

# THIS WEEK AT EMERSON – APRIL 17, 2014

Emerson UU Chapel, 73 Strecker Road, Ellisville, MO 63011 A welcoming congregation of the UUA

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Easter Sunday – April 20, 2014



**9:00 AM First Spark Worship Service**

**10:15 AM RE Hour – Canned Food Hunt (rain or shine)**

**11:20 AM Second Light Worship Service**

**Special Music: Emerson Singers**

## Our Minister's Message

Since Sunday, when a known Anti-Semitic leader opened fire at a Jewish Community Center and a Jewish Care Facility, killing three people, religious leaders across the nation have been extending their condolences and their love to the Jewish Community of Kansas City. I want to add our voice to those expressions of care and concern.

What is most troubling is that this act of violence happened the day before Passover. At Passover, Jewish people celebrate their liberation from slavery. According to their Scriptures, in ancient times, the Jewish people were enslaved by the Egyptians. Moses came before Pharaoh and ordered Pharaoh to let his people go. Every time Pharaoh refused, God sent another plague to Egypt. Rivers turned to blood, frogs and locusts invaded the land, the sun disappeared, and sickness prevailed. On the last night, Moses told Pharaoh that the eldest son of every Egyptian family would be struck dead. He instructed the Israelites to sacrifice a male lamb and spread its blood over their door. The Angel of Death would see the blood and pass over the Israelite homes, leaving their eldest sons untouched. That night, the eldest son of every Egyptian family was struck dead. Finally, Pharaoh relented and ordered the Israelites to leave Egypt.

For this act of violence to happen at Passover is like looking at Pharaoh once again, dragging the Jewish people back into the echoes of slavery.

I wonder how it felt to observe Passover the day after a passing over that did not happen.

And yet, Passover was observed, as it has always been observed. Thinking back on the long history of Jewish oppression, I imagine there were many years when Passover was observed during times when it felt like Pharaoh would never relent. The observance of Passover became a statement of resilience and resistance and hope.

Passover provides an answer to the violence that struck Kansas City's Jewish community on Sunday. It provides an answer to all the forms of injustice that we have faced through history. At Passover, people come together at a shared table. They pray together, sing together, eat together, tell stories together. Passover is an act of community and covenant that stands against the hatreds that would separate us.

The hatred of the man who opened fire on Sunday is a particularly deep hatred. Its depth is what has cast the eye of the world on him. But there are smaller hatreds that tear us apart day by day. There are smaller fears, smaller prides, smaller acts of self-centeredness that bit by bit add up to the strength of a Pharaoh. Passover is about opening ourselves up to be more. Passover is about keeping faith when it would be easier to be cynical. It is about choosing love when we could choose distrust. It is about choosing hope when we could choose despair. We choose to resist separation and evil by coming together in covenantal community.

Soon the memory of the shooter will fade away. He will face justice and likely finish off his days behind bars. The real work of peace and covenantal community remains with us. No matter our religion or our race, we can be the people of Passover.

Amen and blessed be.

Rev. Krista.

April office hours

Apr 14 – Apr 20 – Wed, Thurs, Sat.

Apr 21 – May 4 – Office Hours Wed Apr 23, Thurs May 1

Fri Apr 28 – Wed Apr 30 - In Tulsa OK for Worship Arts Conference

Rev. Krista Taves is available for regular pastoral care on Wednesdays, Thursday, and Sunday afternoon. She is available for emergency pastoral care 24/7. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please leave a voice mail or text at 417-343-8657. If you wish to see Rev. Taves, please email [minister@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:minister@emersonuuchapel.org) or phone 417-343-8657 to make an appointment. Visit Rev. Taves at her Facebook site, or her blog [www.kristataves.wordpress.com](http://www.kristataves.wordpress.com)

Canned Food Needed On Easter Morning our RE kids will be going on a canned goods hunt. So, we are in need of some canned goods for which to hunt. Please bring your donations to the Chapel and place in the box in the vestibule. After the “hunt” the cans will be given to Circle of Concern, our community food bank.

## Maundy Thursday Service – April 17th

On Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm I will lead an evening Maundy Thursday service, to allow contemplative space. Maundy Thursday is a reflection on the last supper of Jesus with his community, when he knew betrayal and death were inevitable. The service will be a quiet reflection -acknowledging and letting go of those fears, anger, and burdens that keep us and our communities locked in winter. We will end with a celebration of communion (UU style). All are welcome to the service and the table. I hope you will join me to release some burden, and be reminded of the hope of community! Please contact me with any questions at [studentminister@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:studentminister@emersonuuchapel.org)

Yours in Service, Amy



**Tickets on sale this Sunday following both services**



**Last chance for \$15 advance tickets**

**\$20 at the door**

**Emerson Trivia Night!**

**Saturday, April 26th 6:30 – 10:30pm**

Tell your friends and neighbors, it is sure to be a fun night filled with a fierce and friendly trivia competition!

