

# *The Searchlight*



Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, Missouri

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## **UUA Presidential Elections**

Last spring church members were asked to cast their vote indicating their preference for Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) president. Our results were 60% (three delegate votes) for Reverend Dr. Laurel Hallman, and 40% (two delegate votes) for Reverend Peter Morales.

However, Reverend Peter Morales, in a 2061 to 1481 vote, was elected UUA President at General Assembly in Salt Lake City in June. If you would like to know more about the election, please visit <http://www.uuworld.org>, choose “Blogs,” and check out the “General Assembly Blog.”

## **Reflection Survey Results**

In our Reflection Survey last spring, 60 church members and friends generally reported:

We are satisfied with the church.

We feel the church’s culture is healthy.

The number of church members is too small.

The church’s involvement in the community and social causes should increase.

We are proud to be Unitarian Universalists.

Board members will be calling those who identified themselves on the surveys. If you provided your name, but do not receive a call by September 8, please feel free to contact a Board members. Our names are listed on the back cover of the newsletter.

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## FESTIVAL OF SHARING PROJECT

For the second year our church is participating in the Festival of Sharing, an ecumenical project with participants from 30 denominations in Missouri. The goal is to provide hope and resources to people in need. Agencies from Columbia and around the world identify critical items needed by the people they serve. The faith groups provide funding and resource goods .

On Saturday, October 17, the Festival of Sharing Ingathering & celebration takes place at the State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. Faith groups from all over Missouri bring monetary and resource gifts they have gathered during the year. These are then distributed to the designated aid agencies.

There is still time for you to help by: donating items for specific kits, creating a kit, joining us to assemble kits, donating financially for kit materials or transportation costs or helping with advertising.

## VISIT THE FESTIVAL OF SHARING TABLE DISPLAY in

the Greeting Area for a lists of:  
Essential items needed for each kit,  
Information about each Aid Agency involved.

### Questions???

contact Marian Hjelmfelt, UU Festival of Sharing Coordinator

## UUCM MISSION STATEMENT

**The Mission of the Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia is:**

- Ø To keep our commitment to the seven principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association;
- Ø To act upon these principles through a caring and friendly religious community for persons of all ages and diverse religious views;
- Ø To promote spiritual growth and the quest for truth;
- Ø To build our covenant with fellow Unitarian Universalist Congregations.

**Adopted by the Congregation on May 22, 1994**

**Worship services begin at 10:30 a.m.**

**Youth religious classes and nursery care are also offered at 10:30 a.m.**

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **Sunday Services: 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

*Our church plans a lay-led service on one Sunday of each month of the regular church calendar year. Lay-ministry enriches us all and helps maintain the tradition of lay-ministry as a vibrant part of our church life. The Worship Associates are responsible for planning lay-led services in the upcoming year. If you have an idea for a Sunday service or just want to help, contact a Worship Associate or Rev. Bill Haney at the church.*

Sep 06            “To Begin Endings”

We open our new formal church year with the introduction of the youth religious education classes and our annual covenant with the RE teachers. The children will be with us for the opening of this service. We begin our journey of transition with this service. Board member Ellen Thomas is the Welcomer. Our monthly pot-luck luncheon follows the worship service. All are welcome to enjoy each other's company!

Sep 13            “From Thought to Reality”

My announcement of retirement from this pulpit was a long time in coming. The process is still underway, and each member will be in some way involved. The UU Singers will be a part of the service. Board member Mike Headrick is the Welcomer. Leslie Luchene is the Worship Associate. A Guest's orientation session about our church will occur in the minister's study following the service.

Sep 20            Rev. Mel West, founder of Festival of Sharing and Personal Energy Transportation will be our guest speaker. Marian Hjelmfelt is the layled coordinator. President-elect Gregory Brown is the Welcomer.

Sep 27            “To Repay, Repair and Forgive”

This is our annual recognition of the celebration of Yom Kippur by our Jewish friends. We have found our own way of dealing with the pain and suffering that exists in the world, and this service gives us a clue to its meaning. The UU Singers will be a part of the service. Board member Marian Hjelmfelt is the Welcomer. Qhyrrae Michaelieu is the Worship Associate. The Faith to Action collection sponsored by the UU Social Action Committee will benefit the Festival of Sharing project.

## **FORUM SCHEDULE**

The UU Forum, an adult discussion group, meets on Sundays at 9-10 a.m. in the Forum Room/Library, lower level of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Conversation and light refreshments are offered along with the discussion. The UU Forum is open to the public. If you have ideas for a presentation or would like to make a presentation at the UU Forum, contact Bill Clark, coordinator at the church office at 442-5764.

Sept. 6    Carla & Wayne Anderson, psychologists, will comment on *Outliers*, *The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell. While other writers emphasize intelligence and ambition, he focuses on generation, family, culture and class. If you were born during the Great Depression, how might that have contributed to your success? What do the Beatles and Bill Gates have in common?

Sept. 13 Bob Dolliver, psychologist, will discuss "Lessons from the Movies on Living Fully to the End." Along with showing clips he will give an overview of ten movies and discuss the embedded lessons.

Sept. 20 Wayne Anderson will explore "The Gaza Strip Dilemma" using a power-point presentation on his contacts in July with mental health workers in the Gaza Strip. Post-traumatic-stress is widespread and the issues behind the conflict continue to be unresolved.

Sept. 27 The Reverend Mel West will tell us "The Rest of the Story," a continuation of his earlier presentation on mission experiences around the world-understanding what the church does in third world countries.

## MINISTER'S MONTHLY MUSINGS

### THE PARADOX OF ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS . . .

My summer was very "busy" in the best and the worst senses of the term. In the best sense, I was able to spend time with family. Loretta and I visited Karen, my younger daughter, and Nicole, my granddaughter, in Oklahoma City, then on to Marion, Kansas to be with Loretta's cousin and my visit with my 96-year-old aunt on my mother's side in Hutchinson. Of course, I spent time in Salt Lake City for UUA meetings and it was great to re-connect with colleagues and friends, including Bennett Rushkoff, whom some of you may remember when he and Karen Whitesell were members some years back. Then I flew down to OKC and Karen picked me up at the airport (named after Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash, as my ironically minded daughter Karen reminds me) and we drove to Grapevine near Dallas to pick up Culleen, my oldest daughter. We then departed for New Mexico for a mini-family reunion on my dad's side, by way of Carlsbad Caverns. We met in Truth or Consequences, NM, and met my cousin Anna for the first time and her wonderful husband, Ivan. Also attending was cousin Carol and her husband Arlan from Altus, OK. Of course, my Aunt Gladys, 96, was there, alert with some memory problems. We had a great time! Upon my return to Columbia, Loretta left to be with her two daughters in Washington State for her annual three-week visit.

The worst sense was that cousin Alice had to stay in Phoenix since Aunt Pauline wasn't feeling well. Before I left for OKC, I was notified by Alice that Aunt Pauline was placed in hospice, and while we were together in TorC, she died at age 92. We were able to continue our time together with sadness, and I returned with Culleen and Karen, then on home. In the meantime, I learned in the last few days that while Carol and Arlan were visiting in Hutchinson (where, like me, Carol was born), Arlan collapsed with a fatal heart attack.

We enter into each day of our lives without knowing if it will be an ending or a beginning. The odds are certainly against it being the same everyday, for with one there is always the other. As we enter this new church year, we are as a beloved community joining on a journey that is an ending and a beginning – my departure as your minister next June, and the probable arrival of a new minister to serve you. As we enter these days of transition, I hope to have the opportunity to express to each of you my gratitude for the privilege and honor of serving you. I look forward to the months ahead when we will all be able to fully experience the paradox of endings and beginnings.

Peace and Love,

Bill.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

**Recently our (my) minister, Bill, announced his plans to retire next year after 20 years in the pulpit.**

*News of a minister's departure may be received with distress by many, but other feelings are inevitably present: approval of the departure's timeliness, relief at its finally taking place, even unseemly joy.*

**At our August meeting your Board of Trustees voted unanimously to proceed with the hiring of an "interim" minister.**

*Interim ministers are recognized for their ability to assist congregations in coming to terms with their past and claiming their new identity as they ready themselves for a stimulating relationship with a new settled minister. In order to guarantee their ability to speak the truth "without fear or favor," interim ministers agree not to serve beyond two years in any congregation, and not to be a candidate for the called position.*

**Therefore, hopefully we will be interviewing "interim/consulting" minister candidates next Spring.**

*In addition to carrying out the normal responsibilities of congregational ministry, including worship and pastoral care, interim ministers possess specific skills in assisting a congregation in:*

*claiming and honoring its past and engaging and honoring its griefs and conflicts;  
recognizing its unique identity and its strengths, needs, and challenges;  
clarifying the appropriate leadership roles of minister(s), church staff, and lay leaders and navigating the shifts in leadership that may accompany times of transition;  
making appropriate use of District, UUA, and other outside resources;  
proudly coming into possession of a renewed vision and strong stewardship, **prepared for new growth** and new professional leadership, ready to embrace the future with anticipation and zest.*

If you wish to read more about the "interim/consulting" ministries email me or visit our church's website where we will post in its entirety the source of the italicized text found above (i.e., "*Interim and Consulting Ministries Handbook*"). Additional relevant publications can be found on the UUA's Transitions Office website: <http://www.uua.org/transitions>.

Best wishes,  
**Kevin Fritsche**

## THE SOUND OF UU MUSIC

Are you ready for fall and the start of a new church year? Why not join UU Singers (teenagers and adults), and add your voice to the choir (all voice parts needed – all singers welcome). We will be starting up again in August with our traditional pot-luck/first rehearsal on **Wednesday, August 26**. **Pot-luck** will start at **6:00** and we will start on music for the fall afterwards. **Regular rehearsals** start the next week on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** downstairs in the Centering Room and we sing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month - September 13 and 27, October 11, etc. Ask anyone in the choir – we are a spirited group. I hope you join us. Desi

## OUR WORSHIPPING WAYS

As we start a new church year, it is time to recognize the great work the Worship Associates did over the summer in aiding those who needed assistance in conducting the lay-led services. Leslie Luchene, Rebecca Graves, Qhyrrae Michaelieu, Adele Coleman and Gregory Brown were able to assist to the extent needed for a successful summer series.

Now that the new church year is beginning, we have some new Worship Associates to add to the list. Sue Bader, Courtney VanLacy, Todd Iveson and Ken Wiley will be a great addition to the ministry of worship in the church. Their presence will enhance the quality of our worship services. Please be free to express any ideas about worship you may have to any one of them. As minister, I look forward to working closely with them during this period of transition.  
Bill.

### Potluck Season Begins September 6<sup>th</sup>

Bring your own serving plates: We have just plain maxed out our dishwashers, both the people and the built- ins! Don't worry about silverware, we can handle that.

Bring a dish to share, extra big portions are helpful in September as people forget the first date & we would like to welcome our guests & newcomers. They may not have planned to stay but just might want to when they smell the wonderful food and notice how much fun we are having.

If your last name begins with A - I please plan to stay to help with clean up.

Potluck dates & Clean-up rotation for the year.

Sept.	6th	A-I
Oct.	4th	J-R
Nov.	1st	S-Z
Dec.	6th	A-I
Jan.	3rd	J-R
Feb.	7th	S-Z
March	7th	A-M
April	4th	Easter: no potluck, YRUU Brunch (to be confirmed)
May	2nd	N-Z

*Couples with different last names : the shorter partner's last name is to be used.  
That is physical height, not length of name.*

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### Membership in this church is open to all

All who choose to walk with us in the spirit of love and in agreement with our UU principles. We have no creedal requirements for membership. If you wish to become a member, please speak to Rev. Haney or call the church office (442-5764).

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**From the Desk of  
Kathie Bergman, Church Administrator--**

Please let me know if your street address, email address or telephone number has changed so that I can arrange for the publication of the UU Church Directory as soon as possible this fall.

