

Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



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Sunday's Service

Sunday, January 31, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Poetry and Piano

Rev. Sara LaWall & Mike Lemieux

Nancy Harms, Celebrant

New Happenings!

Newcomers Meet and Greet

Attention newcomers! Please join members Rick & Becky Groff for an informal no-host coffee and conversation on **Sunday, January 31st** following the 9:30 service at Moxie Java on Chinden. This is meant to be a fun and easy way to get to know other newcomers and make some connections.

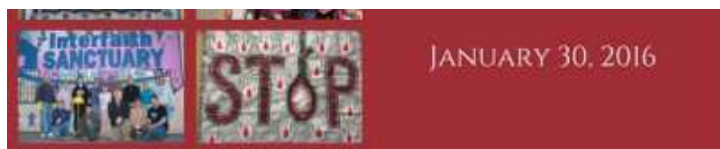
Social Justice Summit Saturday, January 30th.

Learn all about how to do social justice work at BUUF! Meet our Plate Partners and learn what good work they've done with your donations!

Saturday, January 30th, join Reverend Sara and the Social Justice Council as we learn of inspiring new ways to "walk the talk" of our

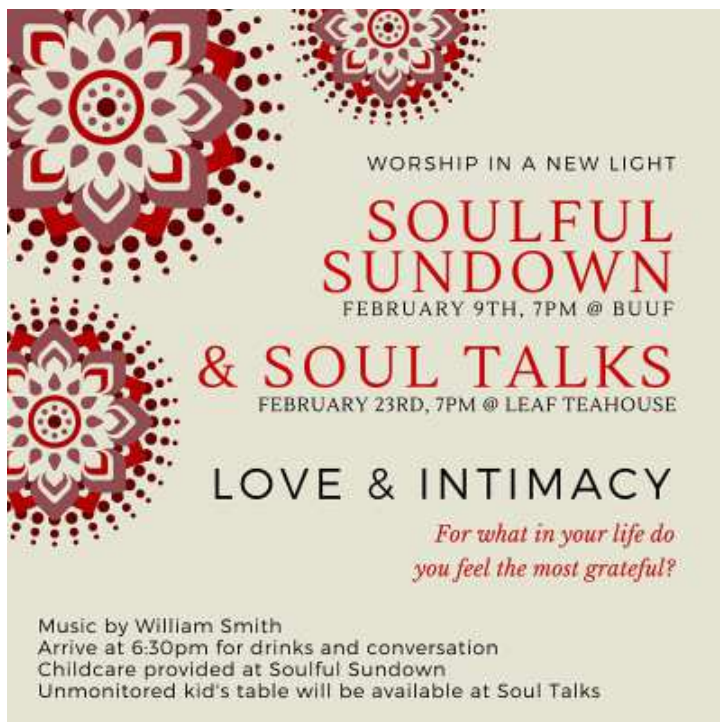


social justice missions. In the morning we will participate in an interactive, family-friendly workshop on finding ways large and small to bring progressive change to our community. Then, we'll share lunch with our Plate Partners, past and present, and learn what they are doing in the community and how we can strengthen our partnerships with them. We'll also formally introduce our new Social Justice/Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Ragan Olson. The event starts at 10; we'll have lunch at 12, and then participate in "speed-dating" with our Plate Partners until 2. Please come and participate joyfully in this Social Justice Summit. "Friends, let us pray, but not too long. Most of all, let us act."



Worship in a New Light, an Intimate Service

"Join us as we worship in a new light! This will be a space where we "speak of the deepest things we know right away", grounding our spiritual practice in connection and community. Semi-monthly services will alternate between intimate worship on second Tuesdays & reflective discussions on fourth Tuesdays. Here we learn to slow down & explore how spirituality might embody itself in our lives. Our first service begins 7pm February 9th at BUUF. For more information contact Emily, in-person or at erickson.emily4@gmail.com"



Changes are Afoot

We are making the Thursday weekly online announcements just that, weekly announcements. The goal is to use this format to share short blurbs about all that is happening at BUUF and relevant community/justice events. We want to keep these announcements short and sweet --just the facts.

The longer articles, columns, and descriptive pieces will be bundled together in a monthly online newsletter. This will include the Minister's column, the letter from our president etc. To be able to begin this transition we are holding back longer pieces from this week's "newsletter" (now called weekly bulletin) to help create the February Newsletter which will hit inboxes on Feb. 15.

Coming Up

"BUUF Beach Bash"

DINNER and AUCTION - February 6, 6 pm

APPETIZERS & BUFFET DINNER

Live & Silent Auctions

BUUF Beach Bash is almost here!!!

