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## **This Sunday's Worship Service:**

### **All Ages Water Communion**

**Rev. Rebecca Gant and Terina Carter, Director of Religious Exploration**

You're invited to bring a small amount of a water from a place that is important to you to add to the communal bowl. A potluck lunch follows the service.

#### **Join us in one of the following ways:**

- In person
- Telephone: 1-646-558-8656 and use meeting ID 949-975-206 when prompted.
- Click below to join on Zoom.

[Click Here to Join on Zoom](#)

[Click Here for Order of Service](#)

## Upcoming Services

### **9/1 - All Ages UU Heritage - Rev. Rebecca Gant and Terina Carter, Director of Religious Exploration**

Why are UUs talking and writing about Values instead of the Seven Principles? Why has this changed and how will it affect what we do here in our church? And what in the world is a JetPig? Join us on the first Sunday in September as we explore these questions and more.

### **9/8 - Our American Covenant - Rev. Rebecca Gant and Jan Baird, Worship Associate**

Our country was founded on big ideas about the ability of citizens to govern themselves, and to work together to form a "more perfect union." Each election cycle, we are presented with various ideas about HOW our country should fulfill what Senator Raphael Warnock called in a recent speech "the American Covenant." What sort of Covenant would our faith's values guide us to create for our country? And what is our part in upholding that covenant? Join us as we explore.

Our services are shared live on zoom, and most-- except All-Ages services-- are recorded and posted on YouTube. You may be seen on Zoom or in the recording if you sit in a pew that is not marked "not visible on camera." If you are concerned about being visible on camera, please speak to Rev. Rebecca and we will find a way to accommodate those concerns.

## Potluck!



Join the Worship Team after the All Ages Water Communion Service on 8/25 for brunch and fellowship.

The team will provide Main dishes suitable for omnivores as well as vegans.

You are invited to help set up, clean up, and/or bring a dish to share. Clearly mark your dish if it's vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, or has one of the 8 major allergens (milk, eggs, fish, Crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soybeans).

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

**Want to plan something at the church or do you have something you want people to know about?**

Parish News Deadline: Tuesdays at 9 am

Event Registration Form

Communication Form

## Need Support?

Email Rev. Rebecca ([minister@uubn.org](mailto:minister@uubn.org)) if you need a listening ear, practical support such as rides or meals, or short term financial support.



## This Week's Events

### Sunday, August 25

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM Adult Choir (Walker Room)  
8:45 AM – 11:45 AM Childcare (Nursery)  
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Sunday Service  
11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Potluck Brunch (Fell Room)  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Bloomington Normal Meditation Group (Walker Room)  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Over the Rainbow (Offsite)

### Monday, August 26

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch Bunch (Irvin Room)  
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Vespers (Sanctuary)

### Tuesday, August 27

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM 4th Tuesday Covenant Group (Walker Room)

### Wednesday, August 28

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Exploring Membership (Irvin Room, Online)  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Last Wednesday Covenant Group (Online)

## Thursday, August 29

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Rehearsal for Baroque'n Consort (Walker Room)

## Friday, August 30

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Private Event (Fell Room)  
6:15 PM – 10:00 PM Private Event (Walker Room)

## Saturday, August 31

4:00 PM – 11:00 PM Private Event (Fell Room)

To View the Full Events Calendar Click Here

# From the Minister's Desk

## New Pastoral Care Associates Commissioned August 4



Three new and one returning Pastoral Care Associates accepted their commission on Sunday, saying that they will "listen with compassion, care for themselves and one another, tend to the sacred in their encounters, and ask for help when they need it." These dedicated folks are available to anyone who is facing a challenge and needs someone to talk with. To connect with Pastoral Care at UUBN, please contact me (Rev. Rebecca) at [minister@uubn.org](mailto:minister@uubn.org).

L-R Sandy Aronen, Linda Johnston, Janet Tulley, and Dave Shanahan

## Blessing Booth at Pridefest August 3 is a Great Success

At Pridefest in Downtown Bloomington, clergy and lay people from 10 area congregations collaborated to offer a Blessing Booth. People who visited the booth were invited to take a blessing ribbon, leave a blessing ribbon, or receive a spoken blessing from one of the clergy who were present. It was a joyful and moving experience for me and the other volunteers.



