



THE UUS NEWS

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY THAT TOUCHES
HEARTS, CHANGES LIVES, AND TRANSFORMS THE WORLD.

November
2019

Sunday Services

A social hour follows the 10 am service.

November 2019's Spiritual Theme is Attention

November 3rd: "What Did You Notice?" Rev. Diane Dowgiert

In a world full of distractions, how do we decide where to place our focus? To notice is to pay attention. It's a spiritual practice to be mindful, that is, to be consciously aware of our thoughts, feelings, actions, and our surroundings. This Sunday service directly follows the congregation's Mission/Vision workshop held on Saturday, November 2nd. Rev. Diane will use the practice of attention to share what she noticed about you and your process of discerning your mission and vision.

November 10th: "Personality and Presence," Rev. Lois Cole

Gurdjeff and other spiritual teachers have often asserted that our normal state of consciousness is a kind of "sleep." How can cultivating awareness and waking up to our personalities make us more present and effective in our lives, church, and community? UUS Community Minister Lois Cole will speak from her experience of hospital chaplaincy, the Enneagram, and our UU Sources.

November 17th: "Knee Deep in Abundance,"

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

They say that what we pay attention to is what grows. The question then is: Do we focus on scarcity or abundance? Our consumer-oriented culture tells us there is always more to be had—a message that can engender feelings of scarcity. In this season of gratitude, we celebrate the abundant gifts of life. Here at the Unitarian Universalist Society, we celebrate the abundant gifts of religious community with a Commitment Sunday. Come, let us celebrate the pledges of commitment sustaining this place that is precious to so many.

November 24th: "Gratitude: What's In It For Me?" Dan Gall

The Thanksgiving season always challenges us to feel thankful for what we have. But the power of gratitude extends beyond merely listing the things we are grateful for. How can the act of feeling and expressing our gratitude help us grow and interact with each other? UUS member and Worship Associate Dan Gall will lead this service about how intentional gratitude can improve our lives.

December 1st: "Awakening to Awe," Susan Salterberg

What gives you a sense of awe? This Sunday we will hear poetry that reflects experiences of, and that celebrates, awe. This seems especially important during the midst of the holiday season, when it is so easy to get distracted and stressed. The service will feature readings from several members and friends of our congregation, as well as from guests of diverse cultural backgrounds.

November's Social Justice Offerings Benefit the Free Dental Clinic

Our generosity helps community members who are without dental insurance. Volunteer dentists, dental students, dental hygienists, and dental hygiene students provided services to 252 patients during 527 visits in the last year; 59 of these were children. Provided care includes cleanings, cavity fillings, tooth extractions, x-rays, and cleaning.

Cash or check donations can be given on Sundays, [online through Realm](#), or mailed to the office. (Write checks to UUS, with FDC on the memo line.) You can also text "GivetoUUSIC Offering \$--" to 73256.

November Birthdays

Dean Abel	Cecile Owings
Kris Canfield	Emma Peterschmidt
Jeanette Carter	Paul Pomrehn
Dixie Cassady	Christina Randall
Ernie Cox	Jonathan Raley
Ava Su Gan-Wei	Alyssa Selmer
Gail Garwood	William Shaw
Joel Gilbertson-White	Margaret Street
Peyton Headings	Carlos Tellez
Kathy Hotsenpiller	Rebekah Tokuhisa
Kenn Hubel	Hudson Turner
Clare Lanaghan	George Verhage
Judy Leavitt	Tova Vitiello
Kim McWane Friese	Jack Waters
Jane Miller	Kirk Witzberger
Ruth Muir	

If you would like your birthday listed in the newsletter (or removed), contact dcl@uusic.org.

Sunday Attendance

September 29th:	145 total: 117 service, 28 RE
October 6th:	149 total: 117 service, 32 RE
October 13th:	168 total: 133 service, 35 RE
October 20th:	188 total: 154 service, 34 RE
October 27th:	145 total (Day of Remembrance)

Congregational News and Events



From the Interim Minister's Study

The theme for November is *attention*. Autumn is a season that almost demands attention. With blazing leaves of color, chilly temperatures, brisk winds with hints of winter, and the holiday season just around the corner, November invites us to pay attention, to notice, to be mindful.

