



The Free Spirit

News From Big Sky Unitarian Universalist Fellowship - Helena, Montana

Word From The Co-Chairs

April 2011

UU Happenings This Month

April 3rd – Potluck Sunday

“Je Me Souviens” led by Magalie Belanger

April 10th Sunday

Led by Jemma Hazen

April 17th Sunday

“Happiness - Heaven on Earth?” led by Kat Imhoff

April 24th Easter Sunday

TBA

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This month the club is reading “Given Sugar, Given Salt” by Jane Hirshfield for more information contact Ruth Piccone at rpicone@mt.gov

Board of Directors

Jeff Palmer – Co-Chair

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Rebecca Hargis – Treasurer

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Membership - Joyce Kronholm

Religious Ed. Youth – Alyssa Townsend-Hudders

Social Justice – Patrick Johnson & Peg Hunter

Welcoming – Carolyn Laceky

Worship - Bill Kronholm

Music Director – Virginia Niccolucci

One of the 7 principles that UU's embrace is the idea that democracy is a positive good for our organization and for the world population as a whole. Much lip service is given by our government supporting the spread of democracy using violent means. From Vietnam to our current situation in Libya we first demonize a regime, focus on a possible civilian massacre, and then release the bombs. We have to have faith in our elected leaders; but we don't have to have blind faith.

New media including Email, Face book, Twitter and You Tube have been useful tools for spreading the idea of democracy. The enemy of tyranny is a population that can quickly and effectively communicate with itself. Official propaganda can be recognized and debunked. People can organize and gather effectively. The concern I have is what is our role in this new world?

As a faith community we are dedicated to the idea of ideas. Having no official dogma we made ourselves responsible for individual belief. We have a small fellowship, in a tiny church community, but we are technically savvy. New media is our friend. You are probably reading this article electronically. Our voices can be loud in this new world. We have the ability and the tools to do good works. We can be an effective voice for peace.

I am hopeful that our new mission is one motivated by an honest belief that the people in Libya are working together to remove a dictator and begin a new era of popular democracy. I am a supporter of the President. I am also a student of history. I am always wary when bombs are used to spread democracy.

Jeff Palmer

Big Sky Unitarian Universalist Fellowship co-chair

Celebrating Poetry Month

The bUUK cIUUb grUUp celebrates Poetry Month of April with a discussion about “Given Sugar, Given Salt”, by Jane Hirshfield. The grUUp eagerly encourages differing perspectives and new attendees, so please feel welcome to join anytime. Contact Ruth Piccone for more information at rpicone@mt.gov

Join Us Sundays 11:30 am
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