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Standing on the Side of Love

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STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE

Most of us hear the rallying call “Standing on the Side of Love,” and think of the Marriage Amendment. We stand on the side of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender peoples and their right to marry. But this is but a piece of what this statement and public advocacy campaign encompasses.

The Standing on the Side of Love Campaign emerged with the 2008 shooting at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, which was targeted because of its liberal stance on theology and social issues that included welcoming LGBT people. Greg McKendry, a board member and usher, and Linda Kraeger a visitor to the church died that day. Many others were seriously injured. Standing on the Side of Love is an advocacy group sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association seeking to “elevate compassionate religious voices to influence public attitudes and public policy. Through community activism, social

networking, and media outreach, people across the nation are equipped to counter fear and make love real in the world.” (Learn more at StandingontheSideofLove.org.)

Standing on the Side of Love is more than a slogan. It is living out the principles of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Standing on the Side of Love is more than a warm and cuddly catch phrase. It’s putting our bodies, our minds, our hearts on the side of the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and working for justice, equity and compassion in human relations. It means growing into Love’s people.

Starting June 17, we spend the summer exploring what it means to stand on the side of love through worship and programming. We will find strength in our history, as well as where we have fallen short. We will unpack the meaning of our principles and sources. We will testify to everyday acts of courage and compassion. This summer, we will learn, and act, and Stand on the Side of Love.

REFLECTING POND

The Quality of Time, Standing Here in Love

By Doug Abbott, congregant



I found First Universalist and this worship community

the same year my longtime partner passed away. We were together almost 16 years. During the first service I attended, I knew I was at the right place. I got goose bumps on the back of my neck when the music for that Sunday included an Aboriginal musical piece. Two years before Michael passed, we had traveled to Australia. It was the trip of our dreams.

I also began my studies at United Theological Seminary (UTS) that same year. I had come to this particular point in my life in part out of knowing it was time to explore and understand the spiritual dimension of my own creative process. Instantly I discovered many precious connections between First Universalist and my UTS

experience. This part of my journey started in 2005 and it continues. In 2010, I graduated from UTS with my Masters-dual concentration in Theology and the Arts, and Leadership Towards Racial Justice. I feel sustained, nurtured and supported at First Universalist. It is my spiritual home.

The Greek term for time is “kairos.” From a theological lens, this refers to an opportune divine moment that demands action — the qualitative nature of time. There are moments, inspired by *kairos*, where I feel an “embodied knowing” that I am to take action or make a certain choice. That is how I found First Universalist.

As I write this — on the heels of the disappointing news that North Carolina voters created an amendment against same-sex marriage — President Obama spoke out in favor of



same-sex-marriage. There is NOTHING static in nature about Standing on the Side of Love and the spirit of this wonderful worship community. I have a great deal of emotion and heart invested in our own struggle here in Minnesota. I stand in solidarity with my LGBTQ brothers and sisters. I also stand in solidarity with those who will be potentially affected by our Minnesota Amendment on Voter ID. Every day, and every time I worship here, I rediscover and affirm my understanding of community and *kairos*. For me, being a member at First Universalist is a personal call that means I recognize that my attention, focus, energy, and action are demanded in support of our community.

It also moves me to ask — and keep asking — my community to recognize the importance of action in this moment of time as we struggle for justice.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Visit FirstUniv.org/calendar for up-to-date details, and for many more events not described here



SAVE THE DATE

Lake Harriet Bandshell Service and
First Universalist Picnic
Sunday, July 1
Bring a dish to share
Stay tuned to details at
firstuniv.org/2012Bandshell.



Buddha and Jesus

First Universalist-Secular
Bible Study Meetup, June 12
and 26, 7-8:45pm, Cummins



Jesus in India? Was Buddha his mentor? In this two-part series, we will view the 97-minute Sundance documentary film, "Jesus in India." (June 12). In Part 2 (June 26), we will hold a reasoning dialogue to critically discuss the film's claim of Jesus' spiritual and physical journey. Details: firstuniv.org/biblestudy or meetup.com/Secular-Bible-Study/

Monthly Knitting Fellowship

Casual knitting tutorials will be held monthly with women of Ascension Place. You do not have to be an expert knitter! Sessions are held at 1803 Bryant Ave North. Contact: Barb, bjm@visi.com for dates, details and sign up.

