



From the Board of Trustees

-Submitted by Christine Ashworth, Board President

"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea." - Antoine de Sainte-Exupery

This beautiful verse set the tone for our annual Board of Trustees retreat in mid-July. Your amazing, committed board set aside a weekend in their busy lives to dive deeply into the work of our faith community. Thank you for your dedicated service. Our annual retreat provides an opportunity to learn from the lessons of the past and listen to the whispers of the future.

The past year, we researched trends in the UU faith and religion in general. We explored the wisdom of thought leaders around many diverse topics. We have meticulously reviewed your thoughtful responses to our surveys - Thank you so much for taking the time to be part of the conversation!

With our feet firmly planted in the foundation of Policy Governance, we have begun to explore the possibilities of the future. We really exercised this visioning muscle at our retreat. Together with our most capable, caring Executive Team, we developed the initial framework to build a multi-year plan guiding our faith community into the future. Thank you Tom and Hal for sharing your time and insights. Thank you to Gaylan Nielson as he deftly guided the process of peeling away the layers of what is superfluous to get to the real work of leadership.

This coming church year will be a reflection of our retreat theme of Connect to the past; Open to the future. First Unitarian church will be celebrating a remarkable 125 years of good works. We will welcome new faces to our staff: DRE Julie Miller and Consulting Minister Rev. Matthew Cockrum. They will most assuredly offer us new and exciting possibilities of who we may become in the next 125 years. Welcome them with open hearts and minds. Your board looks forward to celebrating, learning and growing with you in what is unfolding to be an amazing church year!

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

**AUGUST 16, 2015
10 AM**

Summer Forum
"Sense of Place"
-David Kranes

**AUGUST 23, 2015
10 AM**

Summer Forum
"The Fight for Our
Children's Right to Breathe"
-Ingrid Griffiee

**AUGUST 30, 2015
ONE SERVICE @10 AM**

The Return of
Rev. Tom & David Owens!

"Shift"

-Rev. Tom Goldsmith

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2015
ONE SERVICE @10 AM**

**"Capitalism's Moral
Struggle"**

-Rev. Tom Goldsmith

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Religious Education Changes

Religious Education begins Sunday, September 13th with Julie Miller directing pre-school through 6th grade, and Matthew Cockrum grades 7-12. In response to Focus Groups which met last winter, Religious Education will maximize its programming by meeting during the 11:00 a.m. service only. Basic childcare will be provided during the 9:00 a.m. service. We are hopeful that effective programming will grow our religious education population, and that soon we will be able to provide a critical mass of children at both 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services

Refugee Relocation Committee

-Submitted by Joe DuBray, RRC

For many generations before 1492, Indigenous people on this continent had a way of living designed to generate life, not just human life but the life of all living things. Fish, bison and other animals were killed selectively, to ensure their continued availability, and maximum use was made of all animal parts for food, clothing, shelter and tools. Seeds were cultivated to grow food where and so as to not destroy or exhaust the soil or fresh water. And trees were planted and control burning used to manage and facilitate positive tree growth for fruit, shelter and fuel. Some call it "continuous rebirth" or "regeneration" as a way of living. Try it, "rebirth" or "regenerate" your gently used sofas, tables, chairs, lamps, dishes, wall art and toys. The Refugee Relocation Committee picks up donations. Contact Coordinator Joe DuBray, 801-930-9640, dubrayfj@gmail.com or irc@slcuu.org. Help the new life of a Refugee family in SLC.



A Celebration of Life for
Justin Kreek
will be held at
First Unitarian Church on
September 12, 2015
at 11:00 am

August/September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Summer Forum 10:00 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Summer Forum 10:00 a.m.	24 Torch Submissions Due 10 am	25	26 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	27	28	29
30 Rev. Tom Goldsmith and David Owens are back for services! Sunday Service One Service only at 10:00 am	31	Sept. 1	2 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6 Sunday Service One Service only at 10:00 am	7 Labor Day Church offices closed	8 Torch Submissions Due 10 am	9 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	10	11	12

Church Campout

-Submitted by Bill Reed



We all had a great Church Campout Weekend!!! I didn't get pictures of everyone. But by my count we had 43 Unitarians, including families and friends. We had two churches: First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City and Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists of Logan. The kids had a wonderful time performing plays every night and of course there was a good time singing around the campfire. Wolf Creek Campground is in the Uinta & Wasatch-Cache National Forest at an elevation of 9,400 feet in stands of aspen and fir trees. An amphitheater sits above Site 1 and has a cement stage, wood benches and a campfire circle. The 3.5-mile Trail Hollow Trail begins in the campground and offered great hiking and mountain biking into the West Fork of the Duchesne, and offering unparalleled views of the surrounding Wasatch Range. Colorful summer wildflowers fill the mountain meadows on the summit and wildlife was abundant in the area.

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Anti-Racism Committee - Upcoming Events & Opportunities

-Submitted by Joan M. Gregory, Catie Parnell, Victoria Sethunya, and Rev. Harold Straughn, Anti-Racism Committee

The Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) is pleased to invite you to several upcoming fall events:

- On **Saturday, Aug 22, 2015**, join ARC at the African Cultural Celebration at the International Peace Gardens, 1000 South 900 West, Salt Lake City at 6:00PM.
- On **Thursday, Sept 17, 2015** at 7:00PM, ARC will host an opening friend-raiser featuring Lee Shuster's Band. This will be an opportunity to dance and have fun listening to great music, to learn more about what our Anti-Racism Committee is all about, to sign-up to receive notification of ARC events, educational, and action opportunities, and to make some new friends.
- Finally, we are excited to invite you to our fall teach-in: **White Privilege—What Exactly does that Mean?**, on **Thursdays, Oct 1st, 8th, and 15th** at 6:30PM. This series of 3 presentations/discussions will help participants gain a deeper understanding of terms like *White Privilege*, illuminate the ways in which racism manifests itself in contemporary culture, and help participants learn how to fight racism in their everyday lives.

Remember to stop by our table at the Activities Fair on September 20th and watch for us at a table in Eliot Hall after services throughout the year.