

First Universalist Church

Presents

The Great Gathering



April 23, 2016

Program

5:30PM.....Check-In

6:15PM.....Great Gathering Sign-up Opens

6:45PM.....Dinner

From Darbar Grill: Chicken Tikka Masala; Vegetable Biryani, Mixed Vegetable Curry, Garlic and plain Naan, Papadum, Rice.

7:45PM.....Live Auction

followed by Fund A Need presentation

8:30PM.....Door Prizes, Wrap-up



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Item #: 001

Climbing at Taylors Falls

Rock Climbing Day at Taylors Falls with Climbing Expert

When: May 7th from 10am - 2pm

Where: Taylors Falls Interstate Park

Host: Mark Lutterman

Cost per person: \$25 Available Spots: 6

Item #: 002

Cheese Making

Learn how to make a variety of soft cheeses, and enjoy a fresh caprese salad with Mozzarella you have made yourself.

When: August 21st, 1pm

Where: 3217 Aldrich Ave S

Hosts: Lisa and Stewart Haugen

Cost per person: \$25 Available Spots: 12

Item #: 003

Paella Dinner

Fabulous 4 course Paella Dinner with wines to accompany each course.

When: TBD at a mutually agreed upon date/time.

Where: Lisa & Stewart Haugen's home, 3217 Aldrich Ave S

Host: Pamela Vincent

Cost per person: \$150 Available Spots: 4

Item #: 004

A Lyn-Lake Thespian and Epicurean Adventure

Join Tom and Sherry for a matinee performance in the intimate setting of the Jungle Theater. After the play, saunter next door to Muddy Waters Bar & Eatery for convivial conversation, libations and victuals.

When: Jungle Theater matinee play selection and date to be agreed upon by our guests.

Where: At Jungle Theater and Muddy Waters Restaurant

Host: Tom Saterstrom

Cost per person: \$75 Available Spots: 4



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Item #: 005

Dinner and Sing Along

Join Harlan, Chris, David and Lindsey for our annual dinner showcasing the best of our local farmer's markets. We'll start with wine and entertainment. After dinner and great conversation, David will play and lead us in a sing along of old favorites. With any luck our garden should be in full bloom!

When: June 18th, 6pm

Where: 7737 Tanglewood Court Edina

612-940-0722

Hosts: Harlan Limpert/David Lauth

Cost per person: \$50 Available Spots: 12

Item #: 006

Game Lovers Unite!

If you love board games (or boardless games), come join our happy crew! Play some games from my collection or bring a game to teach. Snacks will be available during game play and we will break for supper before continuing play into the evening (for the diehards).

When: September 18th, 2-9pm

Where: 4836 4th Ave South, Minneapolis

Host: Lisa Sinclair

Cost per person: \$25 Available Spots: 20

Item #: 007

Women's Literary Retreat

Gather at the Coskran cabin on Lake Mille Lacs, two hours north of the Twin Cities for a weekend of literary conversation, sharing literary treasures, doing a bit of writing, eating and laughing together. You'll receive some suggested readings prior to the weekend and be asked to bring at least one book, story, or poem to recommend to others. We will begin at 9:30 am on Saturday the 23rd, and depart after lunch on Sunday, the 24th. (It is a cabin with spacious common areas and efficient (i.e., small) sleeping areas—2 people will be in a top bunk.)

Women Only

When: March 4-5, 2017

Where: Lake Mille Lacs

Host: Kathy Coskran

Cost per person: \$150 Available Spots: 8

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Item #: 008

Stop and Smell the Roses: 3-part Yoga Series

There's No Place Like Om.

Enjoy an hour of yoga to stretch your mind and body in a supportive and positive group. Kristin Lyon-Hoover, certified recreational therapy specialist and yoga instructor, will guide you through a vinyasa flow class for students of all levels.

Whether you are a first timer or a yogi(ni), you can reduce your stress level next to beautiful Lake Harriet.

When: Thursdays 6/2, 6/9 & 6/16

Gather and set up from 6-6:15, Group from 6:15-7:15pm, snacks and refreshments to follow.

Where: The Lawn @ Lake Harriet Rose Garden

4125 East Lake Harriet Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55409

Meet at the water fountain or follow the balloons to the grassy area near the rose garden

Hosts: Amber Courtney and Kristin Lyon-Hoover

Cost per person: \$50 Available Spots: 20

Item #: 009

Singing Coach Party

Come have fun singing together with a software that shows a line for your voice compared to the pitches of a song as you sing it.