Labyrinth Open Walk

June 6, 6:30-8pm, Social Hall

This will be the last Open Walk before the summer break. Come anytime before 7:45. Allow at least 15 minutes for a full walk. Wednesday Open Walks will resume in September. See firstuniv.org/labyrinth.

Considering Membership at First U?

Details: firstuniv.org/membership.

Choosing membership is a public declaration and a spiritual commitment to support this congregation and allow the community to support you.

Membership is available to all, ages 14 and up, who are aligned with the mission, vision, and values of this church. Although most programs at the church are accessible to non-members, becoming a member gives you voting rights and access to our great network of congregational care.

How Can I Learn More?

First Step is a brief overview of what our community has to offer. This session is especially for visitors and newcomers. The sessions are held after the first and third service of the month. No sign up is necessary.

Pathways to Membership is a class for those new to Unitarian Universalism and/or First Universalist Church, and is a requirement for those who wish to become members. Next class: **July 14, 9am-1pm**.

Register: Sandy@firstuniv.org.

To reserve free childcare for these opportunities:

Lily@firstuniv.org.



ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

Visit FirstUniv.org/board and FirstUniv.org/StrategicPlan for more

By Kathy Coskran, outgoing Board of Trustees President

If processions of children appeared among us—companies of those human beings who represent the living possibility of peace—we would have to welcome them reverently and bow down before them in admiration . . . We must gather around [children] to learn the mystery of humanity, to discover the . . . mystery of a fundamental goodness that our outer lives and acts belie.

—Dr. Maria Montessori

I thought of this quote from Maria Montessori after the worship service led by our senior high young people on May 6 because I was so moved by their honesty, sincerity, and beauty. They reminded me why Chuck and I have been at First Universalist Church for more than 30 years. We are here for ourselves, of course — for the transforming experience of being in community in a place that embodies our deepest values and most cherished hopes for the future. But when your own children are grown, you can forget that what is most precious is creating this place where young people are given the gift of giving, receiving and growing.

The Senior High young people who led us in worship that Sunday embodied the very heart of the Universalist message of love and hope. They removed their teenage masks and showed us not only their own beauty, but reminded us that every person is holy. I felt the power we are sending out into the world.

At the meeting about the Strategic Plan after that service, we discussed growing as a congregation and church. One person thought our mission statement indicates that it is our goal to grow bigger. That’s not it at all! “Grow” in our mission statement refers



to the depth and breadth that I hope we all can experience in this community.



It is true that a church that is truly transforming and vibrant—alive—will grow in numbers. And we are growing. One of the purposes of the Strategic Plan is to anticipate what that growth will mean. Some have expressed worry about bigness—that the more we grow, the less connected we will feel to others. We talked about how any small group — activity, pod, subgroup, committee, team (we tried many words for it!) — brings us closer together.

Most profoundly, a member who has been here more than forty years, said “Growing is investing in the future.” He spoke of our role as elders in being sure this place is here for the young. His wisdom and insight brought me back to that stunning procession of our senior high youth, singing their way into the Sanctuary.

The experience of Youth Sunday, coupled with working on the Strategic Plan and hearing from so many congregants, has helped me to see the amazing potential of the Universalist message of love and hope. I am seeing with awakened eyes, and I am so grateful to be part of this amazing church.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Stay up-to-date about summer activities at FirstUniv.org/REroundup

Standing on the Side of Love

By Lauren Wyeth, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Children emerge curled in a warm bundle of fists and knees and tucked in elbows, bodies holding the shape of the embracing womb. Slowly they unfurl their limbs, their eyes gradually shifting from searching their parents' faces to noticing the room. Witnessing their gradual emergence with the utter and complete abandon of mother love, my partner and I intimately learned the ways of both of our children.

How does a family of four, each of us unique, stand on the side of love – each of us in our way? Recognize and honor the various ways in which each of you stands. Allow one child to ladle soup at a shelter while another stays home. Take one to anti-marriage amendment rallies that the others don't want to attend. Help your writer craft a letter to the Star-Tribune, or your organizer lead a coat drive at his school. How do you stand on the side of love? How do your children? All our efforts are needed.

