

First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

Annual Events 2014-2015



* Event dates are subject to change – please consult the weekly Bulletin or firstuniversalistchurch.org for updates

Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-8pm; Sunday, 9am-1pm. Phone: 612-825-1701

First Step, 30 minute informational meeting for visitors, after services – 1st and 3rd Sundays

Pathway to Membership, Registration required – Classes are in October and April

New Member Ceremony – November 23 and May 17

Child Dedication Ritual – November 2 and May 10

Community Circles, Register for session 1: September 7-28; register for session 2: January 11-25

FALL	
Water Communion , Multigenerational worship	September 7, 9:30 and 11:15am, Return to two services
First day of Religious Education classes	September 14
Young Families Fall Festival, ages 0-5 yrs.	October 25
Great Gathering, Annual church-wide event	November 15
Thanksgiving weekend , Multigenerational worship	November 30
WINTER	
Choir-led Worship , Special music service	December 14
Winter Solstice , Special service	December 19, 7pm
Christmas Pageant , Special service	December 21 and 24, 4pm
Christmas Eve , Special candlelight service	December 24, 9:30pm
Singing Sunday , Multigenerational worship	December 28, 10am, One service this Sunday only
High School UU Youth Con, Unity Church, St. Paul	January 16-18
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday , Special service	January 18
Annual State of the Church meeting	February 1, 12:45pm
Pledge Drive Kick-off	February 22 (concludes March 22)
SPRING	
Day of Service, Annual church-wide volunteer event	March 14
Religious Education Family Overnight, 2 nd -5 th gr.	March 21-22
Young Families Easter Party, ages 0-5 yrs.	April 4
Easter , Multigenerational worship	April 5
Earth Day , Special service	April 19
Youth Sunday , High school youth-led worship	April 26
Spring Concert , Special music service	May 3
Coming of Age , Special service and celebration	May 16
Last day of Church Year and Religious Education classes	May 17
Memorial Day weekend	May 24, 10am, Shift to one service through Labor Day
SUMMER	
Flower Communion , Multigenerational worship	May 31, 10am
Annual Meeting of the Membership	11:30am
Lake Harriet , Multigenerational worship and picnic	Date TBA
Backpack Blessing , Multigenerational worship	August 23
Labor Day Campout, Religious Education families	September 5-7



Worship at First Universalist Church

Fall 2014

Dear Church,

Welcome to our annual events and seasonal worship schedule. I hope you find this a useful tool as you look ahead to the church year. You'll notice that this page holds information for our Fall worship services, while the flip side contains important dates for the full church year. Detailed information about upcoming events can be found on our website, firstuniversalistchurch.org.

Looking forward to being together,
Rev. Jen Crow, Minister of Program Life

Sharing Sundays

Ages 4 years and up attend first part of service
First Sunday of the month, October 5 and November 2

Multigenerational worship

Ages 4 years and up attend entire service
September 7 and November 30

Youth-friendly worship

6th-12th grade youth attend entire service
October 19

September 2014		Worship theme: We've Been Waiting for You
<p><i>What would it be like to welcome your whole and holy self into this present moment, this community – no judgment, no angst, just a sense of acceptance? And what would it be like to turn to one another in the same open-hearted way? What would it be like to live into the words, "Your gifts and your wounds are welcome here" (Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs)? We've been waiting for you. This month we practice a spirit of welcome and hospitality for all.</i></p>		
Sep 7	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am <i>Multigenerational worship</i>	Water Communion , Rev. Justin Schroeder Ann Reed, <i>Special musical guest</i>
Sep 14	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am <i>1st day of Religious Education</i>	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder Patsy Vinogradov, <i>Worship Associate</i> Pavia Winds, <i>Special music</i>
Sep 21	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am	Worship , Rev. Jen Crow Rama Hart, <i>Worship Associate</i> First Universalist Choir
Sep 28	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder Ginger Murphrey, <i>Worship Associate</i>
October 2014		Worship theme: Keeping it Real
<p><i>Every so often we need to clean out the spiritual closet. The stack of games we've played on ourselves or others have fallen on our heads just one too many times. It's time to make an accurate assessment of our disarray and discontent, keep what we need, and discard what we don't. In this way, we make room for the whole and the holy in our lives. This month we talk about the importance of taking spiritual inventory and keeping it real.</i></p>		
Oct 5	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am <i>Sharing Sunday</i>	Yom Kippur Worship , Rev. Ruth MacKenzie First Universalist Choir
Oct 12	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder Marion Bauer, <i>Worship Associate</i> Universal Rock Band, <i>Special music</i>
Oct 19	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am <i>Youth-friendly worship</i>	Worship , Rev. Jen Crow Arif Mamdani, <i>Worship Associate</i> Guante, <i>Spoken Word Artist</i>
Oct 26	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am <i>Peace Sunday</i>	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder Pat Gottschalk, <i>Worship Associate</i> First Universalist Choir 12:30pm <i>Peace Pole re-dedication</i>
November 2014		Worship theme: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
<p><i>In one of the most beautiful biblical passages, the psalmist states, "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well" (Ps 139: 13-14). We have gifts. We have limitations. We age. This month we recognize, accept and cherish that we have our being in a body, fearfully and wonderfully made.</i></p>		
Nov 2	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am <i>Sharing Sunday</i>	Worship , Rev. Jen Crow Child Dedication Ritual
Nov 9	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am	Worship , Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink Jack Gaede, <i>Worship Associate</i> First Universalist Choir
Nov 16	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder Frederic MacDonald-Dennis, <i>Worship Associate</i> First Universalist Choir
Nov 23	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder New Member Ceremony Ben Miles, <i>Worship Associate</i>
Nov 30	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15am <i>Multigenerational worship</i>	Worship , Rev. Jen Crow Thanksgiving weekend