This can dramatically improve singing accuracy. It works for both uncertain and practiced singers. Ann will also provide optional vocal coaching.

Dessert will be served!

When: May 14, 7p.m.

Where: 5120 Lee Way, Minnetonka, MN 55345

Hosts: Ann Kay and Bill Jones

Cost per person: \$20 Available Spots: 12

Item #: 010

Game Night for Ladies

Cards, scrabble, or name your game!

Small meal provided.

When: June 3rd, 6pm

Where: 440 Woodlawn Ave Saint Paul, MN 55105

Host: Becca Pournoor

Cost per person: \$10 Available Spots: 6

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Item #: 011

Indian Dinner Extravaganza

Wonderful 7 course Indian dinner with all the fixings!

When: May 20th

Where: 5148 16th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417

Hosts: Tina Wade and Jim Ramnaraine

Cost per person: \$50 Available Spots: 8

Item #: 012

Wine Tasting Class

Interesting, tasty and informative look at variety of vintages.

When: May 13

Where: 5148 16th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417

Hosts: Tina Wade and Jim Ramnaraine

Cost per person: \$40 Available Spots: 12

Item #: 013

Boat & Float - Part One

Join us on the pontoon for an afternoon of swimming and air mattress floating. This clean, quiet lake is close-in and just 18 minutes west of Church. We will provide lunch and beverages.

When: July 23rd, 11am - 3pm

Where: Shady Oak Lake, Hopkins, MN

Hosts: Ann and Peter Styx

Cost per person: \$25 Available Spots: 6

Item #: 014

Boat & Float - Part Two

Join us on the pontoon for an afternoon of swimming and air mattress floating. This clean, quiet lake is close-in and just 18 minutes west of Church. We will provide lunch and beverages.

When: August 7th, 11am - 3pm

Where: Shady Oak Lake, Hopkins, MN

Hosts: Ann and Peter Styx

Cost per person: \$25 Available Spots: 6

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Children, Youth and their Parents

- **'I remember when this was too hard'**
- **'Did you pick this piece just for me?'**
- **'This is my favorite part'**
- **'I helped one of the leads learn his solo for the musical'**
- **'It was so difficult to make a routine for practicing, but now it's getting easier'**
- **'I am amazed at the progress over the years'**

Adult Students

- **'I needed to rework my technical skills, my facility was compromised, and I am glad to have solutions!'**
- **'Thank you for helping me discover new repertoire'**
- **(Beginner) 'it feels so good to have artistry and technique'**

PHILOSOPHY

Piano study essential, as it develops the brain in a unique way to support learning in all areas of life and schooling. The skill of learning music through piano supports the emotional and physical maturity your child undergoes. The study of piano provides a vehicle for developing self-expression, physical coordination and small motor skills. The study of piano brings to your child one of life's greatest miracles - the power of music as a means of communicating with others and understanding people across cultures and historical eras. We learn a language which can transcend the spoken word.

*Narissa Strong Bach, NCTM
Nationally Certified Teacher of Music*

EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Music Piano & Linguistics, Indiana University
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Item #: 015

Great Gathering in the Garden

Lunch, leisurely tour and discussion about the essential nature of native plants (and a few aliens too). Dig and take home a plant for your own garden (many shade-loving and savannah plants live here!) Gardens include two rain gardens and a rain barrel. Bring your gardening questions and challenges. Appropriate for both novice and experienced gardeners.

When: May 22, 12:30pm (rain date is June 5th at 11:30am)

Where: 4740 Beard Ave S, Minneapolis, MN

Hosts: Phil Johnson and Mary Weeks

Cost per person: \$25 Available Spots: 20

Item #: 016

Writing a Childhood

Have you ever thought about writing a memoir for yourself and your family?

Where would you start?

How about with a single event from childhood? To give your writing a different feel, you might even want to try it in verse! Not rhymes, just short lines, an intense, compressed form that gives surprising results.

Come hear about this kind of memoir writing from a long-established writer and writing teacher. Try your hand at something you may well find you want to continue.

When: May 9th, 1-3pm

Where: First Universalist Library

Host: Marion Dane Bauer

Cost per person: \$25 Available Spots: 15

Item #: 017

Saturday Morning Pre-School Playdate

Join us for a Saturday morning playdate at our home in south Minneapolis. Bagels, cheese, fruit, juice and coffee.

Our daughters are just turning 3 and 5 so we have lots of preschool toys and activities.