Children's Choir News

It was a great year for the First Universalist Children's Choir with nearly 40 kids participating. They were involved in a recording project with director Mary Bohman, who is creating a new Religious Education CD. The choir sang four songs at a chapel service at Walker Methodist Health Care Center. More than 100 elders attended. The children's musical gifts and contagious energy brought smiles. The choir will resume in Fall. **Contact:** Mary Bohman at mary@firstuniv.org.

Middle School Youth Invited

Have you noticed that your life seems to be getting more complicated? Do you feel confused and worried at one moment, then thrilled and excited the next? Join First Universalist's Middle School Summer Program, just for youth entering grades 6-8 this fall, as we explore the theme **Too Old for This, Too Young for That: Your Survival Guide for the Middle-School Years**. Each Sunday from 10-11 a.m., we'll dig into topics such as: finding, making and keeping friends; connecting with your family; getting used to your changing body; liking the skin you're in. You can register for this opportunity at firstuniv.org/REregistration. If you've already submitted your Fall registration, but would like to add summer registration, contact katie@firstuniv.org.

Summer Passport for Children

Sundays at 10 am, May 27 through August 26

This summer, our kids can expect active fun every Sunday morning! They will journey with same age friends (4 years through kindergarten, 1st-3rd grade and 4th-5th grade) as they collect stamps in their Seven Principles Summer Passports. Nursery care available with Lily for ages 0-3 years.

Summer volunteers can join the fun on Sundays — this is a chance to get to know our amazing First Universalist kids. Questions about the program? Interested in volunteering? Contact Lauren Wyeth, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at lauren@univ.org or 612-825-1701 x 111. Register at firstuniv.org/REregistration.

OUR GOOD GOODBYE

By Rev. Kate Tucker (visit firstuniv.org/KateTucker for more)

"We don't set out to save the world; we set out to wonder how other people are doing and to reflect on how our actions affect other people's hearts."

--Pema Chodron

Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling me who I am.

--Parker J. Palmer,

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us. --Anne Lamott

Well, dear members and friends of First Universalist, this is my last contribution to the Liberal. I'll retire from full time parish ministry on June 15. Meister Eckhart said "Thank you" is the only prayer we really need. I've questioned that ("Help" is also useful, and "Wow" undergirds it all) but lately I've been saying "Thank you" 300 times a day. I'm grateful to know you, and to have shared these 15 years with you. You are a vibrant, tender, muscular, songful, ever-maturing community of faith. Your future together will be a beauty unfolding and a gift to the world.

Barbara Brown Taylor says "According to the Talmud, every blade of grass has its own angel bending over it, whispering, 'Grow, grow.'" If it's true for each blade of grass, it's surely true for us.

So here's a wish and a prayer for you, as you move into the days and years ahead: May you hear the angel who bends over you whispering, "Grow, grow." May you send your roots down into this dear earth, and open your hearts to the light.

Go well, go in peace.

Kate



Kate has offered a list of her favorite book resources and sermon excerpts, at

firstuniv.org/KateTucker, where you will also find testimonials from congregants. Following are excerpts from some of those:

One of the many things that the Rev. Kate Tucker taught me was that all people, no matter their circumstance, have three things in common: they're born, they die, and they all have heartbeats of grace. — Tracy Jones

I know I am uniquely special to you. It makes me happy. Then I see you with another and I know they are equally, uniquely special to you. What a gift. You love us all. — Ginny McAninch

I was surprised to find myself overwhelmed by waves of sadness and grief about my father's health. Kate listened to my inarticulate words with her special combination of compassion and openness to the mystery.... — Karin Wille

In 2001, new to the city, I attended a service. The first person who came up to me was Kate Tucker as I was sitting alone on the left side of the sanctuary. She was very kind and attentive — and has been ever since! — Lisa Renee Ragsdale

My life...our lives, are all the richer for having known Kate. Each time I hear her voice it is like coming home again. — Annie Tutilla

You can tell anything to Kate, and she will mirror back the best part of you, helping you find your own inherent worth and dignity. She listens for the wisdom inside you, and celebrates it.

— Larry LaVercombe

Goodbye to Our Graduates

Each year, several graduates accept our invitation to reflect on their time at First Universalist.

