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Josh's Journal

November's Theme: Letting Go

Breaking the fourth wall: as we reviewed our themes for this year, one month stood out. It had the same effect on everyone who reviewed the list. It seems that people cannot reflect on the theme "Letting Go" without breaking into the song from the movie *Frozen*. So, since I use this column to introduce our theme each month, I thought, "Why not just head straight on at it?!" So let's talk about the song from *Frozen*.

First of all, if you haven't seen it; stop reading now and watch it! It is a modern Disney classic that stands shoulder to shoulder with *Snow White, Beauty and the Beast* and all the old school movies. But I bet most of my readers with kids have seen this movie multiple times! (Did you count the number of Elsas and Annas that came to your house for Halloween? Case closed.)

My first reaction when I saw Frozen was that this is Disney finally responding to the many, very justified, critiques feminists have made against them over the years and decades. *Frozen* is about strong female characters acting under their own agency, especially at the movie's climax (which I won't give away). But one of the most memorable songs is Idina Menzel's "Let It Go." The tune hummed by everyone who saw November's theme this year.

"Let It Go" is about letting go of the expectations others place on you. The Snow Queen is finally free and this is her song of liberation and empowerment. There are so many things that hold us back from being our true selves. Sometimes letting go of those barriers gives us more freedom and self-expression.

May it be so for us this month – but with a San Antonio-style winter without the ice and snow!

May You Be Blessed Always,

Rev. Josh

Ministerial Matters



Rev. Josh's usual office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:30am – 4:00pm, but it is always best to call first.

Church office hours are Sunday - Thursday, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm.

NEW TO FIRST UU?
Please visit our website to learn about the church, how you can meet others and get involved:
<http://uusat.org/our-church-2/new-to-first-uu/>

President's Column

From time to time it's good to stop and consider where we are and what we are doing. Is it where we want to be and what we want to be doing? If not, or not enough, where would we be and what would we be doing? What would it take to get there? Well, folks, it's one of those times at First UU. The Strategic Planning Committee will soon be meeting with groups of members and friends seeking your thoughts about these very things as they pertain to First UU. Watch for more information in this newsletter, in the church bulletins, and in our weekly emails. We want to know what you think about the church and what might make it even better.

You probably know that there are lots of classes and groups in the church to help you explore all sorts of topics and issues. If all that's good but you still want more, don't forget that additional programming is available at the Southern Region's annual fall conference at Glenn Rose, TX in mid-November. This year's theme is *From Principles to Partnerships: Incarnating Unitarian Universalism Through Relationship*. More information is available at <https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/fallcon2016handbook.pdf>.

Finally, if you ever wonder what the church Board has been up to, you can always talk to one of us, but you also have easy access to our minutes. For a long time we've posted minutes for the latest meeting on the bulletin boards of the fellowship hall, but earlier this year we also began posting copies of the most recent several months' minutes on the church website. You can find them at <http://uusat.org/our-church-2/governance/board-of-trustees/>. If you have questions or comments about anything you see there, feel free to drop me a line at president@uusat.org.

Jim Noël, President

Adult Religious Education New Facilitator Orientation

Are you passionate about Unitarian Universalism and its values? Are you looking for a meaningful way to be involved in the life of our church? Consider facilitating an Adult Religious Education course. No experience or special skill is necessary; we provide training, materials and other support. Facilitators are needed for Sunday morning classes and for classes offered at other times.

We will hold an orientation for potential new facilitators on Nov. 13 after church. If interested, please RSVP to Sheri, dlre@uusat.org, by Nov. 10. If you are interested in possibly facilitating a course but can't come on Nov. 13, please let Sheri know that as well.

Giving Tree

This year on Dec. 18 our youth religious education students will wrap gifts to be given to families in need. Please consider helping out with this worthwhile project. Last year we brightened Christmas for thirty people in four families, as well as providing holiday stockings for all the clients at the San Antonio AIDS Foundation!

Just look for the "Giving Tree" which will appear in the church foyer November 27. Take an ornament from the tree and shop for the person/gift listed. Gifts should be returned to the tree unwrapped, with ornament attached, by Dec. 11.



Emerson Bookshop Plus

Our church bookshop is open in the sanctuary classroom after the morning service most Sundays.

