

July 13, 2014

# BULLETIN

## Welcome!

We are so glad that you are here.

We aspire to be a church that lives and practices racial justice principles, and that welcomes all, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, skin color, or economic status. At First Universalist, our mission is to practice giving, receiving, and growing into Love's people. This is the path we invite you to walk with us.

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. **Our next orientation takes place July 20;** meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 30-minute overview. No sign up needed and coffee & childcare are provided.

The Visiting Families Welcome Station at the north end of the Religious Education wing has information about our Children, Youth & Family Ministries. Stop by if you are interested in learning more, or email our Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, Lauren Wyeth, at [lauren@firstuniv.org](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

**Hearing Devices are available** - please ask an usher. Cushions are available for the pews and are located next to the sound booth and at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please return them to their home after the service.

We also have Fragrance-Free rows marked in the balcony.

**For more information about First Universalist, go to our website:** [www.firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://www.firstuniversalistchurch.org) stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs after services, or call our church office, 612-825-1701.

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## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

*Offering plates from Sunday service*

July 6, 2014	MUUSJA \$560
June 29, 2014	Racial Justice \$385
June 22, 2014	Y.C.E \$549
June 15, 2014	Cummins Fund \$665
June 8, 2014	First Universalist \$793

## Church 'Spruce Up' August 4th to 9th

We will be re-painting the back wall of the chancel and four of the classrooms during the first week in August. A poster showing the new chancel colors is on display Sundays in the narthex or social hall. We extend our gratitude to the Association of Universalist Women (AUW) for generously donating the funds to paint the chancel. If you can volunteer some help, please sign up online here: <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/online-forms/>. We hope to see you there!

## Let Them Know You Care

Looking for a small, yet powerful way to make a difference? Send a card to someone experiencing a significant joy or sorrow in their life. Each Sunday, we honor those who are living through a major life transition during our worship service and in our printed Cycle of Life. To extend a gesture of care and connection, write them a card in the Welcome Center, which is the small room in the atrium located between the social hall and the education wing. Simply select a card, write a caring message, and drop it in the basket provided.

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## August 3: Lake Harriet Bandshell Service

Join us for an energizing worship service and a potluck lunch at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on Sunday, August 3 at 10am. The Universal Jazz Band may just blow the top off the bandshell! Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and utensils. This will be our only worship service that Sunday.



## Opening on Foundation Board

There is a mid-term opening for a Director on our Foundation Board at First Universalist Church. According to our bylaws, in the case of a midyear resignation, we must notify our congregation in writing. The Nominating Committee then identifies an interim Director, subject to Board of Trustees' approval. The new Director's interim term will extend through June 2015 with eligibility to be elected for a three-year term at our Annual Meeting in June. Specifics about the role and application process can be found on our website by visiting: <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/opening-on-foundation-board/>

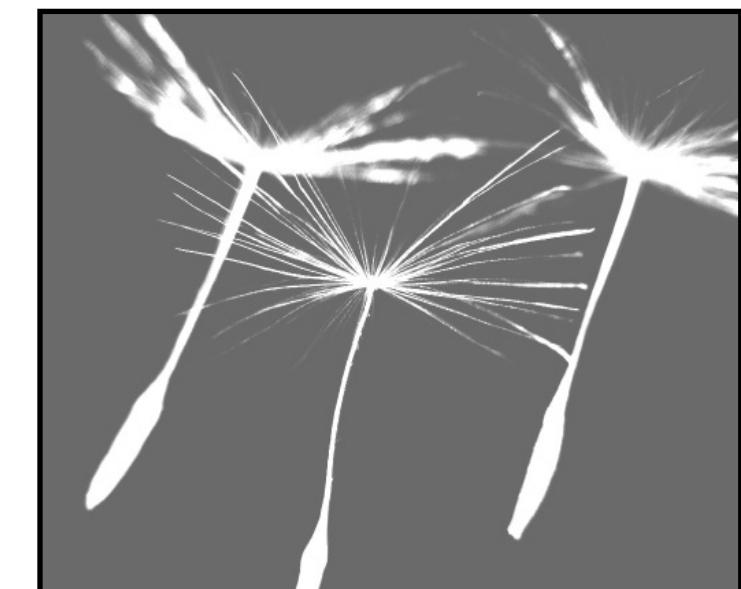


Updated photo of the House That Love Built! Photo submitted by Bill McTeer. If you'd like to sign up for Habitat for Humanity build days, please visit our website to sign up online!

<http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/habitat-for-humanity-sign-up/>



*In the Universalist spirit of love and hope,  
we give, receive, and grow.*



*Just a Little Patience*

*Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink*

*July 13, 2014*

**Music for Gathering**

Andrew Bourgoin

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**Bell Sound****Prelude***Invention No. 1, C Major*  
-J.S. Bach**Wisdom Story**“The Garden”  
from *Frog and Toad Together*  
-Arnold Lobel

Performers: George Dow, Caitlin Rogers, Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**Opening Hymn 347***Gather the Spirit***Lighting the Chalice***Love is the spirit of this church,  
and service is its law.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.*-James V. Blake  
(reprinted with permission by the UUA)**Musical Interlude****Silence****Cycle of Life****Hymn of Prayer 123**  
*Spirit of Life (seated)*

*Spirit of life, come unto me,  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea:  
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close. Wings set me free.  
Spirit of Life, come to me. Come to me.*

-Carolyn McDade  
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**Reading**

From *Letters to a Young Poet*  
-Rainer Maria Rilke

**Musical Offering**

As the Deer  
-arr. Marilynn Ham

**Sermon***Just a Little Patience***Offertory**

Day by Day  
-arr. Tom Fettke

**Closing Hymn 86***Blessed Spirit of my Life***Closing Words****Blessing in Song 413**  
*Go Now in Peace***Music for the Journey**

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Elaine Aron  
Tenbrink  
Andrew Bourgoin  
George Dow  
Caitlin Rogers

Minister of Membership &  
Adult Ministries  
Summer Pianist  
Storyteller  
Storyteller

**Worship Design  
and Coordination**Rev. Elaine Aron  
TenbrinkMinister of Membership &  
Adult Ministries**Offering**

Emerge Community Development

**Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers were arranged by Marjie Smith of the Visual Arts Committee.

**Summer Worship Theme: Seeds**

Hidden in the seed is wonder: the possibility of prairie grass, the manifestations of marigolds, the surprising turn of events when we plant hope in our lives. Whether we plant seeds in our backyard or in gestures of social justice, we enter the divine amplification system that deeply connects our actions to the creative energy of Spirit. As a wise man once said, a world of justice and peace is like a mustard seed, that when planted grows up to become the greatest of all shrubs, so great that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade. This summer we will explore the theme of seeds. What seeds are you planting to grow a more whole and holy world? What seeds are you planting to grow a more whole and holy life? What is our part in the divine amplification system?

**Upcoming preachers:**

July 20: Rev. Mary Bohman. Mary is an affiliate minister of First Universalist Church and serves as a hospice chaplain.

July 27: Jill Braithwaite. Jill currently serves on the First Universalist Board of Trustees, and is a student at United Theological School in New Brighton.

August 3: Lake Harriet Bandshell Service and Potluck! Service is at 10AM with a potluck to follow; bring a dish to share. Rev. Justin Schroeder will be preaching.

*Don't forget to collect and save water from a sacred place this summer!  
We'll gather and merge the waters on September 7, at our Water Communion service.*