication as a fair and reasonable response
- Make use of effective assertion models – 101 things to say and do during difficult interactions – step by step guide to effective techniques.

Identify the imbalance of passive aggressive and passive/aggressive communication.

Notes from June Programs

(by Mary Anderson or Betsy Wells for the Sunday weekly church report sent out weekly via e-mail by Ellen Eastby)

June 4 – Celebrant, John Minge shared some readings, one by James Baldwin and did an overview of the learnings gained in the Adult Religious Education class he'd led on the book, *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.

From a historical perspective, the Emancipation Proclamation was declared on 1/1/1863 by Abraham Lincoln to free the slaves in the 10 states. After the Civil War, there was the period of Reconstruction in which blacks made some real progress. But by 1880 the Feds had pulled out of the south and that's when Jim Crow began denying voting and continued conflicts through incarceration (vagrancy=jail), convicts farmed out to no-pay jobs, or low wage employment - basically to control blacks and keep them to low economic conditions. Migration to the north began after WWII. Brown vs Board of Education was decided in 1954 but there were no school integrations for 8 years. Then there were the civil rights movements and more pushbacks; the murders (Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, MLK, the Kennedys). Then came Nixon with Law and Order that was the basis of the New Jim Crow and led to mass incarceration; Reagan's War on Drugs, Clinton's welfare reform and "2 strikes, you're out." These "law and order" efforts included: 1) The police-sweeps in primarily minority neighborhoods; 2) formal control through charges, trial, sentences; 3) the invisible punishments following incarceration – loss of voting rights, inability to access housing, jobs, or social programs and the stigma of having been incarcerated.

John gave some statistics on the disproportion numbers of blacks compared to white populations; the systematic racist attitudes through politics, discriminatory practices, lack of resources to non-white persons – all efforts for white control over blacks.

There are parallels between the Holocaust and slavery. One author talked of responsibilities for both: 1) Responsibility of memories; 2) Responsibility to prevent (WW II started with words, not gas chambers); 3) Responsibility to protect; 4) Responsibility to bring to justice; 5) Responsibility to speak truth to power; 5) Responsibility to educate.

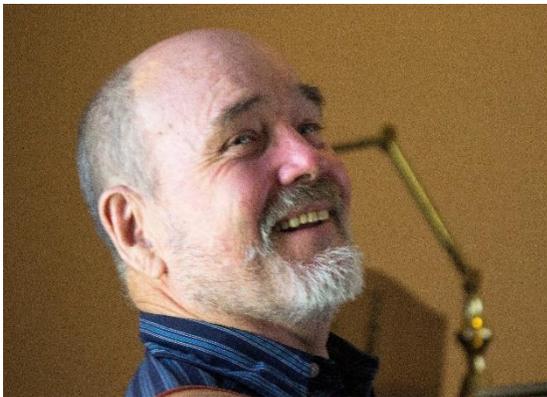
Obstacles to change include: Politics, the magnitude of the problem, and the complexity of the problem. But we "must make a mighty effort to try."

John choose for the closing words: Micah 6:8 that says it all: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Celebrating Florance Thompson's 90th Birthday



Many guests joined the Thompsons and us at church two Sundays in July as they came to celebrate Florance Thompson's 90th birthday.



Special music was provided at church and at Florance's parties by **Mikkel Thompson** (Stockholm, Sweden) on the durspel/buttonbox, **Ginny Lee** (Fairfield CA) on nyckelharpa, **Mary Allsopp** (Chicago IL) on fiddle, and **Gail Halverson** (Santa Monica CA) also on buttonbox. Florance is very proud of her Norwegian heritage and she and her off-spring continue many of those traditions. They have found many friends who share love of those same traditions.

June 11 – Rev. Roger Parks shared the first of a trilogy of talks this summer, entitled “Eager to Love.” In April, Roger attended a gathering in Albuquerque of 1500 people from all over, to hear Richard Rohr. The experience of sitting with this group for 30 minutes of quiet contemplation of connecting with the power/force/energy of love was powerful. Much of what he will be sharing this summer has come out of that, and related readings.

In the past several years the term “pre-existing condition” has been frequently referenced in health care discussions. In a broader sense, this can be applied to life; the human condition. Pre-existing condition refers to the ‘grace of God/divine’ which is present in all of us. For 1000 years, the dominant Christian narrative has been that humans are fallen sinners and seek redemption through the divine. A different narrative, supported by Biblical scripture, is that God/divine is nonjudgmental love. It is an energy force within each of us that seeks connections. It is about the good in each of us that needs to be discovered. Writings in Genesis confirm this: following each day of creation, God says “It is good.” It is the message of Isaiah 43.