These days it's easy to be distracted, to be scattered, to lose focus. There's just so much drawing our attention. Politics. Sports. Television. Social Media. Weather. Climate Change. Work. School. Family. Friends. Finances. Exercise. Nutrition. Health. In this age of information overload it can be hard to know what to pay attention to and easy to drift into mindlessly moving through our days.

Paying attention is a spiritual practice: choosing where to put our focus. In her poem titled *Gratitude*, the late poet Mary Oliver poses a series of questions about noticing. She asks: "What did you notice? What did you hear? When did you admire? What would you like to see again? What was most tender? What was most wonderful? What did you think was happening?"

I find these questions helpful, especially as we begin the headlong tumble into the winter holidays. The flurry of activity around this time of year can leave me feeling distracted from what's most important about the holiday season: togetherness, gratitude, and hope. Slowing down enough to ask Mary Oliver's questions brings me more fully present in the moment. Sometimes I am truly astonished at what I notice. In the noticing, gratitude arises spontaneously. So does hope.

In congregational life, there are many tasks calling for attention. Maintaining the building and grounds. Staffing all the teams and committees with volunteers. Budgets to be created. Funds to be raised. Orders of service to be printed and folded. Newsletters and publicity to be produced. A website to be maintained. Newcomers to be greeted and welcomed. Social events to be planned. Religious Education classes to be taught. Choirs and ensembles to be rehearsed. Social justice actions to be organized. Gathering to worship and sing together. All these tasks are necessary to keep the lights on and the doors open. With so much to be done, it can be easy to become mindless, to lose focus on why we do it all in the first place.

This is a time of transition here at the Unitarian Universalist Society, a time of noticing, a time for the congregation to ask questions like "Who are we? Where have we been? Where are we going? What is the purpose of our existence?" It's a time for noticing all the wonderful people who make the Society what it is.

November begins with an opportunity to get together and ask these important questions. Please plan to attend the [Mission/Vision Workshop](#) led by Kirk Witzberger on Saturday, November 2nd, from 10 am to 3 pm. It's a time to pay attention together to what is most important to you as a congregation.

Yours in the interim, Rev. Diane

Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) Report Cottage Meetings, Focus Groups Abuzz

The pace really picked up in October for your Ministerial Search Committee. We conducted numerous cottage meetings and focus group meetings but there still is time to have your voice heard. Focus group sessions are continuing to be scheduled, and there is one more cottage meeting on Sunday, November 3rd. We will gather notes from all of those meetings and report the findings along with the survey findings in a report to the congregation in early December. Data from these meetings will also help us in preparing our Congregational Record and other materials to be made available to new minister prospects in December. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this historic process, including the 207 members who completed the Congregational Survey. We appreciate your candor and enthusiasm as we work together to find the best fit for a new settled minister.

UUS Mission & Vision Workshop, November 2nd

Who are we? Where are we going? The answers to these questions are important to us and to ministers we want to attract to UUS. We'll generate our mission and vision on the weekend of November 1st through 3rd, largely at a congregational workshop on Saturday, November 2nd, from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided (registration is required: bit.ly/UUSMissionVisionRegistration).

Stewardship Team: Let's Celebrate Our Future!

Please mark your calendars for our **Commitment Celebration and Feast on Sunday, November 17th**, where we will celebrate the combined financial commitments of our congregation. Together we will create a piece of art work based on a quilt made by Diana Miller and your heartfelt comments. Celebrations will begin with the Sunday service and continue with a potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

Plan to bring a dish to share and your own tableware (please consider bringing vegan or gluten-free fare, and label your dishes accordingly). Watch for further details in the Wednesday emails and Sunday bulletins. (Please submit your pledges to the office or in Realm by Thursday, November 14th, in order to be included in our celebrated total!)

Vegetarian Community Food Drive in November

The UUS Vegetarian Community is sponsoring a "Thanksgiving of Compassion" food drive to benefit the Coralville Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the designated container located near the front entrance any time between November 3rd and 24th. Here are suggested items: Nut butters (peanut, almond, sunflower), canned fruit and 100% juice, canned vegetables, beans (canned and dried), rice, and pasta. Also needed are baby diapers, formula, and food, laundry detergent, and bathroom tissue. (No items in glass containers, please.) If providing a financial donation, please place a check to UUS (Coralville Food Pantry in the memo line) in the Sunday offertory basket or leave it with the UUS office staff.

Covenant Group Council Report

In October, covenant groups discussed what it means to be a “people of belonging.” “Belonging” is at the core of every group, of course, especially religious congregations. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks writes that it is important for faith communities to “strengthen the bonds of belonging that redeem us from our solitude, helping us to construct together a gracious and generous social order.” Does UUS do this, or enough of it, and is it part of the way you “belong” to the Society? What role does “belonging” play in your life, in UUS, and elsewhere?

This month we’re paying attention to “Attention.” It may seem easy to pay attention to something, but it’s really not. Attention is a complex process with profound implications. According to Mary Oliver, “Attention is the beginning of devotion.” Truly attending to something or someone calls on commitment, identification, and perhaps eventually love. Do you think that takes “paying attention” too far? In preparation for their meetings, group members will be asked to practice focusing their attention on different aspects of their lives to see if it gives them fresh perspectives or feelings. Perhaps you’ll want to try this yourselves.

The covenant group program offers its members the opportunity to express their views and deepen their understanding of a wide range of issues while creating closer ties with other UUs. You can learn more about the program and how to join a group by contacting Jan Locher (354-6260, locherj@mchsi.com).

UUS Instrumental House Ensemble Rehearsals Begin, November 7th

The first rehearsal for the UUS Instrumental House Ensemble will take place on Thursday, November 7th. Rehearsals will run each Thursday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall as we prepare to play for holiday services. The music is seasonal and from various classical categories. It falls into the intermediate difficulty level, and individuals have the option to select the part they will play. If you are interested but not “sure,” or have questions, give Gloria a call at UUS or send an email (music@uusic.org). If you have NOT previously played in the Ensemble, please send a note to Gloria to make sure the music is on hand for your respective instrument (e.g., brass, woodwind, string, keyboard). We have such a good time making music and welcome all instrumentalists!

ThanksVegan Dinner, Thursday, November 28th

The UU Vegetarian Community (UUVVC) will host a vegan plantluck on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th, at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Participants are not required to be vegan at the plantlucks, but they are asked to ‘eat vegan’ when attending. Please bring a favorite vegan Thanksgiving dish (no animal flesh, dairy or eggs) for 8 to 10 servings. If possible, please bring hot food in a crockpot or similar appliance.

If transportation is a challenge, it’s likely one of the UUVVC participants lives nearby and will be happy to bring you to the plantluck. Contact Carol Throckmorton at vegcommunity@uusic.org or 337-3030 if you plan to come or if you have questions.

Social Justice Team News

Social Justice Agencies for 2020-2022 Ballot Now Live

Ballots for selecting the social justice agencies to receive our Sunday offerings for the next three years are now available online (bit.ly/2020SJAgencyBallot). Hard copies can also be filled out on Sundays or requested from the office. All adult UUS members and friends are encouraged to vote for up to 12 agencies. Ballots with more than 12 votes will be discarded. Please only vote once. The voting period will end December 1st.

Knitting Group Resuming

Interested in being part of a knitting group? We’ll be making hats to send down to the Angry Tias to distribute to refugees in Brownsville, TX, as well as prayer shawls and premie hats for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. We’ll be trying to make this a monthly get-together. Contact Colleen Higgins at colleeniris9@gmail.com for time and place. (If you’re interested in sewing hats for the Angry Tias, you can also contact Colleen—she has a pattern for making felt hats.)

Support the CROP Walk by Eating at Vue, November 12th

On Tuesday, November 12th, the VUE Rooftop Restaurant will be sponsoring the Johnson County CROP Hunger Walk from 5 to 8 pm. 10% of food proceeds will be donated to CROP. The VUE is on the top floor of the Garden Hilton Hotel at 328 S. Clinton Street in Iowa City.