Lots of chocolate bars will hopefully be available Sunday, Nov. 13. (We need temperatures below 75 degrees during the shipping time.) In addition to the milk chocolate and dark chocolate mini-bars, full size bars include 88% cocoa, 80%, 71%, 55% with almonds or caramel crunch with sea salt or lemon/ginger/black pepper, 67% mint crunch, 65% dark chocolate orange, and 43% milk chocolate with caramel crunch with sea salt or plain—no longer with hazelnut. More information is at <http://shop.equalexchange.coop/chocolate.html>



Stop by to see the new Feline Deity t-shirt.

Here are some great titles available at our bookshop.

Complaint Free World : How to Stop Complaining and Start Enjoying the Life You Always Wanted / Bowen

Cosmopolitan Canopy : Race and Civility in Everyday Life

Fragments of Your Ancient Name : 365 Glimpses of the Divine for Daily Meditation

/ Rupp

God's Other Children : Personal Encounters with Faith, Love, and Holiness in

Sacred India

Hidden Gifts of Helping : How the Power of Giving, Compassion, & Hope Can Get

Us Through Hard Times

Huston Smith Reader

Meet Jesus : The Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher (children's book from the UUA's Skinner Press)

Wonder of Aging : A New Approach to Embracing Life After Fifty / Gurian

...and a new selection of note cards by Betty Dabney in fall colors.

Denominational Connections

We will be showing the DVD, "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War", on Saturday, November 5th at 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is an 80 minute film by Ken Burns about a UU minister and his wife who learned the art of spying and despite great personal danger, assisted dissidents, Jews, and other refugees to escape Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II. We have invited the Jewish congregation of Beth Am to join us and look forward to meeting and entering into discussion with this faith community. In what ways can we carry on the Sharps' legacy and help create a world with more justice and compassion?

There will be a General Assembly (GA) 2017 information table on the church patio Sunday, October 23rd, 30th, November 6th, 13th, and 27th. If you are interested in attending GA please stop by before or after the service and get your questions answered. In addition there will be a general information meeting of interested persons on Sunday, December 4th with details to be later announced.

The Southern Region fall conference, **From Principles to Partnerships: Incarnating Unitarian Universalism Through Relationship** will be held at Glen Rose Conference Center in Glen Rose TX November 11-13. In addition to being part of an intentionally inclusive UU community for the weekend, there are workshops on

the UU Responsibility to Black Lives Matter, Conflict Resolution, Interfaith work and chaplaincy. There is also a Spirituality Development Conference for young adults. Information is at <https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/fallcon2016handbook.pdf>.

A book that might be of interest to you is Turning Point: Essays on a New Unitarian Universalism edited by Fredric Muir. The book was mentioned as a must read by the moderator at General Assembly 2016. It is a collection of 20 essays by Unitarian Universalist leaders who write about the obstacles we face when attracting people to be a part of our denomination, and how we can build on our strengths to make it a more inclusive, multicultural, Beloved Community. You can listen to the moderator speak to these important issues by going to www.youtube.com and type in “#403 Moderator’s Report at UUA General Assembly 2016”. I think you will find what is said to be cause for much reflection and discussion.

Share-the-Plate:

The Rape Crisis Center
Serving Children, Women, and Men
<http://rapecrisis.com>



On November 15th, please give generously to our Share the Plate non-profit, The Rape Crisis Center. For over 40 years, their work has been to support all survivors of sexual assault and ensure victims have a responsive medical community, sensitive law enforcement officials, and an active prosecution system. They strive to provide excellent care for those impacted by sexual violence through crisis intervention, counseling, and prevention education. The Rape Crisis Center makes a difference in Bexar County. In the past year they provided free counseling to 1,200 survivors of sexual assault and their family members, delivered advocacy and skilled support to 852 survivors as they experienced hospital forensic exams, and taught over 5,000 local youth about sexual assault and abusive relationships.

