

Celebration of Life

January 22, 2012



Earth Centered Traditions

- Rev. Alexander Riegel

We are a supportive community of religious seekers who draw our wisdom and inspiration from the world's many religions. Together, we find within this diversity value, meaning, strength, and purpose.

We continually strive to be ever more understanding, inclusive, and compassionate in this shared journey of life.

UUCF Mission Statement - *Developed by the congregation 2005*

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Many paths ♥ One heart

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Interfaith Litany

Litany Leader: Mindful of our own history and the prophetic call to shape the future, we draw our wisdom and inspiration from the world's many religions:

Judaism,

Congregation: *which reminds us of the ground of our being - the great "I Am";*

Christianity,

which reminds us to love one another even as we have been loved;

Islam,

which reminds us to remember God in all we do;

Humanism,

which reminds us to celebrate being for its own sake;

Earth Centered Traditions,

which remind us to stay rooted in the source.

Hinduism,

which reminds us that we are part of the greater reality;

Buddhism,

which reminds us to practice compassion;

and Taoism,

which reminds us to live life in harmony.

(Please come forward to share whatever joys or sorrows of a personal nature you wish to share with us this morning.)

We light this candle for the unspoken joys and sorrows among us.

Welcome “I Will Walk with You”
a recorded selection by Pat Wicktor *(see pg 6 for lyrics)*

Hymn #73 Chant For the Seasons

Reading / Meditation

Moment of Silence *(Please use this time for meditation, prayer or reflection)*

Musical Interlude Spiraling into the Center by Lorna Kohler
Chant lead by Steve Curtin (see pg 6 for words)

Sermon Earth Centered Traditions

Hymn Give Me That Old Time Religion,
lyrics re-written by Pete Seeger (see lyrics on pg 7)

Closing Words

Extinguish the Flame

Postlude The Mummers' Dance from *Country Pageant*
by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



Thank You to All of Today's Helpers
Usher/Greeter: Mary Hurd & Barry Brown
Service Leader: Susan Lightner
Sound: Mike & Melissa Morris

Welcome visitors and guests!

To learn more about this church, look for Gloria after service,
at the Visitor Table, during coffee hour in Adams Hall.

Please join us for a free beverage downstairs after the service. Stop by
at our Visitors Table and pick up a cup, then go get your coffee, tea,
juice, hot chocolate....As you are leaving, just put the cup
near the large sink in the kitchen.

"I Will Walk with You" by Pat Wicktor

I am owner of no light, and I cannot be your guide
My eyes cannot see through the unknown I will sure
and steady stride through the darkness at your side
I will see to it you do not go alone

I will take upon my shoulders your worries and your
woes I will walk with you down your darkest road On
your passage into shadows, you will not go alone I
will walk with you down your darkest road

When the briar and the thorn on your path are
overgrown And the dark heart of the wood is still
ahead I will swing the woodsman's blade, for to
clear the brambled shade And make passage for your
tired feet to tread

When at last your weary head takes the earth for its
bed I'll watch over your sleep until dawn But now
hearken to the trees, you can hear the night-birds
sing Sing a song for wandering souls far from home

Spiraling Into the Center

Spiraling into the center,
The center of the wheel

Spiraling into the center,
The center of the wheel

We are the weavers
We are the woven ones
We are the dreamers
We are the dream

"Give Me That Old Time Religion"

words re-written by Pete Seeger

Give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion
It's good enough for me.

We will pray with Aphrodite,
We will pray with Aphrodite,
She wears that see-through nightie,
And it's good enough for me.

We will pray with Zarathustra,
We'll pray just like we use ta,
I'm a Zarathustra booster,
And it's good enough for me.

We will pray with those Egyptians,
Build pyramids to put our crypts in,
Cover subways with inscriptions,
And it's good enough for me.

We will pray with those old druids,
They drink fermented fluids,
Waltzing naked though the woo-ids,
And it's good enough for me.

I'll arise at early morning,
When my Lady gives me warning,
That the solar age is dawning,
And it's good enough for me.

Give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion
It's good enough for me.

TODAY

Magnet Deadline is today! January 22nd (the 4th Sunday of the month).

Children's Choir – Rehearsals have begun!

Diana Munch & Terie Spencer are still looking for interested young singers who would like to join the UUCF Children's Choir. We meet right after Sunday school in the meeting house. Children can just come join us right after they leave class. We will be rehearsing music from different religious traditions to sing for Sunday services once a month.

COMING UP

The Rainbow Quilters will meet in Adams Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 7:00pm. Join us if you do any type of crafting, or if you like to just come and chat. Questions: ask Helen Head at (248)624-2947 or jhhead@yahoo.com, or Libby Berger at (248)476-1863 or chalice914@aol.com.

