

Weekly Reminder

Listen, Open, Serve



Our Worship Theme for September is **Awakening**

Saturday, September 24, 4:30pm

Sunday, September 25, 9:30am and 11:15am

“Oh No, Not Us!”

Rev. Scott Tayler, preaching

Plate Collection Recipient: Habitat for Humanity

Saturday 4:30pm: Music provided by “Orange Sky”;
(Jean Bolinger, drum set; Mike Boyack, electric guitar; Meghan Koch, piano; Adam Wilcox, bass guitar; Melissa Boyack, vocals)

Sunday 9:30am: Choir, Directed by Lisa Schmitz; **Sunday 11:15am:** Choir, Directed by Ed Schell

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITARIAN

RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network)

Sunday, September 25 – Sunday, October 2

We will once again be hosting families here who are without homes. Volunteers are needed to prepare food, host a variety of shifts, provide warm hospitality, and much more. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Sara Berger: sberger@rochester.rr.com or 415-2913.

First Muse Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, September 25, 7:30pm

Celebrate the 5th season of great chamber music by First Muse with a performance by the Amenda Quartet. Cellist Michael Kannen, from the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory, will join them for Schubert’s C major “Cello Quintet”. Tickets (\$10 general / \$5 student / \$20 family) can be ordered online, here after the worship services on September 24 and 25, or at the door. Further information can be found at www.FirstMuse.org.

Beginning Meditation

Monday, September 26, 6pm

Suggested donation: \$8-10 (No one turned away for lack of funds.) Registration: jancook@frontiernet.net 314 6356.

Labyrinth Quest

Monday, September 26, 7pm

Intro to Labyrinth walking and healing services (7pm – 7:15pm); walk the indoor Labyrinth afterwards.

Church-State Separation in America: Crisis or Crossroads. Where Do We Go From Here?

Monday, September 26 at 7:15pm

Rev Steven Baines, Religious Outreach Director for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, will speak in the Williams Gallery. He is a national spokesperson on issues of faith and politics. Co-sponsored by Social Justice Council.

Vipassana Meditation

Monday, September 26, 7:30pm

From the Buddhist tradition, Vipassana is a form of mindfulness and breath awareness practiced by many in the West. Participants take part in a 40-minute sit in the Thoreau Room.

Deepening Meditation

Tuesdays, September 27, 6pm-7:15pm

This class is for people who have completed Beginning Meditation, or have a somewhat consistent practice. Suggested donation: \$8-10 (No one turned away for lack of funds.) Registration: jancook@frontiernet.net 314 6356.

Starting Point Classes

Wednesday, September 28, 9:30am

This starts our daytime sessions, so if you are a new member, just discovered First Unitarian, or even if you are a long time member looking to learn and grow in connections, this class is for you! Register at dmessner@rochesterunitarian.org.

Aging Gratefully

Wednesday, September 28, 1:30pm

Please join us to plan this year’s programming and to consider this month’s sermon topic of “Awakening” from a seasoned perspective. Starting next month, we will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month (1:30pm-3pm). Tina Simson will be facilitating and is looking forward to seeing you all again.

Buddhist Book Group

Thursday, September 29, 9am

Whether you’re a novice or a seasoned practitioner, join us for a 20 minute meditation and discussion on living the Buddha’s teaching. For info, contact Nancy Brush (342-8995).

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QiGong

Friday, September 30, 9:45am

This old gentle Chinese practice has great benefits for your health. It is for anyone who hopes for healthier and more active years ahead. All are welcome!

Our Next Worship Services:

Saturday, October 1 at 4:30pm and Sunday, October 2 at 9:30am and at 11:15am

Rev. Kaaren Anderson, preaching. Music on Saturday at 4:30pm and on Sunday at 9:30am: JUMP Chorus (Formerly 8th Notes). Music at 11:15am: Ed Schell and the Late Service Choir.

NOTES AND NEWS

Rummage Sale Date Change: Our annual Rummage Sale will not be held this year in October. Instead, save the dates of June 15 and 16 and join us then for our big sale!

Sponsor a Student in Honduras! In the remote villages where the Honduras Project Task Force has been partnering with the Department of Family Medicine at Highland Hospital since 2006, children can only go through sixth grade. To go to middle school, they must travel considerable distances and in some cases board in town, purchase school uniforms and supplies, and pay school fees. Since 2009, the Honduras Project has facilitated scholarships for 35 students. Scholarships for seventh grade are supported by *The Greater Good Project* donations and additional fundraising; in 2010 we established a **Sponsorship Program**, through which individuals or families can support a child beyond seventh grade. Sponsoring a student allows Unitarians to make a connection with students through letter exchanges twice a year. **In the 2012 school year, up to 12 current seventh graders, if successful, will be ready to be sponsored for eighth grade.** Fully sponsoring a student costs \$460; a half sponsorship costs \$230. For more information and to sign up, please contact MJ Curry at mjcurry@warner.rochester.edu or 585-442-9242. For more information about the Honduras Project Task Force, see <http://www.rochesterunitarian.org/Honduras.html>.