Adult Religious Education Ongoing Classes

- **Religious Explorations** Mark Ackerman * Fellowship Hall * Sun 9:30 am * Fellowship Hall * “Skepticism 101: How to Think Like a Scientist” by Michael Shermer, Ph.D. The lectures are a half-hour followed by a half hour’s moderated discussion. All are welcome!
- **Spiritual Seekers** Jeff Addington * Darwin * Sun 9:30 * variety of spiritual topics and concerns discussed in a respectful & caring environment
- **World Faiths Book Club** Christine Chesnut * Beatrix Potter * Sun * 9:30 am
November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11 – Terry Goddard – “How Jesus became God,” Bart Ehrman
- **UU Young Adults** Megan Janzen * Beatrix Potter * 4th Sundays 12:30 noon
Ages 18-35 meet for food and fellowship
- **UU Philosophy** Bruce Beck * Fellowship Hall * 2nd/4th Sun * 7:15 pm * Big History: The Genesis Story of Science

Get Out the Vote

We have more than met our goals. We have delivered 800 handouts urging people to register, over 2,000 handouts with early voter information and registered over 120 people at several events. We are awaiting election results to see if the precinct we walked in entirety has increased voter turnout.

Texas UU Justice Ministry (TXUUJM)

This is a big win! TXUUJM is plugged in, active, effective and respected. TXUUJM signed the amicus brief for this case. Texas dismissed its appeal in this case, so the lower court's decision dismissing Texas's suit against the federal government and private parties who resettle Syrian refugees. Here's a link to a press release regarding the decision-

<https://www.texastribune.org/2016/10/07/texas-moves-end-legal-battle-over-syrian-refugees/>

Go here to become a Courageous, Sustaining UU today! — txuujm.org/1000UUs

Even though TXUUJM has accomplished impressive things in our brief existence we are still a start-up organization. Financially we operate with only a two month surplus. Needless to say this can be nerve wracking. You can help. We are asking 1,000 UU's to make an automatic monthly bank/card donation to TXUUJM. Will you become a Courageous, Sustaining UU for Justice?

Why give?

1. TXUUJM needs a secure financial base to continue our vital justice ministry in Texas.
2. In a short time we are a proven, very effective Justice Ministry. Read our accomplishments here - <http://txuujm.org/txuujm-2014-15-accomplishments/>
3. We want to increase our Executive Director to full time from his current half time position. This will allow us to make an even greater impact.

Yours in Bending Texas Towards Justice,

- Rev. Chuck Freeman, Executive Director & TXUUJM Board of Directors

CROP WALK SUNDAY AFTERNOON NOV. 6

Please join the Social Justice Committee for a stroll through Comanche County Park, 2600 Rigsby Avenue on the South Side, around 2 p.m. – along with hundreds of others from the San Antonio Community. Church World Service is sponsoring a day of giving throughout the United States and other countries. We are meeting at Pavilion #2. You can donate on line at www.crophungerwalk.org/sanantoniotx/firstuu. Of, if you prefer to give me a check prior to or on the day of the walk, please make it out to: CWS/CROP, and I'll turn it in. Bring your family and friends for a pleasant walk. June Kachtik, Co-chair, Social Justice Committee

Pastoral Care Volunteers Needed!

First UU San Antonio has two groups that do pastoral care for members of our congregation. The Member Care Team gives rides to people, makes and delivers meals, and sends cards to people in the hospital or on their birthday. They are open to everyone who wants to be a healing presence for others. This a great way to get connected if you are looking for community in the church! Contact co-chairs Jeanne Morey or Rowena Rogers if interested. The Pastoral Associates visit members who are sick and homebound. They make regular visits to three to four people each. This is a ministry of presence and involves active listening skills. We have recently developed an application for people interested in joining the Pastoral Associates. It can be found under "Pastoral Care" section of the church web site. Training is required before becoming a pastoral associate and continues afterward. Contact Rev. Josh if interested.

Tuesday, November 15: Healthy Futures Luncheon with the Stars

11:30 to 1:00 pm at The Plaza Club. \$250 per ticket. Let's show our continued support for this amazing organization with a table of 10 for \$2,500. If you cannot attend, any contribution provides a partial scholarship for others who would like to attend but are not able to cover the full cost of \$250 per ticket. Donations may be made by check to HEALTHY FUTURES OF TEXAS and given to either June Kachtik or Lani Van Petten of the Social Justice Committee or sent to Lani at 10007 Terrace Park, SATX 78250 <https://www.hf-tx.org/>

In 2015 Healthy Futures of Texas:

