

Fall 2016 Worship Schedule
Regular Sunday Services start at 10:30AM

September 11
"Catching the Wave"
Ingathering and Water Communion
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
**Start Together Sunday*

A Drop, A Stream, A River, An Ocean, A Wave.
Amazing what can happen when we
all work together.
Let's celebrate our coming together,
and look toward catching that next wave!

September 18
"Across the Ages"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg & Susan Ryder
**Start Together Sunday*

We wish to be a congregation for all ages.
What would that look like? What does it look like now?
Let's make our ministries truly intergenerational!

September 25
"The Very Best..."
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
and Rev. Joan Van Becelaere
Children to Classrooms at 10:30

To get where we are going, we first need to know
where we are and where we are headed.
Only the very best tools of navigation will do.
Only the very best stories will help us shape our future.
*Rev. Joan Becelaere is part of the Congregational Life
staff of the UUA's Central East Region.*

October 2
"Who Do You Think You Are?"
Jeane Bennett-O'Dea
Children to Classrooms at 10:30

Zen Buddhism focuses meditation around the question,
"Who am I?"
Let's take a look at question and why it matters.

October 9
"Days of Awe"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg & UUSO Members
**Start Together Sunday*

Our Unitarian Universalist celebration of the Jewish holidays of
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
is a time to forgive one another and our selves,
to remember our dead, and to rededicate ourselves to a vision of the
good and the true.

October 16
"With Great Power..."
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Children to Classrooms at 10:30

Uncle Ben Parker said,
"With great power comes great responsibility."
We each have great power;
how shall we use our power responsibly?

October 23
"Be Excellent To Each Other"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
**Start Together Sunday*
(Congregational Meeting at Noon)

Two modern day, future prophets said,
"Be Excellent to Each Other"
A worthy message and goal as we work together
building the Beloved Community.

October 30
**"Looking Forward
and Looking Backward"**
A Samhain Celebration
Pam Strother
Children to Classrooms at 10:30

Samhain, the Pagan New Year is a "time out of time" when past
and future are carefully considered. Let us join together to
celebrate this ancient passage.

November 6
"What now? What's Next? "
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Children to Classrooms at 10:30

In two days we elect our next President-- after a tumultuous, vitriolic, polarizing campaign season. How does our faith inform our choice and how do we move forward from here?

November 13
"God's Own Image"
A Transgender Day of Remembrance Service
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
****Start Together Sunday***

"And God created the human beings in God's own image..." Genesis 1:27
On this day, as we remember those killed for the "sin" of being truly who they are, transgender, let us consider the true sin of placing God in a box, and making others pay so dearly for our mistake.

November 20
"Our Gratitudes"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Thanksgiving Service
****Stay Together Sunday***

Jesus articulated eight blessings that day on the mount, commonly known as the Beatitudes. This Thanksgiving let us count our blessings eight times, and share our Gratitudes.

November 27
"Warmth and Sincerity"
Cheryl Petersen
No Religious Education Classes Today

Although cold propaganda can be in our face, warmth and sincerity are intact. Let's watch it and spread it to unexpected places.

December 4
"Our Gifts, Our Hopes, Our Dreams"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
****Start Together Sunday***

After gathering together in appreciative inquiry, what have we learned about our best gifts, and our hopes and dreams? What's on our wish list for the coming years?

December 11
"Stories of the Season"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
****Stay Together Sunday***
Holiday Workshop

There are many stories told during this season of holy days and holidays. Tales of hope and love, joy and generosity. Come, let me tell a tale or two to thee...

December 18
"The Long Night"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Children to Classrooms at 10:30

In this season of merry making and twinkling lights, we sometimes forget the long night-- and those trying to make it to the dawn. Let us pause and reflect on the trying times, the painful memories, and the way through to the other side.

***Start Together Sunday:**
Children from Kindergarten through 6th grade start out at 10:30AM in the sanctuary with their families until after Time for All Ages.

***Stay Together Sunday:**
Children stay with their families for the entire service.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SERVICES

December 24

Christmas Eve

Join us for one of our candlelight services
celebrating the birth of Jesus
and his message of hope.

Family Service at 6:30 pm
Music and stories for all ages

Meditative Service at 10:00PM
Contemplative and traditional

December 25

“A Family Christmas Morning”

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg & Cheryl DeDecker
**Stay Together Sunday*

Join us for a Christmas morning tradition:
a holiday celebration with family.
Come in your best pajamas and slippers.
Sing songs, share stories,
and share a Christmas morning feast.

(Please RSVP to Rev. Craig)