Upcoming Trips to the Border in December and January

The [Tías from the Prairie](#) are planning two trips to assist Brownsville, Texas aide workers this winter season. The first trip leaves the first part of December, and the second in the first part of January. Both trips include a two-day drive down and back, and about six days of work supporting the Angry Tías in Mexico. Participants will be collecting needed items for all ages include new knit hats, underwear, and socks. Small pads of paper, travel-sized toiletries, and soap would also be appreciated.

UU Free Lunch Report

On a very chilly Friday, October 11th, 32 dedicated UUS volunteers served 101 meals at the Free Lunch Program. The popular main dish, Cheesy Ham Casserole, was paid for and prepared by the Nighthawks (the second Thursday UUS Covenant Group). A heart-felt thank you to the Nighthawks! In addition to our main dish, our well-rounded meal included vegetarian lasagna (thank you, Caryl Lyons), cooked vegetables, fresh green salad, fresh fruit salad, delicious desserts, ice cream, and assorted beverages, all donated and prepared by generous and hard-working UUS volunteers. After lunch, a Free Lunch Program guest enthusiastically told us “Thank you for an amazing meal!”

At this month’s Free Lunch, we learned that the Free Lunch Program Board cited our UUS Free Lunch Team as a model for excellent organization and great meals! To learn more about the many ways you can participate in our Free Lunch Program, please email Carmen Griggs at csgriggsiowa@gmail.com.

Upcoming UUS Events

Find more information on all UUS events online (uusic.org/upcoming-events) or by contacting the office.

Saturday, November 2nd

- **Congregational Mission & Vision Workshop:** 10 am in the Fellowship Hall (see page 2 for details)

- **CUUPs Samhain Ritual:** 6:30 pm at UUS

It is said that Samhain is the time when the veil between the living and the dead is thinnest, when our Beloved and Mighty Dead are most easily heard. Join the Owl Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPs) as we journey to the edge of the veil. We will gather at 6:30 pm in the Atrium, and the ritual will begin promptly at 7. This ritual is suitable for adults and mature teens (there will be periods of sitting in silence and moving quietly from one place to another). Participants are encouraged to bring items for the ancestors altar and a treat to share post-ritual.

Sunday, November 3rd

- **Inquirer Session:** 11:15 am in the Maple Room (UU 101: A brief introduction to UU values and history)
- **Search Committee Cottage Meetings:** 11:30 am in the Conference, Hickory, and Oak Rooms

Monday, November 4th

- **Kiirtan:** 6 pm at the Sycamore Rooms (2412 Towncrest Dr.)
- **Buddhist Sangha:** 7 pm at Oaknoll

Tuesday, November 5th

- **Green Sanctuary Team:** 5:30 pm in the Conference Room

Wednesday, November 6th

- **UU Community Meal:** 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (Chili. RSVP at bit.ly/CommunityMeal)

Thursday, November 7th

- **UUS House Ensemble Rehearsal:** 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal:** 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, November 8th

- **UU Free Lunch Program:** 11 am at 1105 Gilbert Ct.

Sunday, November 10th

- **Inquirer Session:** 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall (Short Q&A at the “?” table, then come to “Engaging Our Theological Diversity”)
- **Racial Justice Circle:** 11:15 am in the Oak Room
- **Engaging Our Theological Diversity:** 11:30 am in the Sanctuary

Monday, November 11th

- **Buddhist Sangha:** 7 pm at Oaknoll
- **UU Book Discussion Group:** 7:30 pm at Oaknoll, George St. Building, 4th floor Meeting Room A or B (*The Testaments*, by Margaret Atwood)

Tuesday, November 12th

- **Social Justice Team:** 7 pm in the Conference Room

Wednesday, November 13th

- **UUS Board of Trustees:** 6:30 pm in the Conference Room

Thursday, November 14th

- **UUS House Ensemble Rehearsal:** 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal:** 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, November 15th

- **Kevin Burt Blues Concert:** 7 pm in the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall (This Social Justice Team-sponsored event costs \$20, with proceeds going toward youth scholarships for the [TeamCAN Civil Rights Tour](#) in June 2020.)