How do we connect to this? It is not a rational concept but rather a spiritual one to which we connect through meditation and contemplation. It is not dualistic nor judgmental, and it exists deep within each one of us.

Attendance: 45



Altar Flowers provided by Bev Parker Valerie Thompson, UCU singing debut with Jacob McKnite
Photos by Norm Kolstad

June 18 – Johnsmith is a friend of Steve and Linda Berg. He is a singer song writer who lives in Templelau, WI. He shared several of his songs with us, which were beautiful and poignant:

- Opening – “Gratitude is a Friend of Mine”
- Offertory – “All for You”
- “Father’s Day” – about a phone call he made to his dad on Father’s Day when his dad told him that he loved him. (A line in the song - “I felt fields of my heart turn green”).
- “From His Window” was about visiting his dad in an Alzheimer’s unit of a nursing home. This song has been used in Alzheimer programs, and in a short film. It can be viewed at www.johnsmithmusic.com
- “That’s My Dad” was written a couple months after his dad passed away.
- “Lay It Down” was a tune about letting go of painful things/issues (‘lay it down and walk away’).
- Johnsmith sang “Safe Home” a song he wrote incorporating the departing words that people say to each other in Ireland.

Attendance: 31

June 25 – Summer Solstice outdoor service at Phelps Mill. Despite windy conditions, the morning was beautiful and the service was delightful and meaningful! Katy Olson led the drumming and service with the help of Diane Johnson, Tere Mann, Bonnie Albers, Bob and Mary Worner and Betsy Wells. Katy, Deb Wallwork and John Heines provided other special music. Sandy Barnhouse and Tere Mann had organized the service to culminate and celebrate learnings from the Ancient Religion studies of the past year. The full program was included in the weekly June 25th Sunday Church Report.

Attendance 24

Thank You!!

Kris Warhol and Alisha Piekarski for work organizing and staffing the annual rummage sale that raised \$550 to go to the Centennial Park playground equipment additions.

Lee Hamness for depositing of the left-over rummage sale items!!

Mary Anderson for sewing and supplying the activity bags in lieu of child care for the children attending summer Sunday services.

Susan Groff for floor preparation and Katy Olson for floor painting!! It looks great!!

2017 Fall U Groups

Stan Carignan & Luke Anderson have stepped up to lead the U Group Facilitators for the coming year. Thank you!

Perham U Group Socials: June 29, July 20 at Stan & Lisa Carignan's

Battle Lake/Underwood U Group studies continue 2nd Tuesday 3 p.m. at Joanne Cress' in Battle Lake. The Group is planning to serve lunch at a future date at the Churches United Homeless Shelter in Moorhead. Details as plans progress.



Project Improvements

The Facilities Committee is moving forward on Board approved projects. After prep work by Susan Groff, Katy Olson painted the sanctuary floor. Underway are repairing and replacing the lower level back entry door and stoop and installation of a full step/riser for the dais. Further improvements include installation of a coffee counter in the lower level, some ground leveling and landscaping to reduce water issues, and replacement of the outside sign because of the time change for services and weather deterioration of the current sign. Thank you, Facilities Committee: Susan Groff, Katy Olson and Kris Warhol.

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your ideas, articles and photos to: maryanderson8380@msn.com.

Editing: Stephanie Sanderson

Emailing/ mailing: Ellen Eastby and JoAnn Larson. **Paintings:** Mickie Edmonds

Note: The www.ucofu.org website is updated regularly to include the monthly newsletters and other current items of interest.

Facebook Page & Newsletter Standards:

- Content shall primarily promote activities occurring at the Unitarian Church of Underwood, activities that members of UCU are participating in and events in the greater Otter Tail county area that are recognized by UCU that meet the UU Principles and Living Traditions.
- Other content may include personal comments, authorized use, non-copyright photos related to UCU, Unitarian Universalism, social and environmental actions participated in by UCU members/friends.

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Wi-fi Now Available at UCU
One year pilot approved by
Board of Directors

Sverdrup Suites

Cathy Stone has terminated her contract as Property Manager and lawn mower for Sverdrup Suites effective June 30th. Because of the stability of apartment tenants, there has been limited need for services so Dave Wass, Susan Groff and Mary Anderson will assume the few responsibilities there are. Notice of this change has been sent to the tenants. Scott Schei will assume lawn care services. We thank Cathy and Tina Stone for the services they provided over the course of this last year!!

Save the Dates!!

Friends, Music Lovers!



Cindy Johnson and Carole Mitchell will again offer yet another summer of SATURDAY CONCERTS in their amphitheater, 33928 County Hwy. 27, Erhard.