Kawabunga, dude! You don't have to wait 'til summer to put on your flip flops and Hawaiian shirts. BUUF's Beach Bash will help chase away those winter blues --- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6. Get your tickets now for this fun event, which includes appetizers, dinner, music, silent and live auctions. Dancing courtesy of DJ Julian Jenkins will immediately follow the auction.



We are still looking for donations. If you can donate an item or service, use our [donation form](#) or contact Claudia Fernsworth.

Volunteers will be needed to help with tasks such as set-up, decorations, ticket-taking, and clean-up. We have volunteer openings on Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6. Do you have beach balls? Flip-flops? Sun hats? Beach towels? Children's toy pails? contact nancy@boiseuu.org.



This is the major fundraising event for the fellowship.

Tickets are on sale after each Sunday Service in South Vestibule, from members of the auction committee, or from the BUUF office. Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

Here is a preview of featured auction items:

Garden Valley Mountain Retreat
 Beer Tasting/Appetizers with Jim and Mary Ruckh
 Catered Lunch for Four
 Art of the Month
 Harriet's Famous Chocolate Cake
 Gourmet Mexican Dinner for Six
 French Neighborhood Progressive Dinner for Six
 Chocolat Bar Sweetheart Chocolate Basket
 From Reverend Sara - Choose a sermon topic
 Brewer for a Day with Edge Brewing
 Japanese Dinner for Four - Patty Nakaoki
 Silver Leaf pendant from Precious Metal Arts
 Northern Italian Dinner for Four - Susan Scott and Dario Bollacasa
 The Return of the Barbarian Feast - Beware!
 Overnight Stay at Downtown Marriott
 Medley of jams and marmalade
 Watercolor by Debra Reyburn
 Three pen and ink drawings by Martin Wilke

Tickets can also be purchased at the event.

This year the recipient of the auction Special Appeal will be the installation service and reception for Reverend Sara LaWall. If you are unable to make it to the auction and want to contribute, please contact Gwyn Reid.

Check at the auction table on Sunday regarding volunteer opportunities or contact Becky Groff.

Quilt at Auction

This year's quilt by the Q-UU-ilters is a lap-sized quilt entitled Zen (50x70"). View the quilt and buy raffle tickets between services and after the second service on any Sunday in January. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing is at the auction on February 6 and you do not need to be present to win. You can also buy tickets by contacting Harriet Shaklee, 371-3634 or hshaklee@cablone.net.





Where the Magic Happens

When the Magic Happens (AKA: Save the Dates)

Saturday, March 12:

Please join us in celebrating the Magic of Community and Generosity the evening of **Saturday, March 12** for a potluck and entertainment as we officially kick-off our Annual Giving Drive. Do you have a favorite magical character or entity? Whether it's a wizard from Godric's Hollow, a sorcerer with mouse ears, or something in between, costumes are encouraged to add the joyous magic of this evening.

The Weekend of April 9-10:

What a magical weekend this will be in the history of our fellowship!

On Saturday, April 9 at 4 p.m. we will witness and celebrate the installation of Reverend Sara LaWall.

The magic will continue Sunday morning with our annual Celebration Sunday service followed by lunch on our magical grounds to celebrate the generosity of our BUUF community and the culmination of our Annual Giving Drive.

A Call to your Inner Artist

Judy Holcombe

There is an artist within each of us! Here is an opportunity to let the artist out: whether visual art, poetry, music, dance, or whatever your means of artistic expression. Wherever you are in the artistic spectrum, from professional to secret doodler, all are welcome. The theme of our Annual Giving Drive is, "Where the Magic Happens" which will be used as inspiration. We will gather art by March 15th, 2016, for exhibit or presentation throughout the month of April 2016. Let Miriam Woito or Judy Holcombe know if you have a project in mind, so that we can schedule presentation time and space. You will be sharing your own magic for the joy of us all.

Sunday, February 14 Creative Play Day

On Sunday February 14th 1-3 PM, the stewardship committee would like to invite congregants to come to an intergenerational creative play day. Childcare for the very young will be provided. **"Where the Magic Happens!"** is the theme for this year's Annual Giving Drive.

Magic happens when we create together. From 1-3 we invite you to have fun and make your ideas become reality - **MAGIC**. All supplies and help will be provided. You can work on individual projects or on one of several group projects. Bring a lunch and stay after the second service or drop in between 1 and 3. We will be in the North Wing with lots of magic making stuff!! If you have questions please contact: Miriam Woito or Judy Holcombe.