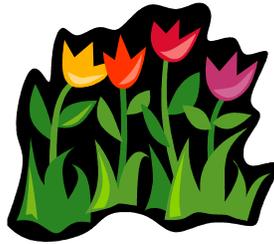
Sign up your tables on the poster in the vestibule.

**WHERE:** Ballwin VFW Hall (Behind the Ballwin Post Office)

**HOW:** Tables of 8 with room for up to 250 people. - Bring your own food; NO outside liquids.

**COST:** \$15 per person in advance/ \$20 at the door

**WHAT:** 10 Rounds of trivia, Mulligans included, cash bar, silent auction, collection of goods for charity



Weekly Weeders (Garden Group), are again meeting on Tuesday evenings, starting anytime between 5:00-6:00 pm. We go to 7:30 pm or dark, depending. Anyone interested, we love the help! Bring your tools!

## May 3<sup>rd</sup> Plant Sale & Do It Yourself Rummage Sale

Attention! All gardeners and plant lovers!

The Weekly Weeder garden group is collecting plants to sell during the Emerson May 3<sup>rd</sup> sale.

Please contact Sally Armontrout if you have any plants to donate. Or if you have any extra pots you want to recycle.

## Do It Yourself - Emerson Rummage & Plant Sale

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am- 3:00 pm

Start gathering your stuff and sign up in the vestibule to reserve your space!!

To reserve your space, or if you have stuff to donate, but no time, or desire to sell it on May 3, contact chair Trish Cuba as soon as possible at: [trashntreasure@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:trashntreasure@emersonuuchapel.org).



## Emerson Soul Café: Sunday May 25th, 10 AM

Get ready for some good food, good fellowship, and good music for the soul!

Come casual, and kick off the summer with a potluck brunch, as well as music and singing. Anyone who wishes to sing or play an instrument gets a spot! Parents, please invite your kids to consider singing or playing their instrument!

Sign ups for the potluck are coming soon! Please consider helping to set up and clean up!

If you want to offer music, please be in touch with Rev. Krista Taves ([minister@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:minister@emersonuuchapel.org)) or Kevin Horth ([office@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:office@emersonuuchapel.org)) by May 4th. They would be thrilled to hear from you!

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

Immediate Needs at the Circle include: Spaghetti Sauce, pasta and rice

Please place your donated items in the red wheelbarrow in the Chapel entryway. Thank you for your ongoing support of our community's food pantry.

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

Stop by the table in the Hearth Room and see how ALL your shopping can benefit Emerson. Stop by the table in the vestibule and 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.

Emerson is now registered at AmazonSmile <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1364860>



### **Scrip Bonuses!!**

Logan's Roadhouse® is offering a **2%** bonus contribution from Saturday, April 19 through Friday, May 2. Customers who purchase the \$25 gift cards or ScripNow® products will receive a **12% contribution** instead of the standard 10%.

The Home Depot® is offering a 1% bonus contribution from Saturday, April 19 through Friday, May 2. Customers who purchase The Home Depot Gift Cards or ScripNow® eCards during this time will receive a **5% contribution** instead of the standard 4%.

### Notices & Invitations from our Outreach Partners, our Wider UU Community

#### & Sister Congregations:

**MUUSE** (Adult Midwest Unitarian Universalist Singles Enrichment)

Singles' Enrichment Vacations and Weekend Getaways – Visit [www.AMUUSE.org](http://www.AMUUSE.org)

Marwood Unitarian Universalist Youth Camp – July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> - Info on Hearth Room bulletin board

**Sunday, May 18, 2014**  
**Congregational Meeting**  
**Please have your Annual Reports in**  
**to the office by May 9<sup>th</sup>**

## This Week's Calendar of Events

SAT, April 19	9:00 AM – Program Council
SUN, April 20	EASTER SUNDAY
9:00 AM	Worship Service - First Spark
10:15 AM	Religious Ed - canned goods hunt
11:20 AM	Worship Service – Second Light
1:00 PM	Coming of Age
	Meditation Group will NOT meet this Sunday.
MON, April 21	7:00 PM – Readers Circle
TUE, April 22	5:30 PM – Weekly Weeders
FRI, April 25	6:00 PM – Coming of Age Lock-In
SAT, April 26	6:30 PM – 10:30 PM
	<b>Emerson Trivia Night</b>
	Ballwin VFW Hall (behind Ballwin Post Office)
	Tickets \$20 per person at the door

### Looking Ahead

◆ May 3<sup>rd</sup> Plant Sale & DIY Rummage Sale

◆ May 10<sup>th</sup> - Congregational Conversation

◆ May 18<sup>th</sup> - Congregational Meeting

◆ May 25<sup>th</sup> – Soul Cafe