Mark your calendars now.

July 8 **Mikko Cowdery & Friends** for superlative Celtic tunes, sing-a-longs: fun for ages 1-100.

July 22 **The Tickwood Stringband:** Betsy, Doug, Katy, Ron always please our attendees.

August 5 **Bowmanville** from Chicago, Swing ("Hot Club") Jazz. Another concert you must not miss!!

August 12 **Oscar-Helen**, Dave Johnson & Jon Nordman: *The Band to Irishman*

Foy Vance; Kristopherson to Mayer, plus some originals.....

Celtic Music Concert Oct 13, 2017
@ UCU
Watch for More Information



Ride for

Refugees

30 Mile Ride to Glendalough

September 30, 1-4 pm

Sponsor a rider to sponsor a child with the Shan Schools



Area UU

Workshop

Many Volunteers will be Needed!!

October 20-21, 2017

Sandy Barnhouse's Exhibit at the Kaddatz

Sandra Barnhouse's exhibit, *Sociology*, at the Kaddatz is a bunch of colorful paintings of random designs of shapes. To Barnhouse, the paintings mean a lot more and represent the pattern of human behavioral evolution. See below for the full article in recognition of Sandy.



<http://www.fergusfallsjournal.com/2017/06/sociology-applied-to-artwork-artist-uses-numbers-shapes-to-show-evolution-of-human-behavior/>

On-line Compassion Course Late Registration Now Extended to July 5

Dear Unitarian Universalist friend,

Based on our shared values of peaceful conflict resolution, I thought you would be interested in a course that shares the skills of compassion.

The Compassion Course Online is a one-year online course open to anyone, anywhere, regardless of time or financial constraints. The course revolves around weekly email messages that include a concept of how we can experience more compassion, a story that demonstrates the concept, and exercises to develop your practice of compassion. As a result, our community extends across 100+ countries with more than 10,000 people having participated since the course's inception in 2011.

The course imparts concepts, stories and practices that empower us to be more compassionate. We learn clear practices that help us and those around us, have more understanding and well-being in our lives. The lessons explain and demonstrate ways of thinking, speaking and acting that allow us to get through conflict without hurting or hating.

I have found the tools and frames of NVC immensely stimulating and useful in my intellectual, personal and professional life. The course gave me a thorough understanding of compassionate thinking and living that I was seeking, and it enriched my inner life in ways I could not have predicted.

If anyone is interested I invite you to visit the Compassion Course website (www.compassioncourse.org) where you can watch a short video with a more detailed explanation, check out sample lessons and register. The course runs from June 21, 2017 through June 2018. However, registration has been extended until June 28, 2017. Last year the course received over 4,000 registrations from more than 100 countries. This year we are expecting to see those numbers continue growing!

Please let me know if you have any questions about the course. I would be happy to discuss the curriculum further.

Best regards,
Julia Shaw
Summer Intern
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Green Gossip

The Green Team (Environmental Justice Committee) having met numerous obstacles on the quest for solar energy resumed meeting to determine what other ways UCU might be involved in the way of environmental justice, both within and without the church building and in the community. Several ideas were generated so the Green Team will continue to meet on a monthly or semi-monthly basis to further develop these ideas. Meantime, the Newsletter will continue to carry features on both environment and social justice participatory action by members. Please send your updates and items of interest to maryanderson8380@msn.com.
Green Team: Ron Roller, Sandy Barnhouse, Lee Hamness, Mark Jacobson, Janell Miersch, Alisha Piekarski, Joan Vorderbruggen.

We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental.

— Pope Francis

“Band-Aide”

Green Committee Member, Mark Jacobson submitted on June 2 2017, the following to the Star Tribune Editor and shares it with you.

Letter Editor:

Trying to control carbon in our atmosphere by legislation is to vastly overestimate the capacity and power of law. We are already over 400ppm (atmospheric carbon) and heading north at a quick pace; Greenland is getting greener; sea ice disappearing. Creatures of all kinds are migrating north (or south on the southern hemisphere) as average temperatures on earth rise.

Individual humans can and should make commitments to shrink their carbon footprints, go vegetarian (which supports said footprint), ride a bike to work, etc. but the large-scale energy momentum on earth is underpinned at this time by coal, fuel oil, natural gas, and gasoline. Our infrastructure is built around this multivariate petroleum system, and so changing our atmosphere by making laws is a futile approach.

We would do well to prepare for a warmer world with measures such as storing food and safe drinking water, because the rapid changes in our atmosphere (since the advent of large scale

human industry and agriculture) foretell rapid changes in the stability of our weather. Large scale corporate agriculture is vulnerable to large scale inclement weather, which is already upon us.

