

# THIS WEEK AT EMERSON – SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Emerson UU Chapel A welcoming congregation of the UUA

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

**Sunday – September 28**

**17815 Wild Horse Creek Road (Barat Academy)**

**10:00 AM - Worship Service**

“Finding Your Way by Lightening the Load” - Rev. Krista Taves

During Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, many practice the custom of “casting off”, where you walk to flowing water on the afternoon of the first day and empty your pockets into the river, symbolically casting off one’s sins.

This is a way to be relieved of the burdens of the previous year and enter the new year with a clean start.

Todd Painter, Pianist

**11:20 AM - Linger Longer**

Everyone Welcome – Bring Finger Foods to share

During this Sunday’s “Linger Longer” our acting treasurer, Melissa Grizzle, will be available for finance-related dialog

Our Outreach Partner is: **UU Trauma Ministry**

Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry provides culturally sensitive spiritual care to survivors of mass disasters and other significant trauma. [www.traumaministry.org](http://www.traumaministry.org)

**Serving this Sunday:**

**Liturgist: Vince Seyer**

**Song Leaders: Ann Kehler, Lauren Mackey**

**Greeters: Dan & Kathy Ryan**

**Board Member: Jake Lyonfields**

**Children’s Chapel: Dawn French Bell & Jan Seyer**

**Hospitality: Jan Seyer, Kevin Patton**

**Grocery Cert & Scrip Sales: Pat Baker**

**MESH Team: Barb Brown, Kelly Waymire, Linda McAffrey, Ben Gleason, Jason Getz**

## [Our Minister’s Message](#)

Yesterday was the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, or “the Days of Awe” The festival will end tonight. During Rosh Hashanah apples are dipped in honey and eaten, in hopes of a sweet year to come. The Ram’s Horn, or Shofar, is blown in the Temple to recognize the purpose of creation, which is a call to faithfulness. And what does that faithfulness look like? It depends on which branch of Judaism you follow. For some branches, literal obedience to the laws constitutes faithfulness. For other branches, a commitment to justice, love, fairness, caring for all people.

Rosh Hashanah is a time of reorienting, of looking at what happened in your life the previous year, and reflecting on how you might want to engage the coming year differently. In order to let go of the previous year, many Jewish people will go to a body of flowing water, like a creek or a stream, a lake or an ocean, and cast pieces of bread on the water, to symbolize letting go, thus beginning the new year on a new note.

I've always found it meaningful that the Jewish New Year happens when fall begins in our part of the world. Here we are in the last gasp of summer. The trees are beginning to change color, the squirrels are stowing away as much as they can. Migrating birds are heading south. Even the cicadas seem to sing more loudly at night, as if they know that the time when the cold weather will push them underground is on its way. A lot of casting off is happening in the natural world.

I wish casting off was as easy as throwing bread in flowing water. I imagine that for many of us, there are still crumbs remaining in the creases of our pockets, maybe even embedded under our fingernails. Many of us don't let go very easily. We hang on, to ways of being, ways of living, ways of loving. Some of these are worth holding on to. And others hold us back. I wish it was always crystal clear which was which.

For those of you observing Rosh Hashanah, "shana tova." May you have a good sweet year. May we all grow in our own inner wisdom, to know when to throw bread on the water, and when to hold tight.

See you on Sunday.

Yours in faith, Rev. Krista.

Rev. Krista Taves is available for regular pastoral care on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoon. She is available for emergency pastoral care 24/7. If you have a pastoral care emergency, please leave a voice mail at 417-343-8657, 636-256-7393 and [pastoralcare@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:pastoralcare@emersonuuchapel.org). Someone should be in touch with you shortly. A pastoral care emergency includes death, the proximity of death, or a life-threatening emergency. If Rev. Krista Taves is on her weekend, vacation or study leave, please contact either the Office Administrator ([office@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:office@emersonuuchapel.org)), Pastoral Care Team Leader Karyl Howard ([pastoralcare@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:pastoralcare@emersonuuchapel.org)) or President of the Board Nancy Belt ([president@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:president@emersonuuchapel.org)).

## Emerson Chapel joins the Eliot Unitarian Chapel Vigil on Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 PM to 7 PM

Eliot Chapel has held this vigil since the shooting of Michael Brown. They are holding vigil to stand in solidarity with people of color in our city and will hold vigil until the Grand Jury makes a decision regarding the indictment of Officer Darren Wilson. The Vigil is growing larger and gaining wider media coverage. Here is an article from last week's St. Louis Post Dispatch: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/kirkwood-s-tragedy-six-years-ago-brought-to-forefront-with/article\\_3d15b296-51ba-52e6-880c-3ecbb78e8839.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/kirkwood-s-tragedy-six-years-ago-brought-to-forefront-with/article_3d15b296-51ba-52e6-880c-3ecbb78e8839.html)

If you have a Standing on the Side of Love T-shirt, you are welcome to wear it. If you wish to purchase one, here is the link: <http://standingonthesideoflove.org/store/> Sizes run small!

If you wish to carry a sign, most are carrying signs that read "Black Lives Matter."

