THIS WEEK AT EMERSON – SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel -- A welcoming congregation of the UUA

..Celebrating 30 years of transforming ourselves, our community, our world..

Sunday – September 20, 2015
17815 Wild Horse Creek Road (Barat Academy)

10:00 AM - Worship Service

“Change and Choice”
Dawn Fortune, Interim Minister

11:20 AM – RE for all Ages
11:20 AM – Linger Longer

Children’s Chapel follows the Story for All Ages

The Nursery is staffed from 9 AM to 1 PM – Room 142
Lauren Walls, Nursery Care Worker

Music: Todd Painter
Liturgist: Steve Harvey
Board Members: Nancy Belt and Karyl Howard
Greeter: Karyl Howard

Our Outreach Partner: Liberal Religious Educators Association
Change and Choice

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As we roll into the new church year, we cannot help but be affected by the changes that have taken place at Emerson UU Chapel in the past months. Changes happen – they are a part of life. Sometimes they feel like positive progress and sometimes change can feel like a kick in the shins. Many times we don’t have a lot of control over the changes that happen in our lives: other people make decisions based on what is in their best interests, and although those decisions affect us, we don’t have a lot of control over them. Other changes we can control: our choices about diet and exercise, for example. How we create a budget, a class that teaches us new skills. Those are changes in our world that we have a hand in creating.

One of the challenging parts of change for humans is the process of change. Change is rarely a single event that happens in a vacuum. Even an accident that breaks a treasured teacup is not over in an instant: there are emotions and feelings attached to that event that may last quite a while. If it was your grandmother’s favorite teacup that she got when she turned 16 and carefully handed down through the generations, there can be a lot of emotions wrapped up in its destruction. The change brought about by the breaking of a single teacup is not over until the feelings around it are normalized.

All change involves grief, even change that we understand as good, positive and healthy. Change takes adjustment to new circumstances, and with that a letting go of past circumstances. I’ll talk more about this process and what it means for the work we’ll do during this period of interim ministry during my sermon on Sunday. I encourage you to attend and to stay afterwards for the Linger Longer session in which I’ll describe the process that Emerson will go through in the next year or two while I am here. I look forward to meeting more and more members and invite you to make an appointment so I can learn what it is you love about Emerson UU Chapel.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Dawn

Special Thanks

A warm Thank You to the following for giving your time this Sunday, September 20th:

Hospitality: Marilyn Ortinau and Dorothy Newell
Sound: Lauren Lyerla
Curtains, Tables, and Chairs: Jim and Shawna Lyonfields
Chalice Guild/Signs: Becky Myrick
Scrip Duty: Nancy Belt
RE News

We are recruiting nursery volunteers. We will need two each Sunday, shift one is 9:15-11:00, second shift is 11-12:15. Please contact Dawn French-Bell.

RE Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 20 – 10:00 am - Jr Youth Field Trip to Eliot Unitarian Chapel
Sunday, September 27 – Intergenerational RE Hour – Wealth of Talents
Saturday, October 17 – Fall Festival
Sunday, October 18 – Jr Youth Field Trip to Islamic Center
Sunday, November 8 – Jr Youth Field Trip to Sikh Temple
Friday, December 4 – Jr Youth Field Trip to Jewish Temple
Sunday, December 20 – Jr Youth Field Trip to Antioch Baptist Church

- Emerson Board of Trustees removed mandatory attendance policy for Sr. Youth to attend CONs, Lock-Ins, and other field trips.
- Jr. Youth Dance Party will NOT be held this Saturday as posted before. Please watch for the new date.
- Nursery volunteers are desperately needed, please sign up on Volunteer Spot or contact Dawn French-Bell, drc@emersonuuchapel.org if you are able to be on a team.
- Junior Youth Field Trip this Sunday to Eliot Unitarian Chapel, please arrive at BARAT no later than 10a to carpool and bring your signed permission forms. (permission forms are available on the members portal)

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Thank you RE and Children’s Chapel teachers for volunteering your time and talents this fall. I appreciate you all. It’s going to be an awesome year!

Mark Fish, Becky Myrick, Jennifer Nahm, Em Komiskey, Shari Vogt, Melissa Cynowa, Nichole Nichols, Kirsten Wheeler, Victor Paglisotti, PJ Pyrchla, Laura Davidson, Erin Schneider, Debbie Baumoel, Mirjam Collegeman, Diana Toler Irizarry, Emily Covert, Greg Hungerford, Susan Bell

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**About our Outreach Partner:** Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) is an anti-racist, anti-oppression, welcoming, professional organization open to liberal religious educators and those supportive of religious education. LREDA promotes the religious growth and learning of people of all ages and advocates for and supports religious educators and the field of liberal religious education. For more information, their website is [lreda.org](http://lreda.org).

**Calling All Singers**

We'd love to have all who love to sing consider joining our re-forming choir. It's open to all adults, children, and youth. We hope this multigenerational group would present special music during worship once every two months or so, and it would practice at the church office once or twice before an assigned date. The songs would be geared to singers' comfort levels. Having a choir would be a great addition to our new church year, so, if you're interested and/or you'd like more information, please contact Nancy Belt.

**Black Lives Matter Vigil** continues every Saturday, 11:30am-12:30pm at the intersection of Boone's Crossing and Chesterfield Airport Road. Rain or shine! We stand vigil for 1 hour, then we meet at the Kaldi's next to the vigil location in order to build community, talk current events, and attempt to further develop our understanding of how to pursue racial justice.

**UU Women’s Connection Retreat Oct 9-11 in Racine, WI**

This weekend retreat features special guest, Dr. Isadora Gabrielle Leidenfrost, “The Red Tent – Things We Don’t Talk About.” Her groundbreaking film documents the things women hide, the things that bring them pain and joy, and for many, it is a place to be honest for the first time in their life.

Rise and shine Saturday and Sunday mornings with Yoga and Tai Chi.

**Workshops include:**

- GongSong Meditation and Workshop – Heather Royner
- Zentangles – Nicole Nichols
- Bellydancing – Mikhaila Scoville Durante

Contact Nicole Nichols if you’d like to carpool.
Thank you for your support of the food pantry throughout the year! Please place your donated items in the red wheelbarrow in the entry. Current needs:

- Canned Chili, Stew, Chicken & Dumplings
- Peanut Butter, Other Nut Butters
- Dried Pasta, Rice & Beans
- Canned Pasta Sauce & Pasta Meals
- Jelly, Jam, Honey
- Dinner “Helpers”
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Toilet Paper
- Dish Soap
- Bar Soap

Want to know more about our scrip fundraising program?? Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for Emerson. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, check, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards at face value, and we place the order for those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for Emerson. It’s that simple! Stop by the table during fellowship time to learn more and to place an order.

New ScripNow Retailer: Hotels.com
Book your next big getaway with Hotels.com
ScripNow eCards, now available in $10 increments
from $10 - $2000 with a great 6% rebate!

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sunday, Sep. 20th: Worship Service at Barat Academy – 10:00 am

Meetings are held at the Chapel office, 16233 Westwoods Business Park, unless otherwise indicated. **

The office will be closed Friday, September 18th and Monday, September 21st.

How/Where/When to find us:
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
17815 Wild Horse Creek Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005
(Barat Academy)

Mailing & Meeting Address:
16233 Westwoods Business Park Drive, Ellisville, MO 63021

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The office will be staffed next week:
Wednesday and Friday from 9 AM to noon; and Tuesday and Thursday from 8 AM to 2 PM
Emerson UU Chapel 2015-2016

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