

The Torch

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Torch and Publication Changes

We've become aware of a communication gap for many congregants, so beginning with the August 7, 2017 issue, we will be going back to producing a mailed paper version of The Torch as well as continuing the online/email version. This version of The Torch will be published once per month - usually on the first Monday of the month, with a submission deadline a minimum of one week prior to publication. This full issue of the Torch will publish the usual columns, upcoming services, church-related articles, and all the usual announcements and photos as has been done in the past.

In addition to the monthly Torch, there will be a "Torch Supplemental" published via email/online only. This nearly weekly supplemental will include updated announcements, upcoming services and shorter, more time-sensitive pieces.

Production deadlines for these publications can be found in the Torch Submissions box on this page: <http://www.slccu.org/news/the-torch> or a paper version of this document can be picked up in the office.

To be added to the mailed paper version list for The Torch, please email Jenni at torch@slccu.org with your name and mailing address including zip code or call her at 801-582-8687 ext. 202.

Summer Forum Series 2017

Theme: The mystery and attraction of contrasting views

Sundays at 10:00 AM

June 18 - Julia Rossi, RN – "How beliefs and attitudes towards addiction influence treatment and outcomes"

June 25 – "The Crossroads Project: Musical Conversations About the Earth"

July 2 - Michael Johnson, PhD, MSN – "The Neuroscience of Meditation: Developing the Brain Substrates of Wellbeing"

July 9 - Maysa Kergaye – "Hijabs and Halal: Dialogue with a Devout Utah Muslim"

July 16 - Thomas Moyer – "Attempting the Impossible: Changing Minds on Climate Change"

July 23 - Pat Bagley – "Why are we laughing? Political Cartooning and Current Events"

July 30 - Pat Shea – "Religious Liberty"

August 6 – "Elliot Francis and William McMahon, M.D. - "Adults on the Autism Spectrum: Accepting Neurodiversity"

August 13 – Rep. Patrice Arent and Rep. Dan McCay -- "Ideology and Lawmaking: How Policymaking Gets Done"

August 20 – TBA

Summer Church Campout - July 21-24

-submitted by Bill Reed

The camping trip is attended by approximately 80 to 140 people depending on campsite. It is a community building activity where attendees of both services and their families can take time to get to know each other away from the church. For many attendees it is a family church tradition. The event covers 3 nights and 4 days on average. Family friendly activities take place every day and there is a huge pot luck that is often also attended by people who drive up just for the day (another 10 people or so).

This summer we will be camping at Pine Valley North Group Site C located up Mirror Lake Highway. The site holds 140 people (number of vehicles 25). Cost is \$30 per car.

Arrival Date: Fri Jul 21 2017 Check-in Time: 2:00 PM
Departure Date: Mon Jul 24 2017 Check-out Time: 1:00 PM

Overview: Pine Valley North Wasatch Cache Group Campground is located on the beautiful Mirror Lake Scenic Byway in the Uinta Mountains of northeastern Utah. The Uintas are known for their

abundant recreational opportunities and scenic beauty.

Natural Features: The campground is situated among shady pines and aspens at an elevation of 7,400 feet. The dense stands of trees provide nice shade.

Recreation: The Lower Provo River is nearby, offering good trout fishing. Numerous hiking, biking and horseback riding trails crisscross this beautiful mountain area, including North Fork and Shingle Creek Trails. Off-road vehicle trails are in the vicinity.

Facilities: The campground contains three group sites with picnic and serving tables, grills, campfire circles and large paved parking areas. Vault toilets, and trash collection are provided. We are in Site C.

Nearby Attractions: Mirror Lake Scenic Byway parallels the Lower Provo River as it snakes across a portion of the Uinta Mountains, leading to numerous high alpine lakes and streams, countless trails, breathtaking scenic viewpoints. Fishing, canoeing, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding and biking are popular activities. The High Uintas Wilderness can be accessed from several trails along the byway.

There is limited parking, so please sign up early at <http://www.slccu.org/component/rsform/form/6-intermountain-unitarian-universalist-camping-trip>.

Environmental Ministry Film Screening and Discussion

-submitted by Joan Gregory, Environmental Ministry

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION:

FROM THE ASHES

Friday, June 23rd, 7-9PM in Eliot Hall

From the Ashes captures Americans in communities across the country as they wrestle with the legacy of the coal industry and what its future should be under the Trump Administration. From Appalachia to the West's Powder River Basin, the film goes beyond the rhetoric of the "war on coal" to present compelling and often heartbreaking stories about what's at stake for our economy, health, and climate. From the Ashes invites audiences to learn more about an industry on the edge and what it means for their lives. Learn more: <https://www.fromtheashesfilm.com/>

From the Ashes was produced by RadicalMedia in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies. This screening has been made possible by the Interfaith Power & Light network of which Utah Interfaith Power & Light is a part. This is a great opportunity see this film in advance of the National Geographic global broadcast premiere on June 25th.

Co-Sponsors: Association for the Tree of Life, Climate Emergency Coalition, and Environmental Ministry – First Unitarian Church of SLC.