The Vigil is peaceful and for all ages. It takes place outside in front of Eliot Unitarian Chapel, which is located at 100 Taylor St. Kirkwood MO. If you wish to carpool, email Rev. Krista at [minister@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:minister@emersonuuchapel.org) or check in at the Emerson facebook page to see who else is going. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/119879484463/>

For more information and to see pictures of the Vigils, go here: <https://www.facebook.com/stlstandingonthesideoflove>



## FINANCE FACTS

### FISCAL YEAR 2014

| INCOME              | Actual           | Budget           | Variance       |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Operating Pledges   | \$177,505        | \$181,500        | (\$3,995)      |
| Other Contributions | \$4,633          | \$0              | \$4,633        |
| Fundraising         | \$5,272          | \$6,000          | (\$729)        |
| GC/Scrip            | \$2,803          | \$2,000          | \$803          |
| Other Income        | \$5,461          | \$0              | \$5,461        |
|                     | <u>\$195,673</u> | <u>\$189,500</u> | <u>\$6,173</u> |

### EXPENSES

|                    |                  |                  |                |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Salary & Benefits  | \$130,824        | \$132,358        | (\$1,534)      |
| Mortgage           | \$24,815         | \$27,000         | (\$2,185)      |
| Operations & Admin | \$29,150         | \$25,460         | \$3,690        |
| Chapel Life        | \$4,639          | \$4,890          | (\$251)        |
|                    | <u>\$189,428</u> | <u>\$189,708</u> | <u>(\$280)</u> |

Net Income (Loss) \$6,246

Special Expenses \$14,502 \$13,784 \$718

### Notes:

Special Expenses: Chairs, Sound Equip, Architect costs, etc. Budget Amt is total of Rest. Gifts for those costs

Fundraising amt. is after expenses and includes chapel and senior high events

Other income includes interest, rental fees and late prior year pledges

Remember re: Variance---Red is good in Expenses; not good in Income

**Charitable Contributions** \$ 8,740 (9 orgs.)

### Cash in the Bank

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Operating Account                      | \$ 7,827          |
| Grocery Certificate Account            | \$ 11,228         |
| Minister's Discretionary/Outreach Acct | \$ 3,974          |
| Money Market Account                   | \$ 274,191        |
| Youth Account                          | \$ 197            |
| <b>TOTAL Cash Assets</b>               | <b>\$ 297,667</b> |

| <b>Actual to Budget through August 2014</b> |                   |                   |                 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                               | <b>YTD Budget</b> | <b>YTD Actual</b> | <b>Variance</b> |
| Pledges                                     | \$25,800          | \$39,015          | \$13,215        |
| Other Income (Fundraising, Groc Cert.)      | \$0               | \$1,552           | \$1,552         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$25,800</b>   | <b>\$40,567</b>   |                 |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                             |                   |                   |                 |
| Compensation & Benefits                     | \$19,650          | \$20,005          | \$355           |
| Operations & Administration                 | \$6,128           | \$6,254           | \$126           |
| Chapel Life                                 | \$413             | \$188             | (\$225)         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$26,192</b>   | <b>\$26,448</b>   |                 |
| <b>Net Income (Loss)</b>                    | <b>(\$392)</b>    | <b>\$14,119</b>   |                 |
| <b>Bank Account Balances</b>                |                   |                   |                 |
| Operating Account                           | <b>\$11,133</b>   |                   |                 |
| Grocery Certificate Account                 | <b>\$12,750</b>   |                   |                 |
| Minister's Disc. Fund/Outreach              | <b>\$3,679</b>    |                   |                 |
| Money Market Account                        | <b>\$274,281</b>  |                   |                 |
| Youth Account                               | <b>\$197</b>      |                   |                 |
| <b>TOTAL Cash Assets</b>                    | <b>\$302,039</b>  |                   |                 |



### Bring a Friend Sunday, October 19, 2014

We have had almost three months now to settle into our new worship and RE space. We've dedicated our new building and celebrated our 30th Anniversary. Many of us are looking to the "what next." There are a lot of people who need and are looking for what Unitarian Universalism has to offer. We have to do our part to make sure that they find a way in.

It's time to invite those we care about, our friends, neighbors, and family, to experience what we've worked so hard to create and to claim.

Across Unitarian Universalist churches, a large number of people become Unitarian Universalist because they were invited by someone. Also, people who visit because they have been invited by a friend are more likely to return than those who find a church only via the website.

We will have Bring a Friend Sunday on October 19th, which gives us all one month to prepare. It gives you one month to look at who you want to invite, and to invite them. The theme of the month is perfect for Bring a Friend Sunday, "Unity and Diversity", a perfect way to showcase what is so incredible about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation.

Be looking in the weeks to come for articles on how to invite people to a Sunday service.