Emily Sylvestre is graduating from South High School. She will attend Macalester College to study environmental science and international policy. She has been at First Universalist since she was 3. “I learned to appreciate the beauty of diversity in creed, religion, and way of life, and also to be outraged at injustice and empowered to fight it. I would like to thank this community for being my rock. “



Janelle Kloth is graduating from Chanhassen High School and will study communications at University of Minnesota-Duluth. She has been at First Universalist since 7th grade. “I know I will always have a place where I feel welcome. I thank my parents for encouraging me to go to church, and all the wonderful advisers I've had.”



Jakob Christensen is graduating from Southwest High School and will attend MCTC. He grew up in the church, and fondly remembers the youth bike trip. “I've learned about social and spiritual values that have shaped my life. I am grateful for my Coming of Age mentor Dan Berg, Rev. Kate Tucker, my classmates and the church community that sent me letters when I was in the hospital. It showed me that people cared.”



Emi Hasty is graduating from the Perpich Center for Arts Education. She is moving to Portland, Oregon, to attend the Pacific Northwest College of Art. She has been attending this church since she was 3. “I feel incredibly lucky to have grown up in such an inspiring and welcoming community. First Universalist has taught me how to be a leader, how to listen, and how to recognize a loving community when I see one. I'd like to thank all the amazing advisors, the very talented Katie Heaton, my beloved church friends, and the rest of the beautiful community at First Universalist Church for helping me become the person I am today.”

Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors who are part of the First Universalist community!

David Baldus	Emerson Hunton	Nathaniel Nagel
Jenna Courtney	John Kelly	Thomas Pierson
Jackson Dunitz	Jessica Lee	Wyatt Richard
Ben Feigenbaum	Abigail Lothrop	Kyle Shoemaker-
Aaron Freeman	Jamie Mayer	Gagnon
Anker Heegaard-	Alex McCormick	Phoebe Ward
LeGros	Sophia Mickman	David Yanagita
Daniel Holtzman	Sasha Morrison	

In Honor of Kate

by Martha Megarry

If anyone asked, I'd say I count her as a friend, though I only know her through her sermons, many of which I know by heart.

Her words are like lanterns that have shown the way through

anxiety and insomnia and chaotic change — the dark night-times.

She only knows me through a handful of thirty second interactions, setting up chairs, or in the hugging line after a service, but that is the amazing thing about Kate.

In those thirty seconds,

the only people that exist are the two of you, and the only care she has in the world is listening not only to your words but to the outcries of your soul.

She is a walking spiritual experience.

And she will be well missed.

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Visit FirstUniv.org/FAroundup for ways to get involved this summer

Umbrella Teams Forming

"Faith knows no horizons, can not live in crypts, behind padlocks. Faith is for eager and audacious persons. When belief takes the place of faith, creeds become paramount. When faith is dominant, deeds become the test." — Clarence Skinner, Universalist minister, 1881-1949

The Faith in Action Steering Committee needs your help so that First Universalist Church can live into our dream to be "an effective force for positive change in the community and in the world" (Strategic Plan, p.5). We are recruiting volunteers to round-out the Steering Committee and three leadership teams: Environment & Sustainability, Housing & Homelessness, and Immigration. Now that our new umbrella format effort is aligned with the strategic plan, we are

ready to plan activities and build relationships.

Your ideas and enthusiasm can help shape the campaigns in each of the three focus areas. We will meet about once every 4-6 weeks through the summer and fall and we need all kinds of folks: big picture thinkers and hands-on doers; people interested in service opportunities and those interested in systemic change; people knowledgeable about social change organizations in our community and those who simply want to help while they enjoy good company. Contact: Debra Rodgers (debra@firstuniv.org).



Habitat for Humanity Work Week

- Habitat for Humanity and First Universalist Church invite you to celebrate as we dedicate the new homes of eight families at 931-945 NE Third Avenue in Minneapolis on **June 9** that we helped build. A program, featuring Rev. Justin Schroeder, begins at 2:15.
- A Brush with Kindness is a program with Habitat that helps elders and others preserve home ownership. Work dates will be held June 3 and July 13.
- The week of August 13 to 17 will be the First Universalist Work Week at a Habitat for

Humanity site in North Minneapolis. We need up to 18 volunteers aged 16 and older for day-long shifts on a new, single-family home.

Sign up sheets for this program, and summer build dates, are at firstuniv.org/habitat.

Marriage Amendment

Stay tuned to firstuniv.org/MarriageEquality to learn about ways you can get involved with this issue over the summer.

