

Sunday Services

October 6 – 10:30 a.m. The HUUF Aspiration – Rev. Bryan Jessup

Our new minister, the Rev. Bryan Jessup, will begin a series of sermons today based on the HUUF aspiration. This morning's sermon will concentrate on the first line, "May Love Be the Spirit of this Fellowship." Rev. Jessup will talk about where this notion of "love as the spirit we aspire to embody" comes from. He will talk about some ways Unitarians and Universalists have worked to embody love, what love may require of us now, and what tools we might have to help us as we grow in our ability to be love bearers.

October 13 – 10:30 a.m. Healing the Heart of the Fellowship – Wendy Rowan

The title of today's service is the HUUF board's theme for the Fellowship this year. It is based on Parker Palmer's book *Healing the Heart of Democracy*. We will explore "five habits of the heart" that are relevant for our congregation. This lay-led service will be guided by Wendy Rowan.

October 20 – 10:30 a.m. May the Quest for Truth be Our Sacrament – Rev. Bryan Jessup

Rev. Bryan Jessup continues his series of sermons on the HUUF aspiration with "May the Quest for Truth Be Our Sacrament." "We Unitarian Universalists have a proud history of being 'heretics' – from the Greek 'haretikos' – which means 'able to choose' So we UUs struggle for truth. We are able to choose and be responsible for our choices. We question and answer for ourselves. What questions do we need to ask and answer? And to what ends?"

October 27 – 10:30 a.m. The Kabbalah – Rabbi Les Scharnberg

Rabbi Les Scharnberg will give an introduction to some problematic issues dealing with kabbalah, a body of mystical teachings of rabbinical origin often based on an esoteric interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures. He will focus on an integration of some kabbalah spiritual approaches with a Buddhist meditation practice. Rabbi Scharnberg was ordained in a traditional five-year, post-graduate rabbinic seminary in New York, and he has lived in Israel and West Africa. "I have been called a 'maverick rabbi' and gladly accept the label," he said.