## Fourth Sunday MESH (Making Each Sunday Happen) team this Sunday.

Are you on Barb's team? Find out here:

Click on the link: [http://www.emersonuuchapel.org/documents/mesh\\_teams\\_for\\_email.pdf](http://www.emersonuuchapel.org/documents/mesh_teams_for_email.pdf)

### Circle of Concern – Our community's food pantry

Every month Circle shares food, personal care items and other support to over 500 families. Circle accepts non-expired food items such as canned goods, box cereal, bottled juice or boxed dinners. Personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo & conditioner are always needed. Thank you for your support of the food pantry throughout the year!

Please place your donated items in the red wheelbarrow.

Current needs include: **Tomato products (diced, whole, paste, sauce); Cereal  
Peanut butter; Jelly; Cereal; Shampoo and conditioner**

### Easiest Fund raising ever!! Grocery gift cards and GL Scrip are on sale Every Sunday

See how ALL your shopping can benefit Emerson. Gift cards are available from Dierberg's and Shop & Save. Spend what you normally spend each month and give 5% to Emerson.



#### **Scrip bonuses!**

Starbucks® gift cards are available for ReloadNow® with the same great **7%** rebate! Starbucks gift cards can be reloaded for \$10 - \$200. With ReloadNow, your reloaded funds will be available in minutes when you pay with PrestoPay™

Hallmark® is offering a **2% bonus contribution** from **Saturday, September 27 through Friday, October 10**. Customers who purchase the Hallmark Gold Crown \$25 Gift Card or Reload products will receive a **6% contribution** instead of the standard 4%. The Hallmark Gold Crown Gift Card is redeemable at participating Hallmark Gold Crown stores and online.

Logan's Roadhouse® is offering a **2% bonus contribution** from **Saturday, September 27 through Friday, October 10**. Customers who purchase the \$25 gift cards or ScripNow® products will receive a **12% contribution** instead of the standard 10%.

## This Week's Calendar of Events

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|--------------|---|
| SUN, Sept 28 | 10:00 AM - Worship - 17815 Wild Horse Creek Road, Chesterfield (Barat Academy)<br>11:20 AM – Linger Longer (everyone invited to bring finger food – no utensils needed)                     |
| TUE, Sept 30 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM Emerson joining Eliot Chapel for Vigil   |
| WED, Oct 1   | 12 Noon – **Movie Matinee   |
| THU, Oct 2   | 11:30 AM – Lunch Bunch (Bring a sack lunch)<br>Topic “Birth Order” – How has your life been affected by your birth order?<br>Discussion led by Allen Schwab<br>6:30 PM – Adult RE Team Mtg. |
| SAT, Oct 4   | 9:00 AM – Program Council   |

Meetings are held at the Chapel Office, 16233 Westwoods Business Park in Ellisville unless indicated \*\* as offsite.



### FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 18th 4-7 PM – Cochran (large) Pavilion, Babler State Park  
Bring hot dogs to roast. Bring your own beverages. S'mores are provided.

LOOKING AHEAD: M-SCLICE WORK DAY – Saturday, November 8th

In honor of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, congregations across the continent are sending us greetings and congratulations. These are wonderful expressions of care, gratitude, and support.



Dear UU Friends,

Greetings from Philadelphia.

I have heard about your discernment and efforts to best live out your mission as a congregation. I gratefully serve as the Minister of the Unitarian Society of Germantown in Philadelphia, PA. Our congregation was founded in 1865. We are coming up on our 150th year anniversary! I am learning what the word sesquicentennial means! We are in the second building in the life of our church. In 1928 our congregation had grown out of our first building, which was sacred and beloved. The congregation moved to a new location and built anew. That was a tough, but in hindsight an extremely important change.

Now we are in a building almost 90 years old. We are very grateful for our current building, but the extremely high costs of maintaining and the lack of pragmatic space lay out inhibit us greatly.

I am a life-long Unitarian Universalist and believe strongly that around the country, including in Philadelphia and Chicago my home town, we UU's have over focused on historic preservation of buildings. We have under focused on mission and having impact on people's lives.

It sounds like your congregation is being wise, caring, and courageous in weighing things out with a strong emphasis on building beloved community and touching lives with love and hope. I wish all the success in the world to you. I hope your effort is contagious to our wider UU movement.

In Faith,  
Rev. Kent Matthies

Notices & Invitations from our Outreach Partners, our Wider UU Community & Sister Congregations

**Eliot Chapel Invites you to a “Friday Night Film Series”** – *Remembering Rev. James Reeb, A Witness to the Truth*

All Films will be shown at 7:00 PM in Adams Hall at Eliot Chapel in Kirkwood

September 19<sup>th</sup> – “Mississippi Burning”

November 14<sup>th</sup> – Inequality for All”

January 9<sup>th</sup> – “Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North”

March 13<sup>th</sup> – “Citizen Koch”

May 8<sup>th</sup> – “Stolen Ground”

**Eliot Chapel: Every Tuesday Night Vigil** from 6-7 p.m. and you are all invited. This is a peaceful vigil, and you are welcome to bring your children if you want them to have this kind of experience.

**UU Women’s Connection** – Fall Retreat – October 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, DeKoven Retreat Center, Racine, Wisconsin  
Register online at [www.uuwomensconnection.org](http://www.uuwomensconnection.org)

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How/Where/When to find us:

Sunday Morning

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