## Looking for Some Quiet in Your Week?

### Vespers Service Mondays at 7 pm

Join me in the sanctuary at 7 pm every Monday for a simple, contemplative 30-minute gathering. This will include words, music, and time to reflect and light a candle for whatever joys or sorrows you'd like to mark. All ages are welcome; we'll have quiet activities for people of all ages.

# From the Board

## Greetings fellow congregants!

Your board has been hard at work the last few months. Here are some updates:

### DRE Sabbatical

The Board approved a 3 month sabbatical for Terina from 2/1/25-4/30/25. Terina and the Religious Exploration Team will coordinate to ensure a plan to cover her tasks is in place prior to her break. The benefits of the sabbatical for our Director of Religious Exploration: a respite to break away from the established routine and weight of responsibilities, a chance to be stimulated by new learning, and time and space to reflect on the meaning of one's work and commitment. The benefit to the congregation is: a refreshed religious professional, application of experiences/knowledge/resources gained on sabbatical, and the opportunity for volunteers in the congregation to take more ownership of the Religious Exploration Ministry and its direction.

Terina has been working hard taking on more responsibilities than are in her purview, especially during the pandemic and after, and we were thrilled to approve this opportunity for her to grow and rest.

### Solar Update

Our solar project application was submitted to the Illinois Solar for All program. A reminder we are applying for this program because the funds available from the state to help recoup the costs are higher inside this program. We hope to know if our project was approved by the end of August. Then we'll work on permits and ordering materials, with a tentative planned construction start date in early January. If all goes according to plan, we will be fully powered by the sun by February, 2025!

## Volunteers Needed

The church is in desperate need of more volunteer help from YOU! Be on the lookout soon for a comprehensive list of areas where we could use some help, and please think about signing up to help out somewhere. A vibrant church community takes all of us, and there are a variety of opportunities so there should be space for everyone to help within their comfort levels and abilities.

In the meantime the Board has two immediate asks:

- **The Safety Committee** needs a new member or two! If you have a knack for order and want to help organize our bi-annual safety drills, and help keep track of the church's safety mechanisms (fire extinguishers, first aid kits, AED, exit lights, etc). Please consider lending your time! The committee meets once a month and has a few additional responsibilities, but nothing too terribly time consuming.
- **Testing Assisted Hearing Devices** - we know some members of the congregation are struggling to hear the service with our current assisted hearing system. We tested the devices on ears that do not use hearing aids and they seemed to work fine. We are now looking for volunteers that have hearing aids with and without t-coil (or telecoil / t-switch) compatible. If you can help with this, please let Larissa know [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Thank you!

As a reminder, anyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings held at 6:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the church. We just request that you let us know in advance if you plan to attend so we can ensure we have enough seats for everyone. Monthly meeting minutes are available to members in the "For Members - Important Documents" section of the website. If you need help accessing that portion of the site, please let Blair know!

Your board members are also always available to you, either in person Sunday morning after service, or via email! If you message [uubnboard@uubn.org](mailto:uubnboard@uubn.org) it will reach all board members! Warmly,  
Larissa Armstrong, Board President

UUBN Board: Larissa Armstrong, President; Julie Prandi, Vice President; Nancy Armstrong, Treasurer; Chad Kahl, Secretary; Directors: Hubert Morales, Karla Bailey-Smith, Brad Bell, Richard Seehuus, Jill Enchelmayer.

# Religious Exploration

Terina Carter, Director of Religious Exploration, [LRE@uubn.org](mailto:LRE@uubn.org)  
Planning Team: Erin Ripley-Gataric (Team Lead), Jeska Vannoy, Mercy Davison

## Water Communion

Each of our rituals and traditions, including Water Communion, has an origin story. In 1980, two Unitarian Universalist women—Carolyn McDade and Lucile Schuck Longview—were asked to create a worship service for the Women and Religion Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists. As they shaped that service, McDade and Longview wanted to create a new ritual "that spoke to our connectedness to one another, to the totality of life, and to our place on this planet." They included a new, inclusive symbol of women's spirituality: water.

