

Sunday Services

January 2 – 11 a.m. only: The Burning Bowl

Come and purge the toils and troubles of the old year and start the new year fresh. Join us our annual Burning Bowl Ceremony, where we write down that of which we wish to rid ourselves from the last year and toss it into the flames, celebrating the rebirth of the seasons.

January 9 -- 9 & 11 a.m.: Stories from Baba Jamal

Popular storyteller Baba Jamal Koram will present stories from ancient to modern times and from African traditions and African-American traditions. Rhythm and movement spill from his energetic performances, and he will take us through personal recollections, fables and more. Come and enjoy listening to this world-class storyteller.

January 16 -- 9 & 11 a.m.: An Apostle Thru Time -- Adriane St. Clare, Ph.D

Thinking back on her religious training, Adriane St. Clare says she first questioned the Christian interpretation of the events of First Century Palestine around age 13. Always wanting to be witness to those events firsthand, her spiritual quest and historical research has culminated in the publication of a novel in which the main character does exactly that. Dr. St. Clare will discuss the differences between ideas from outside historical sources and the interpretation of the Christian church that has evolved over the past 2000 years.

Dr. St. Clare has been a psychotherapist in Humboldt County since 1982 and currently has a private practice in Fortuna. She has taught psychology at HSU and CR.

January 23 – 9 & 11 a.m.: Secrets -- Rabbi Les Scharnberg

What is it about secrets that frighten and delight us? Why do we simultaneously want to keep a secret and to have a secret divulged? Are there spiritual secrets which should not be divulged? Rabbi Scharnberg will present views on secrets based on these questions and more.

January 30 – 9 & 11 a.m.: Who needs a minister? -- Rev. Marian Stewart

Does a minister visit the sick? Preach on Sunday? The Rev. Marian Stewart will share her journey to becoming a minister, as well as her experiences ministering to and "growing" churches of different sizes. Rev. Stewart comes from an entrepreneurial background and has a big heart for ministry, social justice and "radical" hospitality. She will discuss the art of listening to each other from the heart, healthy communication, and other important aspects of the relationships between minister and congregation, and minister and community. Following the 11 a.m. service she will answer ministerial questions.

Rev. Stewart received her Masters of Divinity from Meadville-Lombard in Chicago. She has also studied pastoral leadership at Seattle University and is currently working on her doctorate of ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She has been the settled minister at Northlake Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Kirkland, Wash., for three years.