

# Dakota Unitarian Universalist Church Newsletter



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## Welcome Back!



We are a Welcoming  
Congregation

Once again, the summer has flown by and Labor Day finds us preparing for another church year. We are preparing for a busy autumn here at DUUC. Here are some highlights:

We are pleased to have three fine regular visiting **UU ministers** one of whom will speak every 3 weeks. Kelley Hughes and Bob Bledsoe are Student Minis-

ters and The Reverend David Breeden is minister at Minnesota Valley UU Fellowship. Along with this increase in ministerial presence, we will continue to have engaging guest speakers and internally led services.

We are beginning to include **Creative Arts** as a part of our mission and as part of this effort, we host the monthly board meeting for Burnsville Area Society for Visual Arts and choir will return.

We will also have an Adult Religious Education program on the **Charter for Compassion** and a Discussion Group on Karen Armstrong's book, "Twelve

*Steps to a Compassionate Life*".

Our "**Change for Change**" fund continues to grow. DUUC has made 14 micro-loans to women entrepreneurs in 7 different countries through **KIVA**. To date, we have given \$1150 and more than \$750 had been repaid. Most recently, we made a loan to a woman in Nicaragua and Tajikistan. Occasionally, we receive updates on the folks that we gave loans to. There is a portfolio of these loans at church. Feel free to check it out when you're there.

Please join us for "**Movie Night**" at DUUC where a light supper will be served (@6:30) and then a social justice type of film will be viewed (@7:00). Film titles to be announced...

## Upcoming Events:

- **MOVIE NIGHT:** 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, STARTING SEPT. 16TH AT 6:30 P.M.
- **WOMEN'S GROUP:** 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, STARTING SEPT. 28TH AT 6:30 P.M.
- **ADULT RE:** 12 STEPS TO A COMPASSIONATE LIFE: 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, STARTING OCT. 2ND AT 12:15 P.M.

## President's Message

*"May your life preach more loudly than your lips."*

In June, Chuck and I had the privilege of attending the UUA General Assembly again this year which was held in Charlotte, North Carolina. And thanks to a few dedicated and hard-working women, we were

able to participate in the Banner Parade with our NEW banner! (see picture at right) We not only made new friends but also re-connected with many old friends and were inspired by the workshops and speakers. Karen Armstrong was the Ware Lec-



turer this year and she was wonderful, as was Imam Rauf, Peter Morales, and the Standing on the Side of Love Rally (even if we did get soaked). Another inspiring event was Kelli Clement's Ordination Service in August. The music, speakers, and fellowship were all very moving. Events like these make me so proud and grateful to be a UU...  
namaste,  
Kelly McKown

## Upcoming Sunday Services

**September 11:** Our first service of the church year and the tenth anniversary of 9-11. We will revisit 9-11 and what it means today.

**September 18:** Please join us for our Annual Water/Nature Communion.

**September 25:** Bob Bledsoe, student minister, will lead the service. Topic to be announced.

**October 2:** TBA

**October 9:** Randy Schenkat, a UU from Winona, will speak on the Charter for Compassion.

**October 16:** Rev. David Breeden, "Never a Day Without a Line"

**October 23:** Bruce Peck will lead a service about education.

**October 30:** Rev. Laurie Bushbaum, "Day of the Dead" service.

**November 6:** Kelley Hughes (student minister) will lead a service about grace.

**November 13:** Tom Esch returns, "The Mysterious Potential Hiding in our Pain".

**November 20:** Nita Gilbert returns to speak on Compassion.

**November 27:** Thanksgiving Service, led by Bob Bledsoe (student minister).

The Presbyterian Church of the Apostles in Burnsville will be showing a beautiful film, **Beyond Our Differences**, which explores the similar thinking of the world religions on Sept. 22nd at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

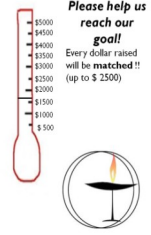
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### Minister Fund Progress



**Minister's Fund**  
Every dollar received will be matched!

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BEING A SPACE  
OF SANCTITY  
WHERE  
CREATIVITY AND  
INTELLECT BLENDS  
WITH SPIRIT;  
AND  
INDIVIDUALITY IS  
NURTURED IN  
COMMUNITY."