The Paris Accord is well intended, but it's like a band-aid on a gunshot wound.

Trying to legislate the atmosphere won't work because it cannot shift society from one source of energy to another. Only consumers can do this.

Mark R. Jacobson

UUA News Alert

The Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) Interim Co-Presidents, the Revs. Sofia Betancourt and William Sinkford and Dr. Leon Spencer, issued the following message in response to President Trump's announcement that he will withdraw the United States from the Paris agreement on climate change:

As people of faith and conscience who affirm both the inherent worth and dignity of all and the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, we find President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change to be an affront to that depth of connection. Our interconnectedness does not end at a wall on the border or at the oceans that we cross.

In these times, it matters what company we keep. With this decision, the United States joins only two other countries in opposing this historic accord: the war-torn nation of Syria and Nicaragua, whose government is run by a virtual dictatorship. We are deeply troubled by the message this sends to our global allies and trade partners. Such a choice eliminates the United States' seat at the table in negotiating policy action on global warming and creates greater space for authoritarian nations like China, Russia, and Iran to influence the direction of global climate action.

Unitarian Universalists have been dedicated to action on climate change for years now and clearly our work must continue. For those in the Washington D.C. area, we urge you if you are able to [join a rally later today](#) to show your support for the Paris Agreement or to organize a rally in your own community. There will also be opportunities for Unitarian Universalists to [engage in climate justice activism](#) at our annual General Assembly in New Orleans this June.

Unitarian Universalists remain committed to resisting the politics of hate, fear, and isolationism coming from the Trump Administration. For our own faith and values, and for the generations who will come after us, we know that we cannot remain silent.

This message is also available on UUA.org.

Ancient Ojibwe words

In every human being, there are two wolves constantly fighting. One is fear, and the other is love. Which one wins the battle? The one you feed. Always the one you feed.

UUA New President



Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

The Unitarian Church of Underwood was assigned two delegates to vote at the UUA General Assembly. Mary Anderson and Ellen Eastby submitted for voting credentials and cast their votes on-line as approved by the UCU Board of Directors. We are happy to report that candidate, **Susan Fredericks-Gray** was elected as the new UUA President and sworn in on Sunday, June 25. News from UU World:

The Unitarian Universalist Association elected the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray as its ninth president on June 24. Frederick-Gray is the first woman elected to lead the liberal religious movement, which includes approximately 1,000 congregations with 200,000 adults and children in the United States.

But as she spoke to the UUA's General Assembly after being named winner in the three-way race, Frederick-Gray said, "I want to be clear, right up front. I am not the first female president of the UUA." As UUs cheered, she turned to applaud and then embrace the Rev. Sofia Betancourt, one of the three co-presidents appointed by the Board of Trustees to complete the term of President Peter Morales, who resigned April 1. "But I am honored to follow her!"

"This is a defining moment, and the stakes are very high," Frederick-Gray told the assembly, which is meeting in New Orleans June 21–25. "We have deep work to do within our association and our tradition, and critical work to do beyond the association."

Words from the website of Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray:

Spiritually Vital

We need to invest in nurturing spiritually vital communities that teach us how to grow our hearts for deeper courage and compassion.

Grounded in Relationship

Through partnership and witness, we offer the world a model of faith that shows up and is lived in our hands and feet, our hearts and minds.

Organized for Impact

We need to be organized for impact so that our energy, our faith and our resources are powerfully focused on amplifying our values.

Look at uua.org or the UU World Magazine for more information.

UUA News Alert

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray issued the following pastoral message for the Unitarian Universalist community:

My Fellow Unitarian Universalists,

I invite you to join me in continuing to hold in our hearts, in our thoughts, and in our prayers, our UUA staff colleagues, James Curran and Tim Byrne who are recovering after being attacked and robbed in New Orleans. Both are continuing to recover physically and to navigate the trauma of the event. James is back home in Boston. Tim remains hospitalized in New Orleans but is making steady progress each day. His doctors are cautiously optimistic about the prognosis for his recovery. We are profoundly grateful to the dedicated medical professionals who initially treated and continue to care for James and Tim.

We continue to send Tim and James and their partners and loved ones our positive thoughts, care, and support in this time. As the new President of the UUA, I am doing my best to be present to these staff members and to honor the time and space they need to attend to their recovery.

I also want to acknowledge the sorrow, fear, anger, and heartbreak of seeing a loved one, a member of our community, violently attacked. I have experienced all of these emotions in the last few days, as have so many of the UUA staff and wider UU community. Throughout the General Assembly, we reflected on the narratives and wider systems of oppression that perpetuate both systemic and personal violence. This week, those reflections became personal and proximate.