- Prepared 4,154 youth and 919 parents in low-income areas of San Antonio to make healthy decisions
- Began working in collaboration with three Alamo Community Colleges to reduce unplanned pregnancy among older teens
- Launched a five year, federally funded research study of Big Decisions, the Texas friendly sexual health education program authored by Dr. Janet Realini
- Helped to achieve \$50 million additional funding for women's preventive healthcare—including contraception—in Texas
- Big Decisions is approved and used in over 20 Texas school districts and many community agencies

Wednesday, November 16: Project Quest's Luncheon "A Legacy for the Future

Grand Hyatt 11:30am to 1:00pm. If you cannot attend, please help sponsor a guest at our table of ten, \$150 pp. For many years, our First UU of San Antonio has been a firm supporter for the efforts of Project Quest. This week, after many years of dedicated advocacy by COPS/Metro (and our own Mike Phillips!) Project Quest became a **"line item" in the City budget!** Let's celebrate this success and offer our ongoing support by attending. Checks should be written to PROJECT QUEST and given to June Kachtik or Lani Van Petten of the Social Justice Committee or mailed to Lani at 10007 Terrace Park, SATX 78250

<http://www.questsa.org/>

In 2014, QUEST served 1059 participants by assisting with tuition and fees, text books, supplies, childcare, transportation, emergency assistance, career coaching and job placement. The program graduated 340 individuals that represent 29 demand occupations ranging from healthcare to information technology to professional trades. The average wage per hour for QUEST graduate was \$22 and annual earnings increase was 350%.

Stewardship Corner

Over the past month, many of us contributed money to our favorite politicians, the public radio station, the United Way campaign, or other charitable causes in our community. UUs are well-known for their civic-mindedness. Rev. Vail Weller has suggested that our charitable giving is a direct result of our UU values. Although all of the causes we support are important, shouldn't funding of our spiritual community come first? What would First UU and our community look like if we gave 5% of our income to our church and 5% to other causes?

We hope you will join us over the next year as we work to develop stewardship as a shared ministry at First UU. To support our plans, the Stewardship Team will host the November 13th FUUnd lunch and sponsor a Chili Cook-Off. Prizes will be awarded for different categories, including: Best Traditional Texas Chili (i.e., no beans), Best Vegetarian Chili, and Best All Around Chili. Watch for details in upcoming church announcements!

November Notes from Susan



There is some very special music being performed in November at First UU. Our theme for the month is Letting Go. We could hardly let a month with that theme go by without performing *Let It Go* from Frozen. The children's choir and the Circle Singers will join the adult choir to sing this very popular song. The following Sunday, 11/13 the adult choir will attempt another song made famous by Idina Menzel. Rev. Josh asked us to learn *Defying Gravity* for a special tie in to his sermon that day. We will celebrate Thanksgiving on 11/20. The choir will sing a traditional thanksgiving tune and Jaime will be playing the organ that day. The always popular Slowpoke will be providing the special music. And to finish the month in style I am very excited to tell you that 11/27 is going to be a Jazz Sunday. Internationally acclaimed percussionist Bill Molenhof will be sharing his gifts with us. Bill currently resides and performs in Argentina. He will be joined by local A-list jazz specialists, Utah Hamrick on bass, Rich Oppenheim on saxophone and Polly Harrison on guitar. This is going to be a very special service so make sure to shake off your turkey dinners and come experience the wonderful music these very special musicians are going to provide.



Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church

Thursday, Nov 24, 2016 at 2:00

Sign Up w/Dorothy Wallace at lee20@flash.net

Or David Rodriquez at drodz1969@yahoo.com

Our church has been hosting a Thanksgiving meal since I can remember. For those without family in town (or those that do!) who better to share food and festivity with than your friends and family at First UU! So, make your favorite Thanksgiving dish to serve about 10-12 people and enjoy the afternoon at church. *Please volunteer early if you would like to bring a Turkey.*



Membership Round Up!

Membership Survey – Your Feedback is Important!

Check that email! In November, you'll be seeing something called a "Membership" Survey in a weekly What's Happening? Please take a few minutes to jump on line and answer a few questions. There's a question or two for everyone! Guests, Friends and Members (new and long-term) . . . your church experiences are important, and we are always trying to improve YOUR membership experience. So, tell us what you think!

New Member Ceremony on November 20th!

