

## GET CONNECTED

### WELLSPRING INFO SESSIONS IN JULY

This past year, more than 50 members of our church participated in Wellspring, which offers spiritual deepening within our Unitarian Universalist tradition through a year-long small group experience. Two Info Sessions will be offered in July: join us Sunday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m. or Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m. to learn more! After a day-long opening retreat on Sept. 17, 2016, Wellspring will meet every other week through May 2017. Attendance at an info session is required if you wish to participate.

### SUMMER SUNDAYS AT FIRST UNIVERSALIST

Worship Services are held at 10 a.m. during the summer. We ask that you please bring your own mug to the social hour after the service. This helps save on water, labor, and keeps the kitchen cool during the hot summer months. See you in church!

### REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE registration for the 2016-2017 church year is now open online at: <http://1stureligiouseducation.weebly.com/>

### HABITAT SUMMER WORK WEEK

First Universalist is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity Summer Work Week once again this year. We need to provide 15-18 volunteers per day during the week, which is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 15 through Friday, Aug. 19, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day. We'll be working in the early stages of the build at a site in south Minneapolis. Sign up online at: <http://tinyurl.com/1stUhabitat>.

### LEND-A-HAND

Lend-A-Hand is an opportunity to help care for our building and grounds as part of a volunteer team. In coordination with our facilities staff, this team undertakes various projects to continue keeping our church clean, orderly and attractive. It's a chance to help our church, complete satisfying projects, and get to know others in our community. Beginning on Thursday, July 14, Lend-A-Hand will meet on the second Thursday of the month through the end of 2016. Volunteers will gather at 8:30 a.m. for bagels, juice and coffee and will end their activities by noon. If you'd like to be a part of the first Lend-A-Hand volunteer group on Thursday, July 14 (8:30 a.m.-noon), please email Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) to sign up. Thank you!

### LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC

Save the date for our annual worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell: Sunday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

## 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](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

If you would like support, contact the church office at 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: Sunday, July 3

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.

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](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

### CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

5/29 Center for Fathering at Urban Ventures \$315.15

6/5 River Valley Riders \$731.62

6/12 Youth Cultural Exchange \$503.14

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

### 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](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org).

### CHORE TEAM

Do you need help with simple household tasks, such as removing or installing an air conditioner, changing lightbulbs, or window washing? Chore Team helpers are also needed! Contact Bob Friedman at 612-722-4705 or [rmarcf@usfamily.net](mailto:rmarcf@usfamily.net) if you need help, or if you would like to join the chore team.

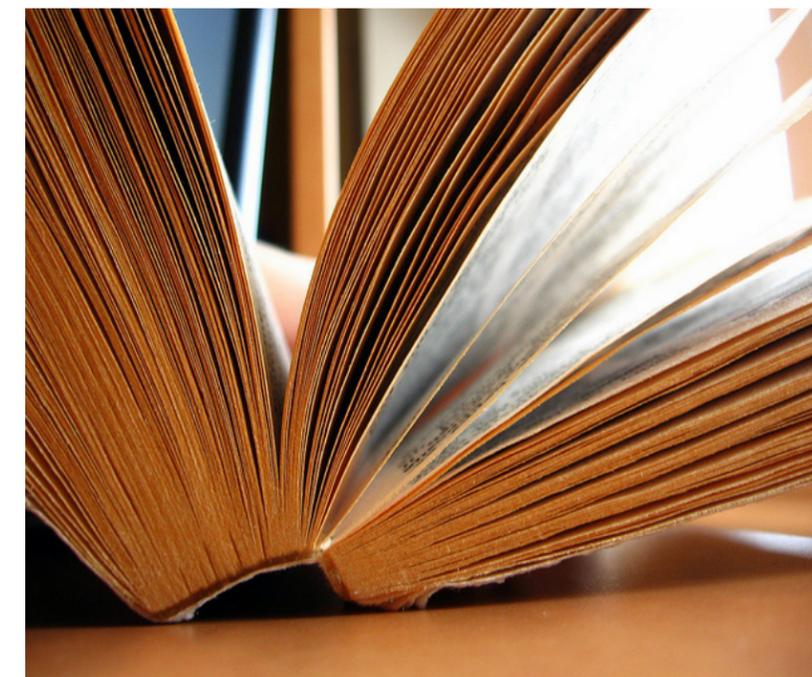
### THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

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WORSHIP THEME: TELLING A NEW STORY

## A NEW STORY OF RACE

KARIN WILLE

JUNE 26, 2016

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## Music for Gathering

*The Lone Forest Maiden* Op. 66, No. 1  
- Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Prelude

*Andala* Op. 19, No. 1  
- Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Call to Worship

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Opening Hymn #131 (Please stand in body or spirit)

*Love Will Guide Us*

## 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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## Musical Interlude

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Cycle of Life

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## 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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## Readings

*One Love*

- Rev. Hope Johnson

*Prayer for Living in Tension*

- Rev. Joseph Cherry

## Musical Offering

*Scenes from an Imaginary Ballet* - II.  
- Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Sermon

*A New Story of Race*

Karin Wille

## Offertory

*The Angels Changed My Name* Op. 59, No. 9  
- Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Closing Hymn #298 (Please stand in body or spirit)

*Wake, Now, My Senses*

## Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Senior Minister

Karin Wille

Guest Preacher

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are from Pam Vincent's memorial service, which was held here yesterday. They were arranged by Pam's friend and fellow Visual Arts member, Candace McClenahan.

## Offering: MAD DADS

Men Against Destruction – Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder (MAD DADS) was founded in May 1989 in Omaha, Nebraska by a group of concerned African-American men who were fed up with gang violence and the flow of illegal drugs in their community. They presented themselves as positive role models and concerned loving parents who were a visible presence in communities against the negative forces destroying children, families, and neighborhoods. MAD DADS activities are designed to promote and demonstrate positive images of fathers engaging and protecting community, youth and families. Programs employ strategies to engage parents in the intervention and prevention of community problems, and are designed to attract, challenge, and prepare them to be vocal, visible, and vigilant in restoring safe communities and healthy families.

## About Karin Wille

Karin Wille is a devoted grandma, retired attorney, long time volunteer and forty year member of First Universalist. Her spiritual journey has been deepened and enriched by service to this congregation and the UUA, including serving on the Board of Trustees in the 1980s. Karin joined the Board again in 2012, recently serving as Vice President and chair of the Governance Committee.

## Musical Notes from Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) grew up in London of mixed English and Sierra Leonean parentage. After training at the Royal College of Music, he gained worldwide fame for the choral work *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast*, though he saw no income from it; he had sold the rights to his publisher for 15 guineas. The music of his forebears, whether from Africa or the United States, was a constant interest to him, and he worked with African-American musicians and poets while visiting this country. One theme in his work is that he never took the class structure of European society for granted; the discrimination he faced enabled him to see injustice where others saw only the natural order of things.

## Summer Worship Theme: Telling a New Story

At the intersection of what is holy and what is human is a willingness to change; to shed old habits, old ways of thinking, old frameworks, old skin; to cast off what no longer functions; and dare to do a new thing, to tell a new story. This ability to change is at the heart of creation and creator. In the book of Isaiah, God says: "Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it?" In these summer months we will endeavor to be alert and present, to see and tell the new story emerging from within, among, and beyond.