Social Justice January Plate Partner

Boise /Mészkő Annual Scholarship Fund

Gwyn Reid

JANUARY'S PLATE RECIPIENT IS THE BOISE/MÉSZKŐ ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has had a partnership with the Unitarian congregation in

Mécskő, Transylvania since 1993. The partner church committees of both congregations work to sustain our global partnership, promoting international awareness, human rights, and a better world. Over the years, our congregation has participated in a number of initiatives to help better the lives of our partners. Many of these initiatives have been supported through the Social Justice plate partners program. Since 2012, the Partner Church Plate Partner has been the Boise-Mécskő Scholarship Fund.

Education is one long-term strategy to break out of the cycle of poverty, but going to college means paying tuition and expenses of approximately \$850 per year. This is beyond the reach of many families in Mécskő. One Mécskő scholar who has benefited from the scholarship is Emőke Novák, who in 2014 became the first person from our partner church to graduate from college. Emőke is now working in a call center using her skills in Hungarian, Romanian, English, and Spanish. She is planning on completing her masters in business administration in International Hospitality and Tourism. The Boise Partner Church Committee is committed to continuing to subsidize expenses for qualifying students of the Mécskő congregation.



The partner church committee would also like to thank Melissa (Sasi) Chambers for creating the beautiful plate partner tapestry that honors our partner church relationship. The tapestry will hang in the south vestibule throughout the month of January.

Social Justice Happenings

YARN Needed

Do you have full or partial skeins of yarn that you could donate to the Prison Ministry? Inmates use donated yarn to make shawls, booties, hats, scarves and afghans that in turn support other ministries such as the St. Vincent DePaul Re-entry Program, Booth Family Care Center and other ministries that assist the incarcerated and their families. Please place the yarn in the boxes provided in each vestibule.

Join UUA Common Read

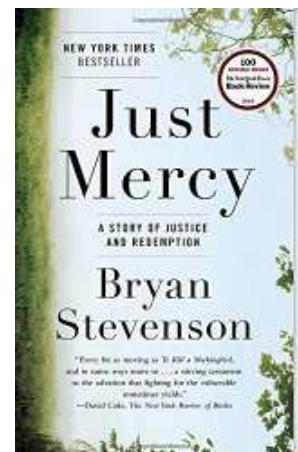
Have you been reading the UUA Common Read, *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson? We hope you have been loving it as much as we have. Join us for some facilitated discussion of the book on the following dates (signup sheets are on the Hospitality Table in the Sanctuary):

Tuesday, February 2, 6:00 pm at BUUF Hosted by Debra Smith

Wednesday, February 17, 6:00 pm at BUUF Hosted by Rev. Sara

Friday, February 26, at 6:00 pm hosted by Debra Smith at her home.

Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 pm at BUUF hosted by Rev. Sara



If you haven't started reading yet, pick up your copy today and join one of the later discussions. *Just Mercy* is a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice--from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time. Books are available at the book nook this Sunday, at the UUA bookstore, and all your regular retailers--also available as an e-book. ([Link](#))

Refugee Ministry Team

The newly forming Refugee Ministry Team will be having its first meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Join us as we envision how we might support and advocate for refugees and our community partners working on this issue. If you cannot attend but would like to be included on our email list, please email Rev. Sara at minister@oiseuu.org

Social Justice in our Community

The 2016 legislative season convenes, our progressive, religious voice will be needed more than ever on a variety of issues. Below are several opportunities to make that voice heard and engage in witness and advocacy across justice issues connected with our Unitarian Universalist values.

Interrupting Islamophobia

Tonight, January 28th , 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Ahavath Beth Israel Synagogue.

All are welcome as we continue our journey of building white allyship in Idaho and building accountable relationships across racial lines. Hear a panel of local Muslim speakers to share their story and experience with prejudice and discrimination, as well as how non-Muslim allies can show up in support. The evening will close with space to organize further strategies for how Muslim and non-Muslim communities will stand together in Idaho. Please join us as we move forward in countering and interrupting the negative Islamophobic narrative in our community. Sponsored by the Anti-Racists in Idaho.

Support our community partners with two important Lobby Days. We'd love to get a BUUF team together for each event. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Olson at volunteer@boiseuu.org

Planned Parenthood Lobby Day Monday, February 15th 8:00am - 3:00pm at the Capitol

Lobby Day is our biggest (and most exciting) event of the year, and we can't wait to see you there. There is *no experience necessary, training and food provided*. **The fight continues on February 15 - Lobby Day. Join us at the Capitol from 8:00am to 3:00pm to lobby your legislators on reproductive health! (Coffee, breakfast, and lunch provided.)**

You can pick between two Lobby Day trainings--both at the Capitol--whichever one fits your schedule best!