We normally do a New Member Ceremony in November. This involves anyone who has become a member since the last New Member Ceremony. I will be contacting everyone who has joined since then. BUT, if you want to be part of the ceremony but are not yet a member, contact me as soon as possible about officially joining the church! The New Member Ceremony is that time in our church life that new members covenant with our congregation and vice versa. It's that physical reminder of our building that "beloved community" right here in San Antonio! Check out our website membership page for the benefits and expectations of membership: <http://uusat.org/our-church-2/membership/>

First UU 101

For people new to the church, the next First UU 101 session is November 13th, after the service in the Jefferson Building. Grab some food at the FUUnd Lunch and join us! These sessions last about an hour and just gives you a bit more info about the church and tries to answer any questions you might have about us, and how YOU might fit in with us!

Save the Date!

Friendship Sunday on 26 February 2017 – it's about our community, and adding to the UU fold! Full article in next month's newsletter but I'm looking for a few volunteers who might want to find our more and help with the program in January. Email me below.

Additional Sunday Greeters Needed

New to the church? Looking for something easy and fun to do – that doesn't take up much time? Consider volunteering as a Sunday Greeter! Welcome others as you were once welcomed. You just have to volunteer for one Sunday a month – and Greeters work from 10:30 to 11:00, when the service starts. Email me below.

Join Us!

Dorothy Wallace, Membership Coordinator

membership@uusat.org



Coming in November

For other activities, see the church [calendar](#).

FILM SCREENING "DEFYING THE NAZIS: THE SHARP'S WAR" – *Sat, Nov 5, 4:00pm, Fellowship Hall* – Denominational Connections will be screening this Ken Burns' documentary about Waitstill and Martha Sharp, a Unitarian minister and spouse, who helped people escape Nazi-occupied Europe at great personal sacrifice. We have invited the Beth Am congregation to join us as we view and then discuss the film and its meaning for us today as justice seeking people.

YOUNG ADULT'S DIWALI OUTING - *Saturday, November 5, 8:30pm, La Villita Historic Arts Village (meet group at the Brisco Museum entrance on Market Street)* – Join the Young Adults group as they celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, one of the most celebrated Indian festivals, symbolizing the victory of good over evil! We'll meet at 8:30pm at the Brisco Museum entrance on Market Street and then walk over to the festival together! It gets very crowded downtown, so uber is not a bad idea!

CALENDAR DRIVE - *Sundays, Nov 6-Dec 18, Before & After Service, Mauk Library* – The CRONES Covenant Group are collecting 2017 calendars to be distributed to clients of San Antonio Home Comforts, an organization that works with individuals with mental health needs living on their own. Drop off calendars in the donation box located in the Mauk Library.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY INFO TABLES - *Sundays through November 27, Patio, Before & After Service* – General Assembly 2017 takes place next summer in New Orleans. Due to the proximity, we are hoping for a large group from our church to attend. Over the next few weeks, there will be representatives on the patio before and after service handing out information about General Assembly and taking names of those who might be interested in attending. If you think you may want to attend, please look for the info tables on the patio.

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING – *Sun, Nov 6, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall* – The Strategic Planning Committee will be hosting an Appreciative Inquiry meeting for parents of children involved in the Youth Religious Education programs.

CROP HUNGER WALK - *Sun, Nov 6, 2:00pm, Comanche Park, Pavillion #2, 2600 Rigsby Ave* – Join the Social Justice committee to fight hunger. Make your donation online, it doesn't matter how much, every little bit counts. Then show up on Nov 6 to walk. This is a great activity for families to spend time together while working for a good cause. Go to www.crophungerwalk.org/sanantoniotx/firstuu to make a donation.

FULL MOON LABYRINTH WALK – *Sat, Nov 12, 7:00pm, Large Labyrinth West of Sanctuary* - Celestial Celebrations Circle invites you to a full moon labyrinth walk and drumming ceremony. Sign up for local pagan event notices from Celestial Celebrations Circle at groups.yahoo.com. For more information: Darcy Walker 210-213-5959

CHILI COOK-OFF FUUND LUNCH – *Sun, Nov 13, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall* – The Stewardship Committee hosts this month's FUUnd Lunch to raise funds for this year's pledge drive featuring the ever popular Chili Cook Off. Bring your best chili recipe to share in food and fellowship.