If the weather is nice, we have a backyard with a playhouse and a mini bounce house. If rainy we have plenty of indoor toys and dress up costumes too.

When: June 25th, 9:30am - noon

Where: The Boedeker/Hyde Residence, 5132 Park Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55417

Hosts: Tara, Ross, Beverly(5) and Ida(almost 3)

\$15/per family

Cost per family: \$15 Available Spots: 4

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Item #: 018

Lights! Camera! Improv!

Take a theatre class with artists from Exposed Brick Theatre. We will learn about improv, play theatre games and use our new skills in a mini performance. For youth in grades 3 – 6. A parent or guardian should stay in the building and join us at 7:45 for a sharing.

When: June 21st, 6:30 - 8pm

Where: At First Universalist Church

Hosts: Artists from Exposed Brick Theatre

Cost per person: \$15 Available Spots: 16

Item #: 019

Some TIPS on Flower Arranging

Come learn flower arranging TIPS from one of our own beloved Visual Arts team members Rita Franchett. A light breakfast will be served.

When: August 20th, 10am - noon

Where: First Universalist Church - Chalice Room

Hosts: Rita Franchett and Jane Baudelaire

Cost per person: \$15 Available Spots: 12

Item #: 020

Why Does Minneapolis Have a Wooden Street?

Gift yourself or a friend with this surprising and delightful tour of the 57 best sites of Minneapolis and St. Paul. We'll start in the church parking lot with coffee from Dunn Brothers. The tour goes around the lakes, through Uptown, riverfront, U of MN, then a relaxing patio lunch at the Hoelzers. Then we continue to Minnehaha Falls, and Fort Snelling. Then onto St. Paul. We go down Summit Avenue for some stories about the infamous James J. Hill and others, and into downtown St. Paul. You'll learn priceless information along the way, like why Minneapolis has a wooden street.

When: June 18th, 9am- 3pm

Where: Meet in the church parking lot.

Hosts: Pat and Larry Gottschalk

Cost per person: \$50 Available Spots: 4



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Item #: 021

Powderhorn Art Fair Lunch and Lemonade Break

The Powderhorn Art Fair, celebrating its 25th year this summer, is one of the finest juried regional art fairs in the country. Take a break from admiring the creativity and beauty on display and join new church members (and recent Twin Cities transplants) Sue and Christine for lunch at their home, just half a block from the park. We'll have a variety of salads, sweets, lemonade, iced tea, and other goodies. Not to mention real toilets instead of the porta-potties at the park. All ages welcome.

When: August 6th

Where: 3532 14th Ave South, Minneapolis

Hosts: Sue Searing and Christine Jenkins

Cost per person: \$15 Available Spots: 20

Item #: 022

Contra Dancing at Tapestry Folk Dance Center

Join fellow First Uers for a fun evening of social dancing. You don't need to know how to dance to enjoy contra dancing. A "caller" teaches each dance during an introductory walk-through so participants learn the steps and formations by following the caller's instructions. These dances are lively social, easy to learn, and aerobic. Plus, if the live old-time music doesn't entice you to kick your heels, nothing will!

A partner is not required in order to register – contra dancing is a social dance and there will be no shortage of partners to dance with throughout the evening.

Participants will gather at host's home in south Minneapolis for light refreshments at 6:30, then proceed to Tapestry Folk Dance Center for an introductory lesson before the dance begins at 8:00.

When: June 25th

Where: 3748 Minnehaha Avenue South, Minneapolis.

Host: Suzan Klein

Cost per person: \$25 Available Spots: 10

LIVE Auction Items

Reserved Parking Space for 1 year

Artmaking Birthday Party for 8 people

3 hours of DJ services from Sacha Muller

5 hours of Limo Service

The BENCH

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Item #: 023

Sunday afternoon discussion, dinner at Lake Harriet with Minneapolis Pops Orchestra

We'll gather on a late Sunday afternoon to discuss Stephen Levine's book "A Year to Live – How to Live This Year As If It Were Your Last". The book is short and you are asked to pick one thing from the book you have done or are now practicing to share with us. If it's a nice day, we have the option to go for a walk around Lake Harriet. Dinner will be served on the patio overlooking Lake Harriet while live music from the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra drifts over us. Dinner entrees will be delivered (you'll get to pick) with salad, dessert, wine, coffee/tea also being served. After dinner, there's the option to head over to hear the remainder of the concert at the Band shell.