They write, "Water is more than simply a metaphor. It is elemental and primary, calling forth feelings of awe and reverence. Acknowledging that the ocean is considered by many to be the place from which all life on our planet came—it is the womb of life—and that amniotic waters surround each of us prenatally, we now realize that [this worship service] was for us a new story of creation... We choose water as our symbol of our empowerment."

The November service, held in East Lansing, Michigan, was called "Coming Home Like Rivers to the Sea." As its creators, McDade and Longview enacted their ritual in the liberating space of a semicircle around a large earthenware bowl. They asked eight different women—each coming from distant places—to bring water, and they did: water from the Rio Grande and Assiniboine Rivers, rain water from Maryland, water from the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and others were poured into the earthenware bowl as each bearer described its significance.

"As the ritual is continued," says Carolyn McDade, "water deepens in meaning for us, just as water deepens during its long and winding journey to the sea."

For more on the 1980 water ritual and the women who created it, please read Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie's [detailed history](#).

## The Baby Fold's 31st Annual Festival of Trees

Are you interested in decorating a 4 foot or 7 foot tree on behalf of the church? I've done this a couple times with my children and the junior and high school group did a 4 foot nature tree last year. The church will purchase the tree, but we already have many decorations in storage. If you choose to decorate a 4 foot tree, you can just register. If you choose a 7 foot tree, your application needs to be accepted by the Baby Fold Festival Committee first. There are 3 or 4 workshops to help with how to design a tree.

**Let me know by August 31.** If no one is interested, I am going to rehome the decorations.

Important Dates:

- Thursday, Oct. 31: All Auction Item Donor Registration Forms and Auction Item Description Forms must be completed by 11:59 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19: Auction items may be dropped off at the Interstate Center between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. **7-foot trees can be decorated onsite during those same hours.**
- Nov. 21-23: The Baby Fold's 31st Annual Festival of Trees! Open 4-8 p.m. on 11/21; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on 11/22 and 11/23

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - ONLINE SERIES

**Wednesdays, September 4 to October 9**

**7:00pm-8:15 pm CT on Zoom**

The Faith Forward program out of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas is offering an online session of their Spiritual Practice series. This series helps participants develop regular disciplines of the spirit - practices that help us connect with the sacred. Each session offers a forum for learning, sharing, and growth that can enrich our faith journeys.

Fee: Free because we are Faith Forward congregation subscribers!

For more information or to register, email me at [LRE@uubn.org](mailto:LRE@uubn.org). **Deadline to register is Monday, September 2.**

## Covenant Small Groups

Small Group Ministry is a time-tested and flexible way to connect members and friends and help deepen their Unitarian Universalist faith. Using a themed packet, each month you select one spiritual exercise out of about seven. When you gather with your group, you share how engaging with the exercise affected you. Other group members will listen without interruption. When you're all done listening to each other, you'll share back the connections you've made with what someone shared or your gratitude for their sharing. Then there's social time at the end for more casual conversation. The accountability of having the monthly group meeting helps people spend a little time on their own development. That amount of time can vary each month depending on your schedule and interest. Some Covenant Groups also do service work together or gather socially outside of the meeting time.

Regular attendance at the once a month meeting is expected. If that would be difficult, we're starting a new drop in group. Meetings start in September. Let me know which one you'd like to join or if you have questions.

- Drop In Group - new group for people who want to join a covenant group but can't commit to regular attendance, date and time will be decided by what works for most of the interested people (in person and online)
- Walker Covenant Group - 4th Tuesday, 4:00pm (in person only)
- Online Covenant Group - Last Wednesday, 7:00pm (online only)
- Youth Room Covenant Group - 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm (in person and online, meets on the lower level)
- Early Birds Covenant Group - Last Monday, 9:00am (in person only)

## Sunday Morning Religious Exploration for Children & Youth begins September 8!

If you have questions, or are not sure it's a good fit for your family, let's talk! If you're definitely IN, and haven't registered, take 5 minutes to register for Childcare through 12th Grade! This helps me know how many adults we need, which rooms to reserve, resources we need to purchase, and who to leave on this email list. It also makes our church insurance company happy to know we've done annual registrations.