As I have listened to Unitarian Universalists reflect on this situation, I have been moved by the connections made to Bryan Stevenson's powerful message to us at General Assembly that "simply punishing the broken-walking away from them or hiding them from sight-only ensures that they remain broken and we do, too. There is no wholeness outside of our reciprocal humanity." May we hold the young adults who carried out the robbery, Rashaad Piper (20), Nicholas Polgowski (18), DeJuan Paul (18), and Joshua Simmons (18), with the universal love that we hold Tim Byrne and James Curran. This is so very important. Many voices have lifted up hope for a process of restorative justice.

These are our Unitarian Universalist values calling us to live in the reality of the heartbreak of our world, while remembering that no one is outside the circle of love - that compassion is always our guide, and that as a religious community, we seek the well-

being of all people and the dismantlement of systems of oppression that undermine our collective humanity.

As President, I am waiting to make any official statements to New Orleans authorities in order to give our staff members time to be in the conversation. At the same time, I am encouraged by the local grassroots leadership of Unitarian Universalists in New Orleans, including the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal (CELSJR) and their partners, to help us see both the proximate and larger realities and humanity of this incident. I ask for your patience in this time, and for your faithful presence as Unitarian Universalists.

In faith,
Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

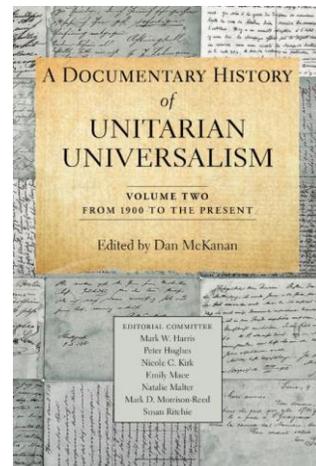
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Announcing the second volume in an incredible new resource from Skinner House Books! *A Documentary History of Unitarian Universalism* is the first of its kind, with each volume containing more than a hundred distinct selections, all with introductions by leading scholars. This resource is a must-have for the history buff, seminary student, or curious-for-more reader in your life. Both [Volume One: From the Beginning to 1899](#) and [Volume Two: From 1900 to the Present](#) are available to order now! ***A Documentary History of Unitarian Universalism, Volume Two: From 1900 to the Present***, edited by Dan McKanan

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Unitarian Church of Underwood Approved Board Minutes for May 17, 2017

Board members present: Mary Anderson, David Sanderson, Norman Kolstad, David Wass, Kris Warhol, Bob Worner, and John Miersch. Absent: Connie Stigen, Stan Carignan, and Ellen Eastby. Also present: Administrative Consultant JoAnn Larson.

The meeting was called to order at the church by Board President Mary Anderson at 5:33 p.m. JoAnn Larson shared a reading/meditation. The agenda was approved (Sanderson/Miersch). Consideration of the March 15, 2017 board minutes was tabled.

Reports:

Finance Committee/Treasurer: David Wass - Detailed reports will be bimonthly.

Administrative Consultant: JoAnn Larson

Speakers Committee: JoAnn Larson

Foundation/Stewardship Committee: David Sanderson - The UCU President and Treasurer were named authorized persons to control the new Foundation account with the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund (Warhol/Worner). To meet the minimum required deposit for the new account, \$5,000 from the church's savings account will be added to the \$5,000 individual endowment gift (Warhol/Wass).

Program/Worship Committee: Kris Warhol - reported on possible Sunday speakers.

Community Outreach: Kris Warhol - June city rummage sale proceeds could go toward playground equipment.

Facilities Committee: Kris Warhol - new lights planned for lower level.

Safety Committee: Norman Kolstad - "No guns" sign replaced

Sverdrup Suites: Mary Anderson

Membership Committee: Mary Anderson - Volunteer appreciation event evaluated, roster policy reviewed.

Communications Committee: Mary Anderson - Melody Shores added to committee, Sunday recordings are in process. A one-year pilot wi-fi and telephone package with 6MB speed was authorized for approximately \$50/month more than phone only (Kolstad/Sanderson).

Fall Area Workshop: Dates are October 20-21, 2017.

Unfinished Business:

Three items that passed on email votes in the interim: the 2017-18 recommended budget; a contract extension for the administrative assistant, and expenses for attending the MUUSJA workshop.

Also discussed were budget concerns and the Strategic Plan Goals & Objectives. A charge to the new Environmental committee won consensus approval.

New Business:

None.

The next board meeting is set for June 21, with an executive committee meeting June 14. The meeting was adjourned by Board President Anderson at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Kolstad, secretary.