Sunday, November 17th

- **Stewardship Commitment Celebration & Feast:** 11 am in the Fellowship Hall (see page 2 for details)
- **Inquirer Session:** 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall (Engage with Nurturing Mind & Spirit Opportunities at the “?” table)
- **Dances of Universal Peace:** 3 pm in the RE Commons

Monday, November 18th

- **Buddhist Sangha:** 7 pm at Oaknoll

Tuesday, November 19th

- **Secular Humanists:** 7 pm in the Common Room at Old Brick (Brad McDowell will give the talk on Doubt originally planned for October.)

Wednesday, November 20th

- **UU News Submission Deadline:** 12 pm to the UUS office
- **UU Grief Group:** 12:30 pm in the Conference Room

Thursday, November 21st

- **UU Scrabble Group:** 1:30 pm in the Walnut Room
- **UUS House Ensemble Rehearsal:** 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal:** 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, November 22nd

- **Friday Family Night:** 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **CUUPs Encounters:** 6:30 pm at Marsha Cheyney's home

Saturday, November 23rd

- **Vegetarian Community “Plantluck”:** 5 pm at Prairie Hill Common House (140 Prairie Hill Lane, Iowa City)

Sunday, November 24th

- **Inquirer Session:** 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall (Q&A at the “?” table)
- **Realm Training:** 11:10 am in the Conference Room
- **Meet Your Community Minister, Rev. Lois Cole:** 11:30 am in the Hickory and Oak Rooms

Monday, November 25th

- **Buddhist Sangha:** 7 pm at Oaknoll

Thursday, November 28th

- **ThanksVegan Dinner:** 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Guatemala Service Trip, June 2020

An inter-generational service-learning trip to Guatemala is planned for June of 2020. The trip will include tree planting with the Chico Mendes Reforestation Project, volunteering with the Centro Mayan Projects, and touring a restored ancient Mayan city. We will be collecting adult and children's shoes in good condition to be distributed to families in Guatemala. For more information, contact Deb Schoelerman (dschoelerman@gmail.com) or Sally Hartman (sallyhartman@hotmail.com).

Unitarian Universalist Society
Board of Trustees
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – October 11, 2019

Board meeting minutes are available on the website or can be requested from the UUS administrator.

- Present:** Amy Fretz (President), Joe Rasmussen (Vice-President), Jane DeWitt (Past-President), Chris Rode (Treasurer), Allison Bettine (Secretary), John Raley (Finance Trustee), Michael Honey-Arcement (Trustee), Paul Pomrehn (Trustee), Colleen Higgins (Trustee), and Rev. Diane Dowgiert (Ex-officio)
- Absent:** None
- Guests:** David Martin (Ministerial Search Committee Co-Chair), Jerry Wetlaufer (Ministerial Search Committee Member), Kirk Witzberger (Mission & Vision Facilitator), and Emma Barnum (Congregational Administrator)

Board President Fretz called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Colleen provided opening words followed by the chalice lighting and a brief check-in by Board members.

Consent Agenda & Announcements: Consent agenda and other items are uploaded to Dropbox for Board review prior to the meeting. *Consent Agenda items: Staff Report, Treasurer's Report and Financials.*

The Board received the Consent Agenda and approved the Minister's Monthly Report; Treasurer's Report and Financials.

Mission and Vision Update: Witzberger shared with the Board the planned format and intended outcomes of the eagerly anticipated Mission & Vision Workshop which will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. After the workshop, the Mission and Vision Team will compile the result and sentiments to be presented to the congregation. The final version of the new Mission & Vision Statements will be voted on at the next Congregational Meeting in December 2019.

Search Committee Update: Martin and Wetlaufer, from the Ministerial Search Committee, facilitated a focus group session for members of the Board. The Board shared with the committee members what attributes, experience, and expertise they are hoping for in a new settled minister.

Policy Updates and Proposals: Proposed changes to the current personnel policy were presented by Rasmussen and Barnum and a 1st read occurred. Fretz presented and facilitated a 1st read of the proposed changes to the Society Bylaws, which included the adoption of the Membership Committee's proposal.

