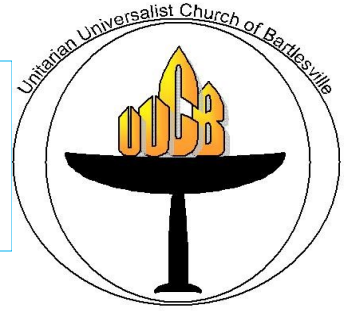




UUCB News



December, 2017

MISSION STATEMENT

of the
**UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF
BARTLESVILLE**

*The Unitarian
Universalist
Church of
Bartlesville
seeks to create
a loving
community that
nourishes the
spirit and mind;
whose members
joyfully work to
build a just and
sustainable
world.*

June 2012

Congregational Meeting Jan. 7

New Budget, New Board, Family Promise

The annual Congregational meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bartlesville will take place right after service on January 7th, 2018. As usual, the items to be discussed and decided upon are the annual budget for the coming year and the new Board for 2018. However, this year one more topic will be discussed: the use of the house at 424 for Family Promise.

Family Promise is an organization made up on a consortium of area churches to help families in crisis. The organization would like to utilize the house at 424 S Seneca to temporarily house such a family a few times a year. They would only be staying a few days and would only be using the house for a place to stay overnight. They would be chaperoned by a member of one of the churches. Dinner would also need to be provided to the family. Again, members of the group of churches involved would provide the food. UUCB would be asked to provide volunteers to the effort, but would not be called upon to do it all alone.

The reason the Board feels this proposal should be put before UUCB members to decide is that members had previously decided 424 would be used as a parsonage for a new minister, and until such time as we got one, it would be used as a rental property to earn money for the church (as is the case right now with the annex). We had some insurance issues to work out, but now the property is ready to rent. So the question is whether to begin using 424 to earn money for the church (its original purpose)...or use the property to serve the greater mission of Unitarian Universalism of helping our fellow human beings.

Please try to attend the meeting January 7th, hear the details of the proposal, give your input, and help decide what is best for your church.

December Sermons

December 3: Arlese Bradley

December 10: Mark Davies

December 17: Steve Hine

December 24: Christmas Eve: Songs, Stories of favorite memorable Christmas events, poems, etc.

December 31: Jason Elmore

January 7: TBD, Congregational Meeting



or

New Board Members Needed for 2018

There will be at least two openings on the UUCB Board for the coming year. The time commitment is minimal: monthly meetings of roughly an hour and the occasional volunteer hours at an event. If you have the time and the desire to help your church, please consider serving. No experience necessary; in fact, we would love to see some new faces with new ideas join the group. If you are interested, talk to a current Board member.

Weekly Contemplative Service Returns

Evening meditation is back at UUCB. The guided one hour sessions will take place every Tuesday at 6:30pm. The sessions will include readings and lots of time for contemplation and relaxed reflection.

UUCB Holiday Party

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 15 at 6:30pm for the UUCB Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa/Winter Solstice party. Please bring a dish and/or beverage as well as an inexpensive (\$5-\$10) gift to share with your fellow UUs. Bring your non-UU friends as well. The more, merrier. You only get to go a wassailing once a year, make the most of it!

Church Decorating December 2nd

Come by the church 10am Saturday morning, December 2nd, to help get the UUCB in the Christmas spirit by decorating it with all the usual pagan symbols of holly and mistletoe. Lunch will be served. Decorations will be provided, but if you want to bring something you think would look good in the building, then feel free to add it in. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work", so pitch in and spend a couple of hours getting your church into the holiday spirit.



December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Decorate Church 10am Bartlesville Christmas Parade
3 Service 11am Discussion 9:45am "Messiah" 2pm BCC	4	5 Meditation 6:30pm	6	7	8	9 Coffee Talk 9:30am Dewey Christmas Parade
10 Service 11am Discussion 9:45am	11	12 Meditation 6:30pm	13	14	15 UUCB Holiday Party 6:30pm BYO food and/or drink	16 Coffee Talk 9:30am "Nutcracker" 7pm
17 Service 11am Discussion 9:45am Potluck "Nutcracker" 2pm	18	19 Meditation 6:30pm	20	21 "She Loves Me" Concert Benefiting CMT 7pm BCC	22	23 Coffee Talk 9:30am Wooloroc Festival of Lights ends
24 Christmas Eve Service 11am Discussion 9:45am	25 Christmas Day	26 Meditation 6:30pm	27	28	29	30 Coffee Talk 9:30am Fantasyland of Lights ends
31 New Year's Eve						

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What do UUs believe?

What Do You Say When Someone Asks You . . .

"So What Do Unitarian Universalists Believe In . . . ?"

Sometimes new Unitarian Universalists are unsure about how to explain their new religion to friends, relatives or coworkers. Here is a response to consider:

Rather than saying, "I'm a Unitarian Universalist because I can believe anything I want . . ."

. . . it's better to say that Unitarian Universalism is a faith tradition (or religion) which encourages each individual to develop a personal faith. It draws from many different religions, in the belief that no one religion has all the answers and that most have something to teach us. From Christianity we take the teachings of Christ. From Buddhism we take the power of meditation. From Judaism we take the belief that working together we can achieve peace and justice. From Native American and other earth-centered traditions we take respect for the earth and reverence for natural cycles.

For other excellent response ideas, go to <http://www.uua.org/interconnections/membership/believe.html>.

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