

We

THE MEMBER CONGREGATIONS
of the Unitarian Universalist Association
Covenant to affirm and promote:

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



*Grateful for the religions pluralism which enriches
and enables our faith, we are inspired to deepen our
understanding and expand our vision. As free
congregations we enter into this covenant, promising
to one another our mutual trust and support.*

The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious educational and humanitarian purposes. The primary purpose of the Association is to serve the needs of its member congregations, organize new congregations, extend and strengthen Unitarian Universalist institutions and implement its principals.

*The living tradition we share draws
from many sources:
Direct experience of that transcending
mystery and wonder affirmed in all
cultures which moves us to a renewal of
the spirit and an openness to the forces
which create and uphold life;
Words and deeds of prophetic women
and men which challenge us to confront
posers and structures of evil 'with justice,
compassion and the transforming power
of love;
Wisdom from the world's religions
which inspires us in our ethical and
spiritual life;
Jewish and Christian teachings which
call us to respond to God's love by
loving our neighbors as ourselves;
Humanist teachings which counsel us to
heed the guidance of reason and the
results of science, and warn us against
idolatries of the mind and spirit,
Spiritual teachings of earth centered
traditions, which celebrate the sacred
circle of life and interest us to live in
harmony with the rhythms of nature.*

Sunday
December 20, 2009



"WINTER SOLSTICE: FINDING LIGHT IN DARK TIMES"

Rev. Dr. Christa Landon

Vision Statement

*We will be a vibrant, caring, spiritual community for all who seek an
inspirational and religious home.*

Mission Statement

*We are a fellowship of free minds, welcoming all, a beacon of enlightenment
and sanctuary, and offering a call to build a better self,
community and world.*

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**ORDER OF SERVICE
December 20, 2009**

Prelude	Tom Disselhorst – Music Director
Call to Worship	
Opening Words	Albert Camus
*Opening Hymn	#51, “Lady of Our Season’s Laughter”
Chalice Lighting	“The Shortest Day” – Susan Cooper
Welcome	
Announcements	
Candle Lighting for Personal Joys & Concerns	
Sing the Children Out	#413 “Go Now In Peace” Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you Everywhere, everywhere you may go
Readings	“The Circle”
Program	Winter Solstice: Finding Light in Dark Times – Rev. Dr. Christa Landon
Discussion	
*Closing Hymn	#235, “Deck the Halls”
Closing Words	

**Stand as you are willing and able*

About our Presenter: Dr. Landon has practiced Paganism since 1969, was ordained a high priestess in the Pagan Way tradition in 1972, and studied Neo-Thelemic Magick with Gerry Ahrens. Christa earned her doctorate in ministry at Meadville/Lombard Theological School, the Unitarian Universalist seminary affiliated with the University of Chicago. Her doctoral dissertation was entitled, SACRED COSMOS: The Implications of Ancient Pagan Traditions for Modern Liberal Theology of Nature. Dr. Landon was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1995 and is one of the co-founders and past board member of CUUPS, Inc. She has lectured on Paganism at Theosophical Societies, universities, academic conferences and cultural centers, and appears in a segment of "Beliefs and Believers," a course in comparative religions often aired on public television.

Rev Lyn Burton, our consulting minister, welcomes your ongoing conversation via cell phone 651-336-4493,
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OUR CHURCH LIFE

Today: Shutterbug Steve Crane will be on duty! Line up at his improvised studio in the back room if your picture has not yet been taken. You know who you are! The photo display of members and friends is one half complete; help us work toward 100% complete!

Today: Deadline for Newsletter Submissions.

December 24: 9:00 PM: *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

We will celebrate the Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, and Christmas with music, meditation and readings that comprise our Unitarian and Universalist traditions. Enjoy hot chocolate and cider. If you have some extra holiday treats, feel free to bring them. Children are welcome at this service although there will be no childcare

December 27 Service 11:00 AM: “Reflections on the Spirituality of Aging,”
Janis Cheney.

Thank you: To Kathy Nelson, Beth Nodland, John Morrison and Liz Anderson for providing Sunday morning treats for the past two Sundays. Thank you to Margie Enerson for providing treats today. Thank you to all who have provided treats and those who have signed up for future Sundays!

The UU *Tree of Hands*

Pat Conrad has her felt and markers and she is looking for your hands! Pat is updating our *Tree of Hands* with current members, friends and children’s hand tracings. Thank you, Pat!

The UU Mitten Tree : *Gifts of Warmth*

A reminder that our UU members and friends are invited to make or purchase children’s mittens, gloves, hats or scarves to hang on our Mitten Tree. After holiday break, the donated *gifts of warmth* will be given to a grade school in Mandan that serves a large number of low income children.

Building Use & Schedule

The schedule for use of the church building is being maintained by Tammy Hathaway, our Office Administrator. If you would like to schedule an event or activity, contact Tammy. Phone: 223-6788 or email: office@bismanuu.org

Regular Office Hours, UU Library and UU Art Gallery Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and Tuesday/Thursday: 12:30 – 3:30 PM

Welcoming Congregation

We are a Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation that seeks to be a spiritual home for people of free faith regardless of race, color, gender, affectional or sexual orientation, age, national origin, socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability.