

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We freely gather to explore spirituality, truth and meaning in our lives, and to provide a base for our children's spiritual growth. We welcome the free exchange of ideas in an environment of respect for diverse beliefs, backgrounds and theologies. We join together in fellowship to celebrate our uniqueness as individuals and to reach out to our community guided by the principles of Unitarian Universalism.

DEFINITELY NOT YOUR APOSTLES' CREED

(Now, tell me what Unitarians believe - while standing on one foot!)

I believe that the Holy Spirit is my higher self; that you, and all others, are my teacher, the Words of the divine; that the Bible is the whole world, including all books and the book of nature; and that there may or may not be something more, the nature of which I cannot describe, which I will allow you to call God, for lack of a better name. But the essence of my belief is a confidence in you and in myself.
- Peter Hughes

This 'I believe' statement was created by Rev. Peter Hughes and read to our congregation last year during one of his sermons. It has been described as an 'elevator creed' (in the time of an elevator ride with someone, you can explain, "What do you Unitarians believe?" It's expressed positively instead of describing the things in which we don't believe.

Several of us in our congregation have wanted to get a copy of this 'Credo', so I emailed Peter asking if he would possibly share it.

You could compare this statement of faith to Hillel's, a prominent teacher in Judaism. Hillel lived a number of decades before Jesus and was asked to summarize Jewish law while standing on one foot. In other words, *in very few words - what is the essential nature of Jewish law?* Hillel

replied, "That which is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. That is the whole Torah! The rest is commentary. Go and study it."

Maybe this creed by Rev. Hughes is a good starting point for us. Any individual in our congregation could modify or amend it and then state his/her creed. Tell us what you believe while standing on one foot.

- Carolyn Crozier

UPCOMING POD DUTIES

POD #1 Kelsye* & Paul, Carolyn & Frank
Dates: Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 6, June 3

POD #2 Chris*, Ellen & Jim, Leigh & Terisa
Dates: Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 13

POD #3 Deborah*, Margaret, Ineke, Margie, Janice & Bill
Dates: Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 20

POD #4 Anna* & Don, Louisa & Nardo, Kate
Dates: Mar. 4, Apr. 1, Apr. 29, May 27

* denotes contact person for the POD



WHO YA GONNA CALL?

President	Leigh Brownhill
Vice President	Ineke Booy
Lay Chaplain	Ellen Papenburg
Secretary	Kelsye Coulter
Treasurer	Nardo Kuitert
Sunday Services	Jim Sannes
Social Action	Terisa Turner
Communications	Louisa Kuitert

WHAT'S ON AT CHURCH IN MARCH & APRIL 2012

Church service starts at 10:00 am

- Mar. 4 WALKING WITH TOM**
Tom Brown will share experiences and pictures of his pilgrimage route in Northern Spain, the El Camino de Santiago de Compostela.
Guest Speaker: Tom Brown
- Mar. 11 TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- Mar. 18 TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- Mar. 25 "LET'S FACE THE MUSIC AND DANCE."**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Peter Hughes



- Apr. 1 HUMANS: MEANING SEEKING CREATURES**
Finding our inner navigators and then paying attention to them is a challenge we all meet in our own ways. Listen to some stories of times when Life comes into focus.
Guest Speaker: Donna McCaw
- Apr. 8 EASTER SUNDAY**
Expansion and our connection to the Stratford Fellowship.
Guest Speakers: Helen Armstrong (CUC) and Linda Thompson (UU)
- Apr. 15 NDP**
Hamilton Victoria
- Apr. 22 TO BE ANNOUNCED AND AGM**
- Apr. 29 USC**
Guest Speaker: Kate Green

Eternity's a terrible thought.
I mean, where's it all going to end?
- Tom Stoppard

Sign seen on a small shop in Waterloo. So, are they saying it's vegetarian 'cause they have no 'f' in 'fish' ?