FIRST UU 101 – *Sun, Nov 13, 12:15pm, Jefferson Bldg* - The Membership Committee presents our newcomer orientation class, perfect for anyone new to the church and considering membership. Grab some food from the FUUnd Lunch and head down.

INTERWEAVE LUNCH - *Sunday, November 13, 12:30pm, Sushi Zushi, 9867 Interstate 10 West* – Interweave invites LGBTQ and allies to get together for lunch after service. For more information see Carol in Emerson Bookshop.

FILM SCREENING “RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION” - *Wed, Nov 16, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall* – The Social Justice committee presents this documentary which investigates race in society, science and history. Discussion to follow.

YOUNG ADULT’S LOST MAPLES OUTING - *Saturday, November 19, 8:00am, Lost Maples Park (meet at church to carpool)* – The leaves are changing at Lost Maples state park! Join the young adults group for a hike at Lost Maples. We will leave from the church at 8:00am and drive to the park. We will hike, have a picnic and drive back. Please bring cash for entry and gas, water and a food item to share!

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON – *Sun, Nov 20, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall* – We celebrate all new members at a luncheon just for them. If you have joined the church in the past year, come enjoy lunch with your fellow newbies!

THANKSGIVING DINNER – *Thu, Nov 24, 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall* - You are invited to attend our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Make your favorite Thanksgiving dish to serve about 10-12 people and enjoy the afternoon at church. Please volunteer early if you would like to bring a Turkey.

GIVING TREE - *Sundays, Nov 27-Dec 18, Before & After Service, Sanctuary Foyer* – Our annual Giving Tree holiday gift collection commences to benefit clients of the San Antonio Family Service Association and the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. The tree, located in the Sanctuary foyer, will be decorated with paper ornaments each bearing information about the recipient and gifts desired. Take home a tag and return the unwrapped gift under the tree by December 18. Donations of miscellaneous stocking stuffers are also welcome.

SAVE THE DATE: Bee-Sustainable Weekend

at UBarU Camp & Retreat Center in the beautiful Texas Hill Country
Friday, December 2nd thru Sunday, December 4th

- Explore the possibilities in sustainable living.
- Meet our bees up close and in person and learn a bit about bee keeping.
- Enjoy several presentations regarding the ongoing sustainability efforts happening at UBarU including water catchment and our solar arrays.
- Learn about the importance of the dark sky to our health and wellbeing.
- Workshops on fermentation, and crafting salves using beeswax and essential oils +
- Help us celebrate the dedication of our UBarU bee yard ~ Fina’s Flowerzzz Apiary
- Enjoy gazing at the stars at UBarU, Texas’ newest Dark Sky Park.
- Become a honey connoisseur while tasting a variety of Texas honey.
- Mead tasting (for ages 21+)
- Enjoy an early December campfire with s’mores!

Cost: Adults: \$140; Children 4-11: \$50; Youth 12-19: \$75 - before November 11th.

(includes accommodations, meals and all activities!) Log on to <http://ubaru.org/home/beeSustainable> for full details and to register.

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Services for November

11:00 am – In the Sanctuary

Religious Education for All Ages at 9:30 am– Various Locations

November 6: “The Democratic Faith” – Rev. Josh

The Unitarian theologian and ethicist J. Ron Engel once said that Unitarian Universalism is the “Democratic Faith.” Certainly the 5th Principle would seem to support that assertion. As we look forward to the presidential election, in what way is Unitarian Universalism poised to help heal our democracy?

November 13: “Defying Gravity” – Rev. Josh

This month of letting go we celebrate the letting go of barriers that hold us back and keep us from living the lives we dream of. One of the most moving songs of self-empowerment is Idina Menzel’s “Defying Gravity” from the Broadway show “Wicked.” Come hear our choir perform this fantastic piece, and Rev. Josh’s reflections on it.

November 20: “The Dispossessed” – Rev. Josh

As we head into the holiday season we reflect on all that we have that we are thankful for. And we reflect perhaps on some of the things in our lives that we no longer need. Do we own our possessions, or do they in some sense, possess us? Letting go can be a spiritual practice as well as an economic one.

November 27: “Jazz Sunday” – Susan Dill

Join us with outstanding jazz musicians – see Susan’s article above.

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