The Lifelong Learning Committee is very pleased to announce that the construction at UUCF (Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington) is nearly complete, and we are eager to schedule our Spring 2012 Forum classes, Sunday Discussions, and Friday Night Movies. The dates for the Spring 2012 Forum are: 3/15/2012, 3/22/2012, 3/29/2012, 4/5/2012, 4/12/2012, and 4/19/2012

The times of the sessions are 7:30pm – 9:00pm, with refreshments at 7:00pm. The more detailed schedule of the above-listed events is in process, and the specific presentations and dates for the discussions and movies will be listed in a couple of weeks. Please contact Tatiana at tnatsik@gmail.com for questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

The Children's RE Program Service Project

The Children's RE Committee is planning a family service project on **January 29th**, from 1:00-3:00. We will be making tied fleece blankets for the children at the Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford. Please contact me for more information, to make a donation, or to sign up to participate.

Teachers needed for Children's RE Classes

We still need a few more volunteers to teach Sunday classes, and have opportunities available for people with all interests and abilities. You can sign up for those weeks that fit your schedule and we will contact you ahead of time with a reminder and information about the lesson for that week. Please go to the link below to view the dates and grade levels where we need volunteers:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4CAEA92CA75-reclasses/2602582

Register Children Now for Religious Education

Please complete and return the Registration Forms available on the UUCF website (www.uufarmington.org), or see me or any of the classroom teachers for registration forms for each of your children.

Thank you!

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FROM PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Altar Arrangements Cathy Kibby and Marianne Boschma have agreed to take on responsibility for Sunday Morning Altar Arrangements. Thank you ladies! As always, if members would like to bring in arrangements for a special occasion or memorial, please sign up ahead of time on the sign-up sheet in Adams Hall, and talk to Cathy or Marianne if you have questions.

Ushers and Greeters Would you like to be involved in a very easy Sunday morning project? Ushers and greeters are needed and anyone can sign up to help. You can help one Sunday or maybe you'll decide it's fun and sign up on a regular basis. Sign up sheets are in Adams Hall. Dorothy Richards and Julia Petro will be glad to give you any information you would need--it really is nice to greet all the smiling folks on Sunday mornings!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Need to speak with Alex? Alex keeps office hours Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to schedule time to talk with Alex, please arrange an appointment during these times, if at all possible. If you are not available during these times, e-mail Alex and he will do his best to set up an alternative appointment with you. (However, please note that Alex's day off is Monday, and Tuesday and Friday evenings he is not available.) You may set up an appointment with Alex by emailing him (preferable) at alexriegel@post.harvard.edu, or calling him at 248-730-3995.

Want to be on the email blast and email Magnet lists? If you are not yet on the email blast and Magnet by email lists please contact Cheryl in the office and request to be added. 248-478-7272 or info@uufarmington.org

Everything you wanted to know about the things that go on in the church. The approved Congregational Meeting, Executive Board Minutes and the Program Council minutes are posted in the volunteer office.

If you are scheduling an event in the church for your committee or group please make sure you email or call Cheryl in the office with your date *prior* to publicizing your event. Quite often events are added to the calendar in the office and are not immediately updated on the web. Double checking can avoid conflicts and re-scheduling.

Magnet Deadline – Magnet articles are *always* due by the **4th Sunday** of the month! The deadline for the **TODAY, February Magnet** is **January 22nd**. Please submit your articles to: magnet@uufarmington.org or put a copy in the Magnet mail slot in the volunteer office.

Announcements

Please make sure you have your announcements to Cheryl by the end of the day on Wednesday if you plan to have it in the next Sunday Order of Service. Also, please keep announcements brief by including only the Who, What, Where & When for your event. You can refer readers to look for more details in the Magnet or offer a contact name & phone number.

Audio/Video Sermons

Many of Alex's sermons are made available on the UUCF website at www.uufarmington.org. Go to 'About UUCF', then 'Sermons' and then select either 'audio' or 'video'. For audio sermons, you can listen directly via the page, or you can download an MP3 file. For video sermons, the links will take you to 'ustream.tv', where you'll be able to view a streaming video of the sermon. So, feel free to listen, watch, download and share them with your friends and family!

Church Calendar

You can view several months of the church calendar by going to our website at www.uufarmington.org. Click the 'calendar' link in the left sidebar menu.



Please remember that food and drink (other than water) are not allowed in our Meeting House.



Please respect this sacred space and turn off, or place your cell phone in vibrate-only mode.



The tapestries displayed in our Meeting House are an artistic rendering of the church's mission statement. Each tapestry displays a symbol of one of the world's primary religious traditions along with a short phrase that encapsulates that tradition. In order of the above images, they are: Humanism, Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Earth Centered, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Taoism.