*Option #1: Monday, February 8th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm (dinner provided!)

*Option #2: Saturday, February 13th, 9:30am to 11:30am (breakfast and coffee provided!)

For more information, please contact Mistie Tolman, Field Organizer, mistie.tolman@ppvnh.org

Add the Words Lobby Day Monday, February 29th 8am - 5pm

Come to the Idaho Statehouse and lobby to add the words "sexual orientation and gender identity" to the existing Idaho Human Rights Act.

To be considered a citizen lobbyist for ATW on this date, please follow the link in the ticket info area on this Facebook Event <https://www.facebook.com/events/216352195367011/> Fill out the form and email it to addthewords@gmail.com with the subject line "Lobby Day Application"! Training for the Lobby Day will be

held on February 28, 2016. Travel Scholarships will be considered!

News From Religious Exploration

Social Justice Summit this Saturday for the Whole Family

Saturday's gathering, sponsored by our Social Justice Council, will be an interactive, family-friendly workshop on finding ways large and small to bring progressive change to our community. Age-appropriate exploration of the causes that mean the most to each of us! Engaging activities for all ages! "Friends, let us pray, but not too long. Most of all, let us act."

Spiritual Growth and Learning

Join Our Contemplative Practice Group

Contemplative practice (commonly called centering prayer). Outwardly, centering prayer looks similar to mindful meditation, but varies in that it provides a word, phrase, or short reading for contemplation during a period of restful silence. The health benefits of centering prayer are similar to other forms of meditation. If you would like to learn more about centering prayer and/or participate in a weekly group, meet in the Balazs (senior high) room on Tuesday mornings, at 9 - 9:30 a.m. Led by Jay Wechselberger.



Mindful Meditation

If meditation is more your style, join the mindful meditation group that meets Mondays, 6:30 p.m. in the Fahs Room, north wing. Led by Mike Philley and Rick Groff.

Travel Bugs go to Japan

Experience Japan and a different way to travel, presented by Miriam Woito.

Patty Nakaoki

Miriam went to Japan as a study abroad student for 10 weeks. She has a slide show to give you a taste of Japan. Then she will facilitate a discussion about home base extended stay travel. Have you ever wanted to "live" someplace else for a while? It is not as hard or expensive as you would think. Come share your experiences and the wonders of Japan. If you would like a more in-depth look at Miriam's trip check out her blog which was written for her students and has lots of pictures. M.I.A.M is at miriamwoito.blogspot.com. We will meet on Friday, January 29th, at 7 pm in the Channing Room. All are welcome. Contact Patty Nakaoki for questions, 208-409-0807.

Partner Church Update

By Gwyn Reid

Since 1993, BUUF has partnered with the Unitarian congregation in M észkő, Transylvania. The Partner Church committee coordinates activities that help to sustain this relationship. Please note some upcoming events planned by the Partner Church Committee.

Travel Bugs - February 19 ---

The five BUUF members who traveled to Transylvania in July will share slides and insights from their travels to our partner village and a tour of Unitarian heritage sites.

"Food for Thought" --- A Series of three classes honoring our Unitarian Partners in Transylvania

Thursday, March 31 (7 pm)--- Unitarian History in Transylvania

April 7 (7 pm) ---- Our Partnership --- Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

April 23 (10 am through lunch) ----- The Transylvanian Kitchen (\$15)

More details will be provided in future newsletter articles.

Fellowship Connections

Rev. Sara's Community Office Hours

1st & 3rd Wednesdays #BUUFbreak

Rev. Sara will hold open office hours out in the community at different coffee houses and other fun gathering spots around town. These meet-ups are meant to be informal and open to drop-ins, a time for beverages and banter with a spiritual bent. Treat yourself to coffee, tea and a snack and enjoy the company of your minister and other BUUFers. Anyone is welcome, this is a great opportunity to introduce a friend or local activist you know to our church. Locations & times vary, check the weekly announcements and Facebook for the latest updates. For those unable to participate, you can join the fun and conversation virtually by posting a comment or photo in the Facebook comment thread and using #BUUFbreak!



