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First Edition

Sermons

Sunday, October 11, "Never Waste a Crisis",

Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Stephen writes... "There is a new movie about politics coming out later in the month called, I believe, 'My Business is Crisis,'--and it echoes Rahm Emanuel's (Obama's first Chief of Staff) favorite saying, "Never waste a crisis." He believed that change only happens in times of chaos and duress, and that we seldom embrace change until we are forced to by changing circumstances. I have come to believe this is largely true in our personal lives as well. I don't wish times of crisis on anyone (including me), but when they arrive, as they inevitably will, we need to grow from them, not be submerged and flattened by them. See you in church!"

Sunday, October 18, "The Leap of Unfaith",

Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Stephen writes... "This summer, reading a biography of the writer John Updike, I noted with a rueful smile his quote that, try as he might, he always ended up heading to church despite all his doubts and intellectual quandaries about faith. He added, "I just never could make that leap of unfaith..." I loved that. It brilliantly expresses my own lifetime of push/pull, back and forth, over all the classic elements of religion--Is there a God? Is there life after death? Was Jesus a genius or a madman? Why do Unitarians love coffee so much? All the biggies. I am tempted, always, to be a doubter, a non-believer--but I never quite make the leap. No matter how heretical, I am still, somehow, a person of faith. See you in church!"

Sunday, October 25, "Wrestling with God", Sam Teitel

Sam writes... "There is a famous story in the book of Genesis about Jacob having a literal wrestling match with God. As Unitarian Universalists it can seem like we as a spiritual community are wrestling with the idea of God all the time, or else wrestling with each other over the idea of God. In this service we will be exploring what it means to wrestle God, both on a physical and on a spiritual level."