Contacts:
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Comfort Food

The church has begun its second year as a drop-off site for produce shares from



Philadelphia Community Farms community supported agriculture (CSA). This is a great way to treat yourself, your family and your friends to delicious, organic vegetables that are sustainably grown with love. They offer several share options: full, half, shared. Learn more at firstuniv.org/farm. **Contact:** Judy Goebel, jkgoebel@hotmail.com.

Unity Center Opportunities for Youth

Parents, consider inviting your youth to get involved with Unity Leadership's first Urban Summer Justice Camp, from July 9 to 12. The theme of the camp is "Let's Talk About Race." Details and registration: unityleadership.org. **Contact:** info@unityleadership.org or 612-259-8268. A few stipend leadership opportunities still available for high school youth. Email jglover@unityleadership.org.

AUW/MUUSJA Voting Rights

Join the working group on Voting Rights, which meets the third Saturday of each month at First Universalist, Room 204, from 9-11 am, through October. **Contacts:** Carol Johnson, 612-825-3322; Jenny Thomas, 612-386-5724.

Youth Cultural Exchange

The Nicaraguan youth, who hosted First Universalist youth last summer, will be visiting us July 13 to 29. On July 22, they will be introduced to the congregation and will share traditional dances and a sample of "gallo pinto" in the Social Hall after the service.

Youth Sleep Out for Homeless Peers

A dozen participants from First Universalist Church joined 400 youth sleeping outside in cardboard boxes during "A Night on the Street" on a Friday night in April in the parking lot of Plymouth Congregational Church. They did so to raise awareness of youth homelessness and to raise funds for affordable housing for young adults. More than \$1,385 was raised through individual contributions solicited by First Universalist youth participating in the event. In honor of their efforts, the offerings collected in children's RE classes all year long -- totaling over \$1,300 -- will be given as a "matching donation."

First Universalist Emilio recounted a story he heard from a speaker at Night on the Street: "A kid told about his life sitting behind the school after school because he had nowhere to go. How he would sit there until 9 at night and even sleep behind the school so he wouldn't miss the free breakfast. How hard it was for him to concentrate in school, because he was too busy wondering and worrying about what he was going to eat next and where he was going to sleep." The annual event is organized by Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to ending homelessness. We thank Anne Mavity, Beth Toso and Kirk Cozine, who served as chaperones, and the youth of First Universalist for putting their faith into action on behalf of young people experiencing homelessness in our community.

SPECIAL NOTE: Summer is an important time to provide non-perishable food since children are not receiving meals at school. See the new drop-off area for Joyce Food Shelf and TRUST in our renovated contribution space in the lobby area.

WORSHIP LIFE



Worship Arts

by Ruth MacKenzie, Director of Worship Arts

In an essay *Making a Hole in Denial*, poet Robert Bly begins: “It’s possible that the United States has achieved the first consistent culture of denial in the modern world... The inner city collapses, and we build bad housing projects rather than face the bad education, lack of jobs and persistent anger at black people. When the homeless increase, we build dangerous shelters rather than face the continuing decline in actual wages.”

Bly names denial as the core problem of the modern world. He echoes the thoughts of theologian, Paul Tillich who defines sin as: being aware of brokenness, oppression, and injustice at home, and abroad, and yet living as though we were completely ignorant. Sin means separation. Sin means denial.

It is in this situation that the arts and literature are more important than ever. I don’t mean corporate art, art created in order to sell us things, or to gloss over pain with a sense of “cool.” I’m talking about works of art that hold disparate pieces of truth together, and make us look and feel because they are so compelling, so brash, so beautiful that the heart cracks open and our vision clears. “Great art and literature are the only models we have left to help us stop lying,” says Bly, and I agree. Whether a spiritual, a rap, a poem, a dance, a play, great art awakens. Great art connects.

This summer we explore what it means to stand on the side of love. Standing on the side of love means facing life, with all its beauty and bitterness, and refusing to respond with denial. Standing on the side of love takes courage, but it also takes great art.



A Year of Grace

by Ralph Krog, Intern Minister

It has been almost a year since I came to “The Cities” for my internship. I have worked hard, learned a lot, had wonderful experiences, and made a few mistakes.