**WE DID NOT COME FROM THE HEAD OF ZEUS**

**By Rev. Bill Haney**

Granted we have a difficult time telling others who and what our Unitarian Universalist tradition is. Yet, there are ways in which we can get a better handle on our sources and heritage. That is through our *Discover UU* sessions. I will be offering two separate formats this fall for guests, new members and our seasoned colleagues to choose. The one will be a one-day workshop format scheduled for Saturday, 24 October, from 9 AM to 3 PM, with childcare and a lunch provided. The other format will be on four successive Thursday evenings, beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and continuing for the next three Thursdays, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 05<sup>th</sup> of November, at 7 to 9 PM, with childcare provided.

Registration forms to the two series will be available at the Guest Table, or by contacting the church office. I hope you can take advantage of these sessions and learn more about our Free Church tradition and Unitarian Universalist heritage. So remember, Saturday 24 October, or the four Thursdays, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 05<sup>th</sup> November. The choice is yours.

**New Groups Forming:**

Have you ever wished for a UU adult class held on Sunday mornings where you could meet and learn with others? Would you be willing to help us get one started? There will be a meeting of interested persons on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service in the Centering Room, lower level of the UU Church. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, contact Kathie Bergman in the church office.

**Joys and Concerns**

Welcome to our new UU members Jack Clark and Maria Oropallo! And to Larry Dorman who resumed his UU membership in August!

**Book Table announcement:**

The UU Book Table is sparkling with new titles for all ages. Please note that prices are 25% off regular price with no taxes charged. If you would like to order a book or make suggestions please do. The Book Table Team members are: Alan Arnold, Adele Coleman, Jeanie Francis, Qhyrrae Michaelieu, Sam Anand, Sam Anand and Fran Reynolds.

**Conversations, Etc.**

Conversations, Etc. will meet @ noon Wed, Sept 9 for a potluck. Call Janet Groat if you have questions.

## **Book Discussion Group**

UU Book Discussion Group will meet Friday, Sept 11 @ 5:30 pm @ Q's Restaurant 4004 Peach Ct. Bring a book you have read to discuss briefly. Call Pam Springsteel if you have questions.

## **BIBLICAL BEGINNINGS**

What relationship does the various biblical stories have with the self-identity of the cultures and religious communities in which they are imbedded? It is clear that the stories served some purpose, and that they were forged from some significant experience witnessed by a large group of people. So, which came first, the experience or a prior story adapted to the newer experience, or both? This season's series of Bible Study, co-facilitated by Stephen Blower and Rev. Haney, will explore the stories of Genesis and Exodus in the Hebrew Bible, and those in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke (with some reference to that of Mark). We will read selected portions from these texts in order to grasp a better understanding of their relationship to the communities that developed them and used them for purposes of self-identity. In this process, we begin to understand the whole history of the Jewish and Christian thought and how we might respond to and/or make use of these texts.

For the first class everyone is encouraged, to the extent possible, to think about their own family's personal "story," i.e. how their family arrived in America, obstacles their ancestors overcame, and even one's own story of how she/he or their family came to Missouri, etc. What does our family history, or story, reveal, if anything, about our family and our family's self-identity?

We will meet at 9 AM on the first and third Sunday of each month, beginning 20 September. Childcare will be provided if prior arrangements are made. The texts will be from the New Revised Standard Version with Apocrypha (NRSV).

## **UU Dinner Club**

Do you enjoy great food and stimulating conversation? Join us for the 2009 – 2010 UU Dinner Club. These are monthly dinners with an International Food theme to make it more than the usual potluck dinner! Eight persons are assigned to a host/hostess and the assignments change each month so you can get to know a diversity of UU church goers! Attend each month or as often as you are available. You will be contacted before each month's dinner. Annual dues are \$7.50 per person. Adult singles and couples are welcome. You don't have to be a member of the church to join our Dinner Club! Last year we had 44 participants. We would love to have you join us. Contact Valerie Sauers for more information.