<https://forms.gle/ghhZJyHZhs7sJQiV8>

### NatUUre

The best way to teach care for the environment to children is to first help them connect with and learn to love their environment. Then we work for Climate Justice. We'll be outside this fall as much as possible, reconnecting with nature and our environment, listening to each other, and learning how our values call us to protect our land and each other.

### Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education for Kindergarten - 3rd, 4th and 5th, 7th and 8th Grades

Trained facilitators will lead Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes for some age groups in the second half of the church year. Children must be enrolled and active in Sunday morning Religious Exploration to build community and an understanding of covenant before OWL begins later in the church year. At this time we don't have the resources to offer Community OWL. If you'd like to be part of making that happen, let me know. If you're not sure what OWL is, or have questions, I'd love to meet with you. You can also learn more about OWL here:

<https://www.uua.org/re/owl>



We'll offer Parents and Caregivers as Sexuality Educators to ALL parents and caregivers beginning in January. This is an online program facilitated by Javiera Monardez and me.

## Sunday Morning Adult RE: Normal Sustainability Plan

**Sunday, September 22, 11:30-12:30, Walker Room**

Mercy will share information about the Sustainability Project presented to the Normal Town Council on September 16.



[Read More Here](#)

## Online Small Groups

Email Tom at [REDACTED] or text/call [REDACTED] to join any of the following Zoom discussions as participant or listener. You will receive the Zoom link the day before the session.

The purpose of the **First Sunday Nonfiction Book Group** is to educate ourselves in order to take actions toward justice for all in public policy.

- September 1, 2-3 P.M. *The 48 Laws of Power*, Robert Greene, Viking Press, 1998.
- October 6, 2-3 P.M. *Minority Rule: The Right-Wing Attack on the Will of the People—and the Fight to Resist It*, by Ari Berman, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2024.
- November 2, 2-3 P.M. *Transgender History: The Roots of Today's Revolution*, by Susan Stryker, 2nd edition, Seal Press (CA), 2017.

The fifth discussion of Søren Kierkegaard's *The Sickness Unto Death*, translation by Bruce H. Hirmmse is Thursday, September 26, when pp. 69-95 will be discussed. 5 Registered.

LET US READ A NOVEL #8 *The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh Nguyen. The third discussion was August 22 when Chapters 12-17 were discussed. The next session is TBD. 4 registered.

Announcing LURAN #9 AND #10 as a series: #9 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, 1884, followed by *James*, by Percival Everett, Doubleday, 2024. Huck Finn's story is an early insider's look at the white supremacist culture of the United States in the pre-civil war South through the eye of a ragged white boy helping the enslaved Jim escape his bondage.

James is a recasting of the story from the point of view of the runaway. The reading of these back-to-back will be a useful way to look at literature that conveys cultural criticism. Register for one or the other or both by October 1. 4 registered.

The next Share Your Writing session will be at the end of September, day and time TBD. Any kind of writing in any stage of development is welcome.

# Social Justice Team News

Chad Kahl, Team Lead

## Postcard Campaign

As of August 12, our congregation has either already mailed or picked up a total of 1800 postcards; those already given out in August should be returned to the church by Sept. 1 if possible. There are plenty of postcards still to be picked up! Come after church to get your packet of 20 postcards.

Join the fun! 50 UUBN members or friends have already participated!!

For more information, please contact Julie Prandi at [REDACTED]

Submitted by Julie Prandi for the Social Justice Team

## Election Judges Needed

As part of our effort to attain Good Trouble Congregation status, the Social Justice Team is encouraging congregants to consider becoming an election judge. Our goal is to have at least two election judges from UUBN this year.

Not only are you helping fellow citizens cast their ballots and participate in our democratic process, but you are also affirming Unitarian Universalism's support of inclusive democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

The City of Bloomington Election Commission and the McLean County Clerk's Office are looking for volunteers.