When: July 10th, 4-7pm

Where: 4104 Queen Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55410

Host: Ginny Halloran

Cost per person: \$35 **Available Spots:** 6

Item #: 024

Movie Night at the Dow and Hill home

Featuring the movie Big (Tom Hanks, 1988), Sharing Stories of Our Childhood Adventures, Laughter, Pizza, Soda, Wine, Beer and Dessert.

This is the fifth annual movie night great gathering at our place, and it has always been lots of fun!

Bring an interesting childhood adventure story to share.

After a dinner, beverages, and childhood adventure story telling, we'll watch this classic show, Big. We'll follow the movie with a childhood inspired dessert, and wrap up around 10:30pm.

When: October 1, 6pm

Where: 5241 Ewing Avenue South, Minneapolis 55410

Hosts: George Dow and Bonnie Hill

Cost per person: \$25 **Available Spots:** 12



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Item #: 025

Brew Your Own Kombucha for Fun and Good Health

Come learn the health benefits of fermented foods, along with the art and enjoyment of brewing your own kombucha with long time home brewers Justin and Amy! Scoby's, tea and training will be provided. You will leave with a jar of kombucha to ferment and enjoy!

Participants bring a large glass jar - large enough to hold 1 gallon liquid. Two potential options - while spouts may clog, many get the glass jars with the spout on the front bottom or an empty large glass food jar from Costco or Sam's.

When: May 21st

Where: First Universalist Church

Hosts: Amy Marquardt and Justin Schroeder

Cost per person: \$30 Available Spots: 15

Item #: 026

Walking Tour of Our Newly Restored State Capitol in Saint Paul, MN

Under the current schedule, the restoration of our State Capitol will be nearly completed by the end of the year. As Secretary of State I had the great privilege of learning all the special nooks and crannies of the State Capitol and have given nearly 100 walking tours over the past decade. This will be my very first one since the building was closed for restoration in 2015. We can discover this restored treasure together.

When: Last week of December, 2016 - Day and Time negotiable

Where: St. Paul, MN - State Capital

Hosts: Mark Ritchie and Nancy Gaschott

Cost per person: \$60 Available Spots: 8

Item #: 027

Dinner with Rev. Jen Crow

Enjoy a yummy dinner, featuring vegetarian lasagna, with the Reverend Jen Crow. What could be better?

When: Home of Julie and Bill Howard in Golden Valley

Where: May 7th

Hosts: Julie and Bill Howard

Cost per person: \$60 Available Spots: 8



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Item #: 028

Trivia Challenge

Is your head filled with facts, data, and other bits of information that most people would consider useless? This is your opportunity to shine! Come and take the First Universalist Trivia Challenge!

After a half-hour of light appetizers, non-alcoholic drinks, and social time, the game kicks off at 7pm. Teams of 6 players will compete, answering 4 rounds of 10 trivia questions. You and 5 other people can register as a team, or you can register as an individual and join or be assigned to a team on the evening of the event. At the end of the evening, the trophy will be awarded to the team that answers the most questions correctly.

Each guest is asked to bring a light appetizer. Join us in this lighthearted (yet, let's be honest, somewhat competitive) celebration of useless knowledge!

When: November 11, 2016, 6:30-9pm.

Appetizers and socializing from 6:30-7. **Game begins** at 7.

Where: First Universalist Chalice Room

Hosts: Elaine and Jason Tenbrink

Cost per person: \$20 **Available Spots:** 54

Item #: 029

Learn to Curl!

Learn how to curl at a beautiful state-of-the art indoor curling arena. You will get instruction on how to deliver the stone, how to sweep and basic strategy. Sean Brown and other experienced Curlers, including Rick Schuster from First Universalist, will be your coaches! Children twelve and older are welcome to participate, too! Have fun with other UU's while getting in touch with your inner Olympian! There is an adjoining restaurant with a view of the ice, Gabe's, for those who just want to watch or eat and socialize afterward. Denise will hang out with younger kids and others who aren't curling. Last year many folks from First U tried it for the first time and loved it!

When: Saturday, August 27, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Four Seasons Curling Club, Blaine, MN

Hosts: Sean Brown and Denise Konen

Cost per person: \$15 **Available Spots:** 40

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Item #: 030

**Co-Housing – Experience Community Living –
1st in Minnesota, 5th in USA**

5 PM Tour (In & Outdoors) of first co-housing community in the Midwest. Dinner (bring beverage to share) & Talking Circle about Living in co-community (“Co” is short for Collaborative).