Have You Seen Our Homecoming Video? If not, here's the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbJ32h-YpQA&hd=1>.

Black Friday Service: We're looking for teens to do Jessie J's *Price Tag*. Rehearsals are just before youth group meetings. If you're interested, please call/text Mary L at 314-7901 with your name.

Plate Collection Update: Three weekends a month our plate collections go to a community organization outside the church. On the other weekends the collection goes directly to support the church budget. On August 7, \$353 was collected for Teen Empowerment. On August 14, \$349 was collected for Mercy Bridges. On August 21 \$368 was collected for First Unitarian Church. On August 28, \$541 was collected for Two Doors.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 2: You are invited to the Congregational meeting for Social Justice. Please come and help us pick our social justice task forces for the 2011-2012 year. You will also hear from *The Greater Good Project* recipients and hear about a revision to the church budget. The meeting starts at 6:15pm and is preceded by a potluck supper starting at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to pass. Childcare will be provided, starting at 6pm. Please RSVP to Suzy McNair (smcnair@rochesterunitarian.org) by **Thursday, September 29** if you need childcare (also, number of children and their ages).

From Anne Perry, President of the Congregation: At the end of June, our final accounting showed that the church had a surplus of \$58,730. Using the Budget Roundtable's priorities for guidance, the Board is recommending that we use it as follows: Return the draw on the Income Endowment to 5% of the 3-year average which is more conservative (\$17,179), pay off part of the principal on the roof (\$18,000), provide fair pay adjustments for staff (\$15,000) and pay for some AV improvements (\$8,000). The remaining \$551 would stay in the Special Operations Fund leaving a balance in that fund of \$26,220. The Board and President believed we had done what was necessary to vote on this at the upcoming Social Justice Congregational meeting on **Sunday, October 2**. However, provisions of the Operations Special Fund Charter require us to publish the financial detail 2 months prior to the congregational meeting. A special meeting will be scheduled for **Sunday, November 27** immediately following the 11:15am service.

Simplicity Parenting Study Group, October 5 thru November 16: In this seven week book study group we will discuss author and family counselor Kim John Payne's ideas and solutions, talk about our own parental challenges and set our own goals for simplifying our environments, our families' schedules and our children's lives. The group will meet from 6:30pm – 8pm; come alone or with a partner. There is the possibility of on-site childcare if it would be helpful. If interested, contact Sue Morgan at sjmjrgkmg@yahoo.com or 585-244-7159.

Friday Flicks will resume on **Friday, October 21 at 7pm**. Mark your calendars now to join your friends, relax, enjoy good company, a great movie and cartoon, and, of course, popcorn and soda, all in the Susan B. Anthony Lounge!

'A Grand Night for Singing': Adults/Teens interesting in performing in this Revue February 3-5, please prepare a Rogers & Hammerstein song for auditions on **October 23 (1pm-3pm)** and on **October 24 (6pm-8pm)**. For more info call Mary L at 314-7901.

Save These Dates for our Upcoming Craft Fairs:

Alternative Fair (sponsored by Metro Justice) will be held here on **Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd**. Contact Tanya at Metro Justice, 325-2560 for more information.

Benefits Boutique will be here on **Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th**. Contact Ellen Asprooth or Mark Jackson at [easprooth@rochester.rr.com](mailto: easprooth@rochester.rr.com).

Immigration as a Moral Issue: MJ Curry will be leading a six-week course (January 19-March 1, 7-9 pm) from the UUA exploring the many facets of immigration, beginning with its causes, history, and economics, then moving to the relationship of immigration to national borders in terms of security and enforcement as well as the focal issue of human rights. The course concludes by exploring who benefits from the current system of immigration and what solutions might be possible for improving our immigration policies and practices. Study guide is available for free download at <http://www.uua.org/justice/issues/process/currentissues/immigration/studyguide/index.shtml>. Additional materials will be provided. Please email mjcurry@warner.rochester.edu by **January 13, 2012** to sign up.

SUBMISSIONS

E-Newsletter (Weekly Reminder) Deadline: Tuesday, September 27 at 10am (for events covering Saturday, October 1 - thru Friday, October 7). Articles need to be emailed to announcements@rochesterunitarian.org.

Order of Service and Verbal Announcement Deadlines: Thursday, September 29, 1pm forward submissions to announcements@rochesterunitarian.org.