February 3rd 9 - 11 a.m. at Coffee Studio

8205 Rifleman ([See Map](#))

A message from the Congregational Care Team

The Passages Book

The BUUF Passages Book sits in the front of the sanctuary, to the right of the chancel. Our Passages Book contains a record of important transitions in the lives of our congregational members. Entries through the years have chronicled births, anniversaries, graduations and deaths. Making an entry in the Passages Book is entirely voluntary and requires no special permission. Its purpose is to serve as a testament to the significant milestones of our community.

Please, if you would like to add something to the Passages Book, feel fully empowered to do so, at any time!

Scrapbooking Opportunity

- History Keepers needs experienced and inexperienced scrapbookers to bring to completion a scrapbook record of Dana Worsnop's two years with BUUF. This is a short term commitment. People who would like to be a part of History Keepers would be welcomed, but scrapbookers would be treated as independent consultants, given full credit for their work on the title page.

Janelle , 891-6236, Morgaine, 473-0777, and Frank, 631-0953.

Plan Now For BUUF's Campout

Save the date - BUUF Camping 2016

We want you to get the jump on planning for next summer and BUUF camping. If you want to join the fun save Friday evening August 5 to Sunday morning August 7, 2016 for BUUF camping at Ponderosa State Park in McCall. While you are at it, go ahead and let Julia Pope (julia.t.pope@gmail.com) or Mary Stell (mstellmstell@gmail.com) know that you want to reserve a spot. Contact one of us for more details.

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Classics Book Club

The Honorable BUUF Classics Club hereby solicits participation in its hearty literary discussions. Said gatherings shall commence at 7:00 on the following dates:

Feb 24 *Tristram Shandy* at the abode of Marcia Lyons

April 27 *Nana* at Lorel Case's cottage

Speaketh with Lorel Case (376-3188) for additional particulars.

The Other Book Club

Come join us for lively discussion on books and other topics. We meet on the second Sunday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

January 31, 2016 we will be reading the **Invention of Wings** by Sue Monk Kidd. We will meet at the home of Carol Wilke,

5186 E. Trail Wind Dr. Boise, ID 83716, 761-1769

No meeting Scheduled for February .

March 13th we will be reading *Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. We will meet at BUUF in the Channing Room. This is a nonfiction selection. Consider what are our responsibilities to our families, communities as ageing Unitarians'.

We will select a few more books at our January meeting. Bring your ideas.

If you would like to receive our emails contact me at erins4960@msn.com

Financial Corner

Dare to Dream Update

The Dare to Dream Capital Campaign began in 2015 as a four year campaign to pay off the mortgage so we could free up money in the operating budget for ministry, mission, and programs (the reason we exist as an entity). Dare to Dream was met with great success and continues to gather pledges from those who want to add to the legacy of BUUF. Because of our congregation's desire to participate in the campaign and the generosity of all who have pledged, we are well on our way to paying off the mortgage and Douglas Fund loan, and may end up with some extra capital funds which could help in the maintenance, repair, and visioning of our current and future buildings. Thus far:

- We have collected and paid approximately \$93,600 towards the mortgage debt
- The total amount pledged is close to \$201,000
- The current mortgage balance is (Feb 1): \$145,080
- If everyone continues to pay their pledges we project the mortgage could be paid off in early 2018 and repayment to BUUF's Douglas Fund as soon as possible after that date.

We are still collecting pledges and pledge contributions because this date could be moved up even sooner thus freeing the money spent on mortgage payments, maintenance, and repairs currently coming out of the operating budget.

You can make a pledge via the [pledge form on our website](#).

Or send a check to the office with Dare to Dream in the memo line,
6200 N Garrett St.
Garden City, ID 83714

Future Sundays

What's Coming Up

Sunday, February 7, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. And How Are the Children?

Rev. Sara LaWall

Debra Smith, Celebrant

BUUF Choir, Music

Sunday, February 14, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. Love, How Many Kinds?

Elton Hall

Corey Porch, Celebrant

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District & Regional Connections

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, March 5, 2016 Hosted by University Unitarian Church, Seattle, WA

Visit the District Assembly Website [District Assembly website](#). Registration for the one-day event is now open, and as additional [business meeting materials](#) are made available, we will post them. Details about delegate certification will be distributed to congregation presidents later this week.

The Rev. Jon Luopa, University Unitarian Church's Senior Minister, will deliver the morning keynote on the theme, "**Where Do We Come From, What Are We, Where Are We Going?**" This timely topic will provide the basis for discussions surrounding the district's evolving role in the Pacific Western Region and the changes that regionalization brings.

Affinity groups will gather during lunch, which is provided; and registrants will choose from five [workshops](#) being presented in the afternoon.

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