



March Calendar



Date	Time	Program	Presenter/facilitator
March 1	10:00	The Calm Amidst the Storm	Rev. Jo Green
March 8	10:00	Separation of Church and State	Rev. Garth Schumacher
March 15	10:00	Hinduism in 20 Minutes Third Sunday Potluck	Dennis Peters
March 20	9:46 a.m.	Vernal Equinox	
March 22	10:00	The Ojibwe Perspective on the Equinox	Dr. Rick St Germaine
March 29	10:00	The Lionheart Within Us	Rev. Terry Cummings

Rev. Green asks: "In the current atmosphere we are all living in, when we are feeling the pain of current events, how do we stay resilient amid corruption and pain? What steps can we take? Join us to create calm amidst the chaos of our times."

Rev. Schumacher will ask us to consider three questions:

1. Why did our nation's founding parents feel it necessary to separate church and state?
2. What historical challenges has the Establishment Clause of our Constitution faced over the years?
3. How are we to uphold this constitutional priority today?

As part of our ongoing project of considering spiritual growth from many sources, Dennis will give us an overview of one of history's most ancient traditions, Hinduism. He notes: "Welcome to Hinduism. Hinduism is the oldest major religion in the world, dating back thousands of years. The best guess is that the texts and practices date from approximately 1500 BCE, or 3,500 years ago. It also is the third-largest religion, with maybe 1.2 billion followers. Journey back with me to one important branch in our past!"

Rick notes: "Most tribes have celebrations for the changing of the seasons, with ceremonies and fabulous music - both soil-based and hunting-gathering tribes recognize these seasonal breaks." Rick will share with us tribal history, ritual and music

Rev Terry explains: "Few people will forget the image of the *Tank Man of Tiananmen Square*, who risked his life during a protest demonstration in China. This year has seen protests in our own country in which people have risked their lives to express their opposition to government policy." Rev. Terry will reflect on ways in which our human spirit moves us to take risks, and to endure danger, despite the threats to ourselves.