

**Sunday, Oct. 4 – 9 and 11 a.m.**

**St. Francis, the Pope and Universal Compassion – Rev. Bryan Jessup**

In the Catholic tradition, Oct. 4 is the feast day of St. Francis. Many UUs, like people of other faiths, draw great inspiration from his example of compassion for humanity and all things living. The current Pope chose “Francis” as his name, and in remarkable ways he is following the saint's teachings. Today we will honor the spirit of St. Francis. Bring photos or drawings of your animals, and during the Story for All Ages we will have a Blessing of the Animals.

**Sunday, Oct. 11 – 9 and 11 a.m.**

**Magic is Real – Katherine Almy**

Magic is real, and miracles happen all around us, says HUUF member Katherine Almy. It's a simple message, she adds, but one that bears repeating. Katherine will share her belief that life is full of miracles if we can learn to see them. “A part of me will always want to fly on a broomstick and wield a magic wand like Harry Potter,” she says, “but I also know that magic is relative. It all depends on how you look at the world.”

**Sunday, Oct. 18 – 9 and 11 a.m.**

**Working for World Community Starts Right at Home – Rev. Bryan Jessup**

Rev. Jessup and the Ministerial Relations Committee invite us to consider peacemaking and conflict resolution in our own hearts, in our fellowship community and around the world.

**Sunday, Oct. 25 – 9 and 11 a.m.**

**Healing and the Human Heart – Karen Harris**

The Buddha taught that suffering is inherent and inevitable in every human life. But we also carry within us a mysterious capacity for healing, the powerful potential to restore wholeness to our bodies, our minds, and even to our deeply wounded hearts. What is the alchemical power that can transform our experience of suffering into one of healing and wholeness? Can we heal our life's deepest wounds? How can we align ourselves more completely with our intention to be a force for healing in the world? Looking beyond the science of medicine, we will explore more ancient forms of human wisdom about the transformative power of healing.

Karen is a university lecturer, yoga philosophy instructor and interfaith minister. She has spent years traveling in Asia and has lived and practiced in ashrams and monasteries in the U.S., India, Nepal and Tibet. She received her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and currently teaches in HSU's Religious Studies Department.