When: June 12, 5 PM

Where: 2925 MONTEREY AVE, ST. LOUIS PARK

Host: Rick Gravrok

Cost per person: \$20 Available Spots: 26

Item #: 032

Dinner and Talking Circle about Trainings & Community for Men (ManKind Project) & Women (Woman Within) & for boys and girls too.

Dinner then a Talking Circle about the healing and empowerment that we can do with and for each other in powerful weekends, and in ongoing followup circles and community.

When: June 26, 6 PM

Where: 2925 MONTEREY AVE, ST. LOUIS PARK

Host: Rick Gravrok

Cost per person: \$20 Available Spots: 20

Item #: 033

Dinner and Film “How Love Won”

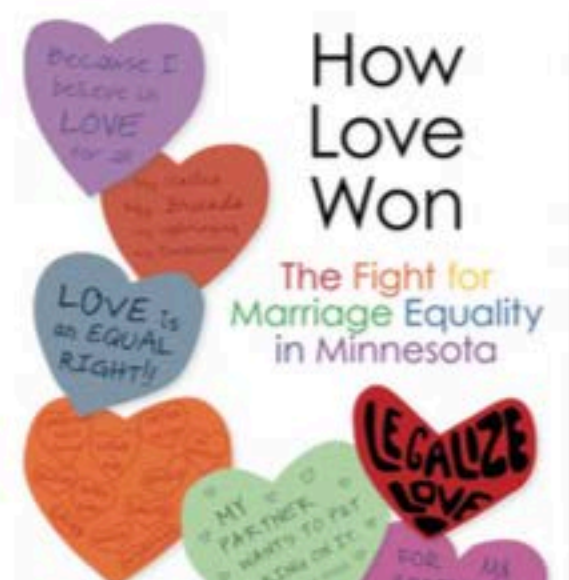
Come celebrate, dine and discuss as we follow dinner with the newly released documentary on the fight for marriage equality in Minnesota.

When: Date of the event (in 2016): May 13

Where: Home of Peg Mitchell and Polly Talen

Hosts: Peg Mitchell and Polly Talen

Cost per person: \$15 Available Spots: 8



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Item #: 034

November Funsing

Got music in your heart? Come and join fellow musically minded folks and make (or listen to) some soul felt music! Charlie will bring his drums, a guitar, percussion instruments, djembe, sound system, music stands, conga, keyboard, and bongos. Melody will bring her voice and kazoos. We will provide music in the form of Rise Up Singing songbooks (bring your own if you have a copy) and some sheet music with chords.

The evening will start with an informal potluck style meal, including wine (it enhances the vocal cords). We will provide all tableware, hearty soup, turkey and veggie rollups, breads, salad, cookies, soda, and wine.

When: November 5th, 4-9pm

Where: Newell Park in Saint Paul: Fairview and Pierce Butler Roads

Hosts: Charlie and Melody Luepke

Cost per person: \$25 **Available Spots:** 40

Item #: 035

Under the August Moon

Gather with Ann Reed and Kate Tucker for a harvest-time sharing of music, readings, memories, and hopes.

When: August 20th, 6pm

Where: At the Berg/Jerde home

Hosts: Dan Berg and Welcome Jerde

Cost per person: \$100 **Available Spots:** 12

Item #: 036

Jim Scott Outdoor Concert

Come and enjoy the fabulous Folk music of Jim Scott. Known for his interpretation of Bob Seeger's famous tunes, Jim has agreed to honor us with a relaxing evening of song on June 25th. Jim will play familiar Folk tunes as well as selections from his new album. Come and join us, sip a beverage of your choice and enjoy some festive food as we listen to Jim's beautiful music under the stars. We will have wine and beer and a selection of non-alcoholic options as well as hearty finger foods to share.

When: June 25th, 6-10pm

Where: 3217 Aldrich Ave S

Hosts: Lisa Haugen and Amber Courtney

Cost per person: \$30 **Available Spots:** 25

A special thank you to the volunteers and staff who made tonight's event possible.

Catering by **DarBar Indian Grill**



Bartending by **With A Twist**



Music by **CharBara**

CharBara : Music Made With Love

CharBara is comprised of Char and Barbara Engen-Mangskau. These two singer-songwriters have been performing together for over 8 years at churches, art fairs, coffee shops, music festivals, nursing homes, and memory-care centers.

CharBara is known for sweet harmonies and heart-felt messages channeled through vocal cords, guitar & piano chords with flute and light-percussion thrown in for good measure.