

## **Greeting from the Minister**

Welcome to the Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Fellowship website! I am Rev. Suzanne Marsh, the minister here. I am happy that you are here and hope that what you find here will allow you to get to know us better.

Ours is a warm and welcoming community for all persons, regardless of age, race, gender expression, sexual orientation, or political affiliation. We welcome the richness that diversity offers us. We are a non-creedal religious denomination (read more at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)) and while our members have diverse theological beliefs and practices, we hold the following principles in common:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are apart.

The members and friends of this congregation have discovered a place to celebrate life with its joys and sorrows, to wrestle with the deep questions and to form deep and enduring relationships. We deeply believe that Unitarian Universalism has a saving message for our hurting world and we view ourselves as an important presence here in Pocatello, where we lift our voices for freedom, reason and tolerance in religion and in society.

If you're new to Unitarian Universalism, you may be interested to know that most of us—including me—did not grow up in this faith tradition, but discovered it as adults. I am a Unitarian Universalist because of the respect that it shows for believers, seekers and non-believers alike. I believe wholeheartedly in our Unitarian Universalist principles, they are what would make the world the place it ought to be. My ever evolving theology and my understanding of the world around me is nurtured and supported by these principles and by those who surround me in this movement. I feel privileged to be on this journey of discovery in the company of so many justice loving, truth seeking people. Together we strive to follow this advice from Unitarian minister, William Ellery Channing: *"May your life preach more loudly than your lips."*

The best way to get to know us is to Visit Us. We have Worship Services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month from September-June at 4 pm at the First Congregational Church, for directions click here: [PUUF at Yahoo Maps](#). A potluck dinner follows the service. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, Adult Religious Education begins at 4 pm. For more information on upcoming

programs, click here: [News & Events](#). We have a Religious Education program for school-aged children during every service during the school year, and nursery care is always available.

I invite you to visit with us to see if we might be the community you have been looking for. Perhaps you've been a Unitarian Universalist all along? If you'd like to contact me with your questions, feel free to email me at: [revsuzannem@yahoo.com](mailto:revsuzannem@yahoo.com) .

As the poet Rumi said: "Come, come, whoever you are." You will be welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

Blessings,  
*Suzanne*