



GET CONNECTED

JOIN US ON MARCH 9 FOR PLEDGE DAY

Please join us on Wednesday, March 9 for Pledge Day! Church will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy breakfast or a morning coffee break while knitting or playing board games with friends from 8 to 11 a.m. Come for spiritual centering with Rev. Justin at 11 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. and have crock pot soups for lunch. Bring the kids at 4 p.m. to play in the bouncy house. A delicious BBQ Picnic Dinner from Breaking Bread Café and Catering in north Minneapolis will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by BINGO and a rousing song with the choir. Submit your pledge on or before Pledge Day by 8 p.m. and have your name entered into a drawing to win an iPad mini or other prizes!

TODAY: FAITHFUL ACTION ADVOCACY INFO MEETING

Join us to learn more about how advocacy is an integral part of First Universalist's commitment to justice. An informational community meeting will be held in the Social Hall following both services today. We hope to see you there!

AMERICAN PROMISE PART I - VIEWING AND DISCUSSION

On Sunday, March 13 at 1 p.m., join us for a viewing and discussion of the first half of the documentary "American Promise," a rare look into the lives of two middle class black families as they navigate the ups and downs of parenting and educating their sons. Part II will be shown Sunday, March 20 at 1 p.m. These are drop-in conversations that last 90 minutes.

WINTER HIKING WITH FIRST U SENIORS ON MARCH 8

Join other First Universalist seniors for a 2.5-hour hike at a beautiful Minnesota park! Meet at Lebanon Hills Visitor Center, located just west of the intersection of Cliff and Dodd Roads in Eagan, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8. Please note: spring conditions could make the trail slippery. Bring hiking poles and wear sturdy footwear. To RSVP, contact Tom Saterstrom at saterstromtom@yahoo.com or 952-239-3629.

FAITHFUL ACTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2016 PARTNERSHIPS

The Faithful Action Leadership Council has selected seven community organizations as official Partners for 2016-17. Congregants will have opportunities to work with these organizations on direct service and advocacy throughout the year. Organizations selected are: Augsburg Fairview Academy, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, EMERGE, Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light, Project for Pride in Living, Simpson Housing Services, and Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. This is the first time that a formal process was developed and used to select partnerships. If you are interested in learning more about an organization or opportunities to volunteer, please visit the Partnerships page on our website.



WELCOME

We are so glad you are here.

At First Universalist Church, in the spirit of love and hope, we give, receive, and grow.

We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we act outside of our walls; we listen to where love is calling us next. We do all this as a faith community committed to racial justice. These spiritual practices and commitments are the ways we move in rhythm with the great love that is alive in the world.

LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

If you are experiencing a crisis or transition, or celebrating a joy—please let us know. To be included in our Cycle of Life each Sunday in worship, contact Sandy DiNanni at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

If you would like support, contact Rev. Jen Crow (jen@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

Are You Visiting?

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Our next orientation takes place: Today!

Meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 45-minute overview. No sign up needed. Childcare is provided after the 11:15 service.

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 Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries Lauren Wyeth at: lauren@firstuniv.org.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

2/14 Habitat for Humanity \$711.34

2/21 Project DIVA \$1,080.24

2/28 TRUST \$831.66

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate

If you'd like to make a donation but don't have cash, use the Square Cash App. It takes no time at all to set up and use! First Universalist's cash tag is \$firstuniv. For more information, go to <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/new-giving-option-square-cash/>.

SUNDAY FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

Would you like to help distribute flowers after the Sunday service to a congregant who could use support? Contact Pamela Vincent at pbvincent1@comcast.net or 612-615-6085. (If you want to donate flowers for a Sunday service, you can pick up a form in the church office.)

HELPFUL INFORMATION

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**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: firstuniversalistchurch.org.

THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/
Do you have news or information you'd like published? Fill out the submission form on our website!



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we give, receive, and grow.



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WORSHIP THEME: WHOLENESS

WHOLE LIFE LIVING

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

MARCH 6, 2016

Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Prelude

The Swing from *Three Rhymes*
- Paul Bouman, Robert Louis Stevenson

Children's Choir
Colleen Cook
Narissa Bach

Wisdom Story

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Opening Hymn #318 (Please stand in body or spirit)

We Would Be One

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

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Music for Journeying

May Love Surround You
- Carole Etzler

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Musical Offering

Little Sunflower
- Freddie Hubbard

Ernest Bisong
Javi Santiago

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Hymn of Prayer #123 (please remain seated)

Spirit of Life

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

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Musical Offering

James
- Pat Metheny

Ernest Bisong
Javi Santiago

Sermon

Whole Life Living

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Offertory

Rain Dance
- Jeff Lorber

Ernest Bisong
Javi Santiago

Closing Hymn #1008 (Please stand in body or spirit)

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Colleen Cook	Children's Choir Director
Narissa Bach	Children's Choir Accompanist
Children's Choir	
Ernest Bisong	Guest Musician
Javi Santiago	Guest Musician
Avery Lindon	9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter
Neela Hammer	11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Rita Franchett of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Minnesota Communities Caring for Children

Minnesota Communities Caring for Children (MCCC), home of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and the Minnesota Circle of Parents®, works to build healthy environments where all children thrive. The MCCC prevention model promotes individual and community-led action to end child abuse and to build the resilience of children, parents and community members in neighborhoods, towns and cities throughout Minnesota. Over the last 36 years MCCC has successfully collaborated with communities, businesses, and public and private funders to evolve from a small organization operating out of its St. Paul office to a statewide entity with programs available in 57 of Minnesota's 87 counties.

About Today's Guest Musicians

Ernest Bisong is a violinist, teacher, composer and arranger. In the maiden edition of Venture Career Journal Nigeria released in 2013, he was referred to as "arguably Africa's foremost contemporary violinist." He has opened concerts for such musicians as Mike Stern, Marcus Johnson, Marsha Ambrosius, and Anita Baker. He has been a notable influence on the contemporary music scene of his country and his unique approach to teaching the violin earned him a scholarship to attend the summer 2013 edition of the Mark O'Connor Fiddle Camp in Charleston, South Carolina, where he studied contemporary teaching methods with the renowned violinist. He is currently doing graduate work in jazz violin performance at McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Javier Santiago is a powerful young artist with a strong vision. Born and raised in Minneapolis, MN, he grew up surrounded by deep artistic support by his jazz musician parents, as well as stalwarts of the local jazz community. While still in high school, he organized his own quintet and produced two albums. He also won the Schubert Club Jazz Piano Competition two years in a row. In 2011, Javier was selected to participate in the 14th Annual Betty Carter Jazz Ahead program. Since then, he has been playing gigs regularly in NYC at venues such as Smalls Jazz Club, 55 Bar, The Iridium, and several others. He also was a finalist in the 2015 American Jazz Pianist Competition.

March Worship Theme: Wholeness

Wholeness is not perfection. Wholeness is not static. Wholeness is more akin to the push and pull of right relationship, alive and available at any given moment. Our Jewish cousins call wholeness, *shalom*. Although we often translate *shalom* as *peace*, a more fitting understanding might be patterns of right relationship, just and true, that render every life healthy and whole. This month we explore patterns of wholeness.