For more information, including qualifications, pay, and applications, refer to:

\* [City of Bloomington](#)

\* [McLean County Clerk's Office](#)

If you have any [REDACTED] election judge experiences, please don't hesitate to reach out to Chad Kahl at [REDACTED] who is one of several UUBN members who has served in this role. If you sign up, please let the email Chad to let him know.

Submitted by Chad Kahl and the Social Justice Team

# Announcements

## Right Relations Team Update

The Right Relations Team is in place to help resolve conflicts in the congregation and to help the congregation affirm and understand our Behavioral Covenant. Speaking directly, listening intently, welcoming difference, fostering a culture of consent, and accepting that conflict is inevitable are simple ways to understand our five part covenant with each other. Since forming, we've led two Sunday services, hosted an intensive Difficult Conversations seminar over Zoom, hosted discussions, and sat in on a few difficult conversations within the congregation. We have also addressed concerns and issues brought to us by staff and members.

So...what if something is really a problem? After we developed and approved the behavioral covenant, the Safety Team created a process to help deal with what we called Unproductive Conflict. We are now thinking of this as Destructive Behavior, which is when someone's behavior threatens the safety and wellbeing of other members or the congregation.

The current policy tries to cover a lot of different situations and begins by asking folks to work it out together, then seek help, asking church leadership and/or the Team to mediate or intervene. From there, the Team is empowered by the board to ask for changes, seek outside help, limit a person's access, and even bar a person from church participation in the most extreme cases. It's located on page 52 of the Policy Handbook.

We're in the process of reviewing the policy because we've learned a lot in the last few years. Our church community is a sacred space. We want all who enter to feel welcomed and safe. If you have concerns or suggestions about the Behavioral Covenant or about the policy, please feel free to contact Carolyn Moon at [cjmoon@mac.com](mailto:cjmoon@mac.com), or the other members of the Team: Claire Hedden, Pamela Morgan, Reverend Rebecca.

Submitted by Carolyn Moon

## Yoo-hoo from the Nominating Committee!

The Nominating Committee, Ann Crumpler, Claire Hedden, and Jack Pace, are curious about you! Our task is to get to know you and your strengths that could be applied to a future position in our church community. From the pool of congregation members, we recruit members to be elected candidates for the Board of Directors, Trustees, and Nominating Committee.

### **What does a Trustee member do?**

Through following our Trust Bylaws, the three Trustees ensure UUBN's financial stability by managing our long term financial assets. They serve 3 year terms and submit quarterly reports.

### **What does a Board member do?**

Our Board addresses topics related to our policies, our planning, and our budget. They meet monthly and serve 3 year terms. There are nine Directors on the Board and four hold one year term officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All are welcome to attend the Board Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm either on zoom or in person at church.

All of these roles are defined in our Policies and Procedures Handbook available here. As an autonomous UU congregation, we get to define our priorities, care for each other, and our

church. We may be reaching out to you soon, and encourage you to have questions or interest in becoming a candidate by email at [REDACTED]

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Anne Crumpler, Claire Hedden, Jack Pace

## Do you like to chat with college students?

Again this year we are participating in Festival ISU, a campus event where we can introduce ourselves, our mission and our activities to ISU students. We'll have a table on the Quad on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., [REDACTED] u ca [REDACTED] all or part of that time, please contact Kathy Packard, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], or leave a message in the church office at [office@uubn.org](mailto:office@uubn.org). Submitted by the Membership Team

## Youth Choirs



The UUBN choirs consist of the Fairly Frequent singers (Junior and Senior High age) and the Emerson Street Singer (4 years old to 5th grade). The first youth choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 4. Choir rehearsals for youth are weekly through the school year, excluding holidays. Rehearsals are usually between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., depending on the schedules of the children.

The youth choirs add greatly to the enrichment of the Sunday services and help to develop music skills in the singers. We look forward to meeting you and your children on August 21 at the Open House!

[REDACTED] n [REDACTED] contact Robert Mangialardi

Submitted by Robert Mangialardi

## Adult Choir Begins August 25th!

Do you love music and singing? The UUBN adult choir is a welcoming community of enthusiastic singers that is always looking for new faces to join us!