On Being White ...

-Submitted by Joan M. Gregory, Member, Anti-Racism Committee (ARC)

What does white privilege look like? How will we respond? Want to understand more? Want to get involved? Join the Anti-Racism Committee of First Unitarian Church at our June meeting on Monday, June 19th, 6:30-8:30PM, in Room 207, RE Building. To be added to our email list, send an email to: arc@slccu.org. We are considering doing another round of reading Debby Irving's *Waking Up White* and *Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. Would you like to participate in the reading and discussion? Send an email to: arc@slccu.org to let us know.

Congregational Announcements

Refugee Resettlement Committee Sweep the dust off your porch, wipe the frost off your windows and critically scan inside your house for vibrant living and dining furniture, table lamps, wall art, etc. Spot what you can do without, and can share with families of tired, bright faces new to the Salt Lake Valley arriving in need our help. Seize the item and call Joe DuBray (904-527-9773) or email (dubrayfj@gmail.com) and someone from the RRC will pick it up, promptly, to welcome and brighten the Spring of a refugee family.

UU Lunch Bunch A family-friendly group for anyone and everyone who would like to get together for lunch and chat with like-minded people. Meet at the Restaurant on Sundays following coffee hour. For more information contact Sonia Carnell at (801) 262-1151 or lunchbunch@slccu.org

- June 18th: Avenues Proper (376 8th Avenue)
- June 25th: Oasis Cafe (151 South 500 East)

In the Spotlight - Meet Dylan Zwick

You can ask most Unitarians "In which church did you grow up?" and get a response, if not a story. We can be kind of a refugee religion. So, I'm something of a rarity in that I'm not just a third generation Unitarian, but a third generation member of our congregation. My grandparents, Martin and Muriel Zwick, were members of our church long before I was born, and my first memories of our church were of attending Halloween parties with my grandparents. My (long divorced) parents, Patrick Zwick and Becky Heal, are both active members. My mom's a very active member.

I grew up in Salt Lake City, but I wasn't a particularly active or enthusiastic member of our church when I was young. RE never clicked for me, which is interesting because it definitely did for my brother, Baxter. When he was a teenager, RE was a big part of his life. But, I didn't really become an active member until I came back to Salt Lake City after going to college in California. I wanted a "home base" for being involved with my community, and a place where I felt like I could try to do something about causes and issues that I'd mostly only thought about before. I signed the book in, I think, 2006, and have been an active and enthusiastic member for the last decade. During that time I earned a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Utah, and currently I'm the Director of Data Science at Overstock.com, although that's about to change very soon. Outside of work, I love to learn and read about pretty much anything. I think I'll always be an academic at heart. I also like to run, ski, and play the violin. I love theater and music and the arts. I probably spend more time that I should reading the news.

Favorite quote? How about "Quotation is a serviceable substitute for wit." - Oscar Wilde. When I was a teenager I read "Unweaving the Rainbow" by Richard Dawkins, and there's a passage that has stuck with me all my life: "We are going to die, and that makes us the lucky ones. Most people are never going to die because they are never going to be born. The potential people who could have been here in my place but who will in fact never see the light of day outnumber the sand grains of Arabia. Certainly those unborn ghosts include greater poets than Keats, scientists greater than Newton. We know this because the set of possible people allowed by our DNA so massively exceeds the set of actual people. In the teeth of these stupefying odds it is you and I, in our ordinariness,

that are here. We privileged few, who won the lottery of birth against all odds, how dare we whine at our inevitable return to that prior state from which the vast majority have never stirred?" That encapsulates a lot of my view of life. If you don't pay attention, you might not realize how amazingly lucky you are just to be here, and what a short time you have to enjoy it. I try to remember this, even if I don't always live it.

Our church is a home base for me. It's a place where I can learn, be a part of my community, make friends, see family, and give something back. I'm on the Leadership committee and the Caring committee, I make coffee and I usher, but probably the committee in which I've been the most involved over the years is the Pledge committee. And, yes, of course I pledge. I pledge not just because there's a limit to my hypocrisy, but because I think it's one of the most important things I do. Thinking about what I can do to help our church is actually a big inspiration for me at my job. I try to give as generously as I can, and I hope to give more in the years to come.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

June 18th: Summer Forum begins - Summer Forum runs each Sunday at 10:00 am from June 18th - August 20th and features speakers on a various topics. Childcare is provided for young children

June 23rd: Environmental Ministry Film and discussion, 7 pm

June 19th: Anti-Racism committee meeting, Room 208, 6:30 pm

July 21 - 24th: [Annual Church Campout](#)

August 27th: Worship services resume; one service only at 10:00 am

September 4th: One worship service only at 10:00 am

September 11th: We resume our two service Sunday schedule; services at 9:00 and 11:00 am. Religious Education program resumes

Torch Publication Dates

- **July 17, 2017 issue** Submission deadline July 10th at 9:00 am
- **August 7, 2017 issue** Submission deadline July 31st at 9 am