## **Deck Removal**

The Facility Committee recommended recently that the wood deck be completely replaced. The condition and structure of the existing deck are so poor that repair is no longer an intelligent option. There are also many insurance liability issues related to the design of the current deck that would be extensive to correct. The proposal has been accepted by the Board.

The immediate step is to remove the old deck, seal the area where it attached to the building, and add safety rails across the insides of the patio doors similar to those existing at both ends of the sliders. We feel this could be done as a volunteer project by church members. Cost for this step is not known yet but should be minimal. Cost items are primarily a dumpster, flashing and lumber materials for the covering the building connection, and refreshments for the volunteers.

A future replacement of the deck would be decided by the congregation and most likely involve a capital campaign to raise specific funds. If the congregation decides not to replace the deck, then the church should begin to set aside funds to eventually replace the patio door openings with a waist high wall sections topped by windows.

A workday is planned on October 10 to tear down the old deck. It should be fun! Please let Peter Holmes know if you want to join the tear down crew. We will also need some help in organizing refreshments.

### **Help needed with the Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Project**

The Green Sanctuary Group sponsors sales of fair trade, organic coffee, tea, and chocolate each First Sunday during the church year. The proceeds are used to supply the church with fair trade, organic coffee and tea for our coffee hour, and to fund the youth Coming of Age program. We would love to have a few more people willing to help with the sales, at least a few First Sundays per year. Even better would be someone willing to take on keeping the financial records. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ellen Thomas.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GENEROSITY TEAM/STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE - SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH, FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FORUM ROOM -- A BROWN BAG LUNCH**

Current, former and prospective members of the Generosity Team/STF will gather for an organizational lunch meeting to review the results of the last member/friend canvass and plan the calendar for the upcoming academic year. Please bring a snack and join us, particularly if you aren't afraid to discuss finance, budgets and projects that need funding! Please contact Cande Iveson or Marianne Erickson for more information.

### **UPCOMING FUNdraising Events**

You probably know that our budget is balanced by the proceeds of a few fun income producing events throughout the year. There are two planned for 2009:

1. Sunday, November 22 - the annual Thanksgiving Pastry Auction -- UUs bake and/or buy great pastries, breads and cookies;
2. Either December 5-6 or 12-13 - the Bizarre Bazaar -- a community wide event where UU-made/created items are sold as donations or consignments

For more information or to plan a different event, contact Marianne Erickson.

### **UU Local Harvest Supper October 10, 2009**

*Mark your calendar!!*

Never been before? This is an annual event you won't want to miss! Imagine delicious local foods, a room full of friends, and down-home local entertainments. It's a harvest celebration for all ages. Tickets go on sale in mid September.

## **Generosity Team: Come One, Come All!**

This year's canvas efforts will be particularly important for the church. While there will be challenges, the year should also offer plenty of opportunity to expand and deepen our commitment to this beloved community.

The Generosity Team will hold an organizational meeting after church on September 13. We invite any and all to join us as we look ahead for the church year. We'll be talking about how to nurture congregational stewardship and putting together a preliminary calendar. So, there will be something for everyone, from dreamers to pragmatists!

Please join us. We welcome your ideas in this time of transition. Hope to see you there!

## **Meditation in Nature**

Gans Creek Wildlife Area Every third Sunday of the month 9.00am to 10.00 am. Building a connection between spiritual practice and environmental consciousness. Open to all people who love Nature. Contact Peter Holmes for more information

## **UCC Men's Group**

The UCC Men's Group meets on the second, fourth, and fifth Saturdays of each month at 8 o'clock a.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. The group is open to all men. There are no fees and no reservations are necessary. The agenda is an open discussion of whatever is on the minds of those in attendance – and breakfast! For more information contact Sam Anand.

## **UU Honduras Service Trip News**

The group of 25 who went to Honduras in June had a wonderful and amazing time. It was truly an enriching experience. Hopefully some of you were able to come to the August 23 summer service to hear some of what the group has to share. The group will be leading another service on November 15, and a Forum presentation is also planned. Please watch out for Honduras related news throughout the church year. Please also know that there will be another service trip to Honduras in two years - so if you are interested, you can start planning now!