The people of First Universalist have been kind and welcoming. I am very grateful to Rev. Kate Tucker for her generosity during this, her last year of ministry. I am also grateful to my intern committee, which was professional and helpful, and to Rev. Justin Schroeder for making me welcome on the chancel, in church meetings and with the UU Ministers social groups. The church staff are wonderful to work with. Even the weather was generous to my wife and me, who usually reside in the tropics.

It is difficult to say goodbye. The year has changed me. The experiences provided by Small Group Ministry, Faith in Action umbrella groups, theme-based sermon series, and many other spiritual programs and details will inform my future ministries, whatever form they may take.

To everyone I have encountered, **Thank You.** *It has been a pleasure to serve you.*

Ralph’s last sermon will be June 10.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

For congregational care,
contact:
Sandy DiNanni,
sandy@firstuniv.org, x125

We hold in our thoughts and prayers

Jeni Klotz, who had knee replacement surgery in April.

Jeanne Peppel, whose mother Alice, died in April.

Emma Schroer, who tore the ACL in her left knee.

David Kellerman, church sound system operator, and his family, on the death of his grandmother, Joan Larzelere, who died in April.

Deb Juberian, who was hospitalized to receive chemotherapy for treatment of cancer. Deb's kidney cancer has been complicated by a secondary diagnosis of leukemia. Her Caring Bridge site is: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/debjuberian>

David Torborg, brother of Alan Torborg and brother-in-law of Janet Peters, who had a stroke in April.

Jessi Wicks' first grandson, baby Duncan Matthew Draper, who underwent heart surgery on May 3.

Jim Mickman and his family, as he fights an infection in his brain tumor.

We welcome Scout Lucinda McLoone, daughter of Ian and Sara McLoone, who was born at home April 21. 8 lbs 12 oz, 19 inches.

Welcome Elijah Cormier-Carmisciano, grandnephew of Karen and Laurel, born April 21.

We remember the 2,500 youth who are homeless in Minnesota on any given night. And we lift up our 7th and 8th grade youth (Dugan, Zoe, Mariel, McLean, Emilio, Ben, Nora, Claudia, Lachlan, Brigid and Sophia) who raised over \$1,500 and slept outside in solidarity at the Night on the Street event in April.

We congratulate Abbie McMillan, daughter of Preston and Betsy McMillan, who received several awards for leadership and service while a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, Parkside. Abbie was chosen to receive the United Not Divided Award from the LGBTQ Resource Center on campus.

Announcing: Summer Guide

Interested in finding out more about all the opportunities to connect in community this summer? Check out the 2012 Summer Program Guide, available at The Hub and online beginning June 10, firstuniv.org/programguide.

Standing On the Side of Love T-Shirts

Congregants are invited to purchase a Standing on the Side of Love t-shirt, and to wear it when we are out in the community together this summer, especially at the Lake Harriet service on July 1! T-shirts for sale at The Hub beginning June 10 (\$12 adult/ \$10 child).



Sharing Sunday Flowers

Visual Arts and Congregational Care have developed a program to provide flowers from Sunday arrangements to congregants who are unable to attend. If you are interested in delivering flowers or creating bouquets, contact Bette DeMars, jbdemars@aol.com, 952-929-2536.

Congregants in the News

We have a bulletin board for posting articles about our congregants in the Welcome Center.

Donate Flowers

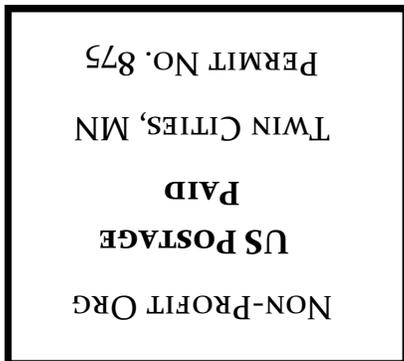
Donating flowers for a Sunday service is a great way to commemorate a special occasion or honor an individual or event. A member of the Visual Arts Committee will arrange the flowers, which will be yours to keep after the service. Contact: pfoulkes@me.com

In the Universalist spirit of love and hope, we give, receive and grow. First Universalist Church of Minneapolis (612-825-1701, firstuniv.org)

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- Note the Liberal will be on hiatus this summer. Instead, we will feature an events flyer and a Summer program guide (see details on page 11.)
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