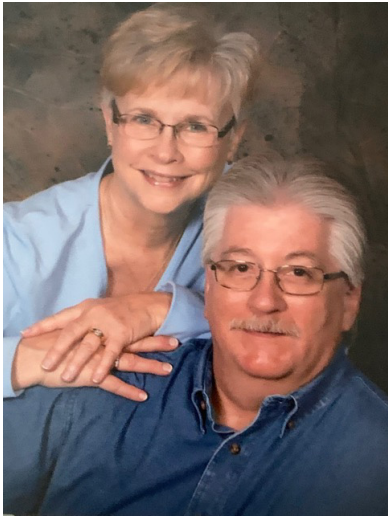
Board Meeting Schedules Amended: Due to scheduling conflicts, the Board has decided to change the regular meeting times of both the regular Board Meeting and the Executive Committee Meeting. The monthly Board Meeting will now take place on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and the monthly Executive Committee Meeting will now be held on the 1st Thursday of the month from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Closing: Rode read the closing words, DeWitt gave process observer comments, the Board entered an executive session, and Fretz adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM. **The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, November 13th, 2019, starting at 6:30 PM in the UUS Conference Room.**

—Submitted by Allison Bettine, Secretary

Welcome to Our New UUS Members

Who Joined Our Congregation on Sunday, November 3rd, 2019



Joyce Bernardy and Tom Larkin

Joyce has lived in Iowa for most of her life. She moved to Coralville when she worked for Amana Refrigeration in Amana. While raising her two young children, she trained as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She later returned to school and got her degree from The University of Iowa. She took a job with Goodwill Industries as an Employment Specialist. There she worked closely with people living with intellectual and physical disabilities, as well as with people who were homeless or recently released from prison. A born caregiver, Joyce later worked as a charge nurse in a nursing home. Since her retirement, she has been working a few hours a week for a home care service for seniors. Joyce enjoys crafts and creative activities, including tole painting and jewelry making.

Tom grew up on a farm near Ottumwa, Iowa. He moved to this area in 1975 to work at Amana Refrigeration and has lived here ever since. After working at Amana for over twenty years, he took a position working for U.S. Senator Tom Harkin as his State Labor Liaison. He did that for fourteen years and then became Harkin's Regional Director of Eastern Iowa. (And, yes, Tom DOES know that his name is very similar to Sen. Harkin's name.) For the last five years, Tom (Larkin) has worked in real estate.

Tom first came to UUS mostly out of curiosity, while trying to find someplace that fit his values. He appreciates that Unitarian Universalism is so welcoming and is hoping to find a way forward.

Joyce has a son in Missouri, a daughter in California, and three grandchildren. Her daughter and family belong to the Neighborhood UU Church in Pasadena, California—that's where she first learned about Unitarian Universalism. She appreciates the UU values and the diversity and non-judgmental atmosphere she has found here. Joyce has joined a hospitality team and a covenant group. She and Tom are both still figuring out how they want to be involved here at UUS.



Paul Kohnhorst

Paul left engineering after thirty years and recently entered a "pre-retirement" phase of life. He relocated to Iowa City from northern Illinois in June in order to enjoy the rich cultural and educational opportunities in the area. He found UUS largely by accident—attending the Buddhist Sangha first, and then coming here to Sunday services.

Not knowing anything about Unitarian Universalism, Paul started on Google and immediately recognized that the seven principles aligned exactly with his own values. He then read all that he could about UU history and current practices. Only later would he learn from Rev. Dowgiert that this made him the perfect UU!

Above all, Paul has enjoyed the warm and welcoming community of UUS. As someone who has always struggled with extreme social anxiety and bipolar disorder, he has been impressed with a congregation that believes in the worth and dignity of all persons and that is truly accepting of everyone. An ex-Christian, sort of Buddhist, non-theistic humanist who is fascinated by Hinduism, Paul has explored all six of the UU Sources.

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Our Mission: *We are a diverse spiritual community that touches hearts, changes lives, and transforms the world.*

Our Vision: *To be a loving, inclusive, and growing spiritual community. We celebrate life and a liberal tradition that leads social justice work, heals the earth, and nurtures the lifelong journey of mind and spirit.*

Our Seven Principles

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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