

July Sunday Services

Sunday, July 2 – 10 a.m. – Bridging the Chasms Between Us with Common Values – Berti Welty

In UU circles we often say, “We don’t have to think alike to love alike.” What might be possible if we really expand that concept beyond our walls? Are there values which people of different faiths and political orientations can agree are common, and are they life sustaining? Can we learn to deeply listen to others from our hearts. Can shared values motivate us to act in the world, perhaps alongside people of differing cultures or beliefs. We will start with an exploration of the Common Values selected by the elder caucus of the True North organization, in which this congregation is active. These are: Love, Justice, Dignity, Peace, Harmony and Faith. There will be opportunities for reflection and discussion.

Sunday, July 9 – 10 a.m. – In Spirit-Crushing Times, Read a Book – Valerie Gizinski

A book can provide solace when we’re suffering, instill hope when we’re down, fire up our souls or open our eyes to new possibilities. A lovely way to find a wonderful book is a recommendation from a friend. Please come and tell us about the books that have lifted your spirits and made a difference in your life.

Valerie Gizinski, along with her spouse, Pat Carr, have been Fellowship members since 1995. Valerie’s passion for reading began long ago with The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, read after lights-out, under the covers with a flashlight.

Sunday, July 16 – 10 a.m. – Faith and Resilience: In This I Trust – Bonnie MacGregor

Our Unitarian Universalist “faith” tradition draws from many sources: direct experience of the mystery affirmed in all cultures; wisdom from the world’s religions; teachings and practices of Earth-centered traditions; and the guidance of reason and the results of science. This becomes very personal and urgent for us when we face loss or pain beyond our ability to cope. What then do we turn to in order to “make it through?”

Bonnie will facilitate our sharing and listening to each other’s stories of resilience and experiences in testing the sources of strength in which we trust.

Sunday, July 23 – 10 a.m. – Songs that Move Us to Justice – Joanne Huffman, Veronica Galliani and more

Join with us to sing and listen to songs that inspired movements toward social justice throughout the years. Share your memories from the past and hope for the future of justice in our world. Please bring snacks to share during this informal summer gathering.

Sunday, July 30 – 10 a.m. – Common Threads – Quakers and Unitarian Universalists – Berti Welty

Both Quakers and Unitarian Universalists have evolved from a strong Christian foundation into religious communities with shared values combined with a powerful call to make a positive difference in the world. Join us as we explore the differences and commonalities between these two faith traditions. What is Quaker worship? What does it mean to “hold someone in the light?” We will hear about Quaker practices such as the use of testimony, advices and queries, and the unity process. We will also get a taste of worship through stillness.