Whether you're a lifelong choral singer or are just dipping your toes in the musical pool for the first time - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Adult choir will meet Sunday mornings before service starting August 25th from 8:45 - 9:45am in the Walker Room. Childcare will be provided every Sunday!

For more information, please contact Charlie Berggren at [REDACTED]

Submitted by Charlie Berggren, Music Director

## You're Invited to Exploring Membership

## Wednesday, August 28 and September 11 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Have you been thinking about church membership? Do you want to know more about becoming a member, our faith and our church? You're invited to join us for our two session Exploring Membership class from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, August 28 and September 11, in the Irvin Room.

We'll go into depth about the history of UUism, our theology, how we conduct our church business, our community events, and the advantages of becoming a member. Each session covers something different, so we encourage you to attend both classes, but if you can only attend one, we can provide material from the other class for you to review.

Although we'll meet in person, you can also attend virtually on Zoom; contact the church office manager at [office@uubn.org](mailto:office@uubn.org) or [REDACTED] if this is your preference.

If you decide to become a member, you'll have the opportunity to sign the membership book at our September 15 Sunday service. Then we'll celebrate with cake afterward!

Registration is not required but requested. Please contact the church office or Kathy Packard, Membership Team leader, at [kjpbooks@frontier.com](mailto:kjpbooks@frontier.com).

Submitted by the Membership Team

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Ecology Action Center is conducting their annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, September 28. Advance registration is required by September 19. You can find out more information at [HHWmclean.org](http://HHWmclean.org). If you can't go and/or have just a few items, I will be happy to take them for you. Contact me, Nancy Armstrong, at 309-826-2703 so we can talk about what you have and how to get it to me.

Submitted by Nancy Armstrong, Green Sanctuary Committee

## Vendors wanted for Music in the Garden

September 7th, 4:00-8:00 pm

We are hosting an evening of live music in the backyard of the church on September 7th and would love to have as many vendors as we can fit on the South end of the yard. Church members have priority acceptance.

Application form: [https://forms.gle/\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](https://forms.gle/_____)  
Or email or text Rain Johnson at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

We need your help getting this set up, communicated, and taken down. Click the button to sign up!

[Click Here to Volunteer to Help!](#)



## This Month's Community Plate Recipient

### Lifelong Access

The offering this month goes to Lifelong Access (formerly Marcfirst), which provides specialized programs that serve children and adults with developmental disabilities, including autism. Their programs include pediatric therapy, community-integrated living arrangements, and employment support. The goal is to help people become more independent in their daily life; this involves training in adaptive living skills and promotion of economic self-sufficiency.

To donate to Lifelong Access, make out your check to Lifelong Access and deliver to UUBN. Donations can also be made via the Breeze Online Giving website by clicking the button below or from your smartphone when you [download the app](#). Our subdomain is uubn.

Lifelong Access - Learn More!

Donate Here

## STEWARDSHIP

Pledges from our members and friends support the ministries of the church. If you haven't made your pledge for 2024, here is the link: <https://uubn.org/wp/make-pledge/>

If you need to adjust your pledge, email Nancy Armstrong at [REDACTED] or contact the office by phone or at [office@uubn.org](mailto:office@uubn.org).

**Communications are confidential.**

# Ongoing Group

# Gatherings

## Covenant Groups:

Lay-led small groups that meet once a month to deepen and expand the ministry of the congregation through spiritual and emotional connection. Email [Terina](#) to join a small group.

## Monday Lunch Bunch:

Want to start your week with good company and lively, informal conversation? Join us in the Fell Room with or without your lunch. No reservations required. All topics are welcome. We light the chalice at 11:45 AM and release the flame at 1:00 PM. Coffee and tea provided. Hosted by the Membership Team.

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Richard Seehuus.

Monthly Board Meetings are in Irvin  
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Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to  
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Link.

Contact the board at  
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## Trustees

Jack Pace, Paul Packard, and Brad Boesdorfer

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Religious Exploration (RE)  
Social Justice  
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Nancy Armstrong  
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Joan Banks  
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Claudia Kaufman, Rev. Rebecca Gant  
Rev. Rebecca Gant

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