## **CROP Hunger Walk**

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be on October 4 at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church downtown. A CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk is an annual event that combines fun and fundraising to raise money for hungry people throughout the world. Walkers invite friends to sponsor them with a contribution of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, or more. For more info on CROP Hunger Walks, please visit <http://cropwalk.org> or locally <http://columbiacropwalk.missouri.org>

Look out for the CROP Hunger Walk table in the greeting area throughout the month of September where you will be able to pick up the sponsor forms and get more information.

**Sustain Mizzou Garden Tour**  
**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm**

**At the St. Joseph Garden (2 blocks north of Broadway & 1 block west of College)**

The Green Sanctuary group invites you to participate in a tour of Sustain Mizzou's urban community garden. Sustain Mizzou is a nonprofit student organization that promotes environmental sustainability and education. Members believe that urban agriculture is key to our sustainability because it helps people become more connected to how and where the food is produced. The garden includes a variety of crops and an impressive composting system. It is called the St. Joseph Garden and is located 2 blocks north of Broadway and 1 block west of College Ave. For more information please contact Corinne Mann or another Green Sanctuary member.

**Our Shared Ministries**

Did you know that "shared ministry" is a spiritual practice? We are called by our covenantal promise to each other to intentionally grow a practice of shared ministry in our congregation. A program of shared ministry is not simple nor is it easy. If you are interested in getting involved in our church and serving the community then you are being called to be a part of the shared ministry! Volunteering is the way! Consider a commitment to a volunteer position in our church this fall!

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Editor of the UU Searchlight - The individual applying for this position must be familiar with computer publishing software and be able to work on deadline. Estimated time commitment is 5-6 hours per month. Contact the Church Administrator to apply.

Hospitality Service - Help out by signing up for a Sunday morning to serve the refreshments for coffee hour and loading the dishwashers when coffee hour is over. Look for the sign up sheet at the Guest Table on Sunday mornings.

Facility maintenance - Come to the Facility Workdays scheduled (usually the second Saturdays) each the month) or find out how you can help out at other times of the month. Contact Peter Holmes for more information.

Care Ministry - Would you be willing to drive someone to and from church for the worship service or for another event every once in a while? Contact Margaret Tyler to volunteer!

**In gratitude to our UU volunteers--**

Ø Thank you to June Pfefer for caring for the potted plants in the sanctuary and the foyer each week this summer!

Thanks to Lisa Boyer for her efforts to repaint several of the Youth RE classrooms!

Thanks to Joan and Jim Vest for lawn and garden care!

***UU Life Writers Fall, 2009***  
***“The Seasons of Our Lives”***

Inside ourselves is a storehouse of memories....some are happy, some are sad, some are funny (can be downright hilarious), some tragic or melancholy. No matter, they are OUR stories and are the markers of our journey on this planet. In each season of our lives these memories stand out and need to be written down. That is what Life Writers do!

The UU Life Writers Group will begin their fall sessions on Saturday, September 19. All are welcome. You don't have to be an accomplished or published writer or grammar guru. Our gatherings are for telling and writing the stories of our lives in a relaxed, comfortable setting with a compatible group of people.

Be prepared to write, so bring pen/pencil, journal or paper. Further Information: Fran Reynolds

**PLEASE SIGN UP by email or phone.**

Time: 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Dates: Saturdays

September 19

October 3 and 17

November 7 and 21

December 5

Place: UU Church, Centering Room

**WEBS (Whole Earth Based Spirituality) Meetings *Third Saturday each month at 7 PM In the church Sanctuary***

Open to all who are involved in a serious Earth-centered religious practice. Bring an open mind and a willingness to explore it.

**Sept. 19:** Living an Earth-centered life in a material world.

**Oct. 17:** A Shamanic Journey to the Shadow Self

**Nov. 21:** Exploring our chakras.

We enter Sacred Space at 7 PM, so please be on time. For more information, contact us at [uuwebs.co.mo@gmail.com](mailto:uuwebs.co.mo@gmail.com). **CHILD CARE** available with at least one week's notice.

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