

GET CONNECTED

BDOTE FIELD TRIP JUNE 11 ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Bdote is a Dakota word meaning “where two waters come together.” The Bdote of the Haha Tanka or Wakpa Tanka (Mississippi River) and the Mnisota Wakpa (Minnesota River) is central to Dakota culture and history. On Saturday, June 11 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) visit five Bdote sites in the Metro area that are culturally and historically significant for Dakota people, while learning from two Dakota educators, Ramona Kitto-Statley and Ethan Neerdaels. Cost: sliding scale, \$20-50. Advance registration is required. To sign up, please fill out the form on our website. For more information, contact Sherry Kempf at sherry.kempf@gmail.com.

SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR KIDS BEGINNING JUNE 12

On Summer Sundays, childcare and Religious Education classes are offered from 10-11am for children ages 6 months up through those entering 6th grade in the Fall. We enjoy a more relaxed pace and focus on building community. Kids are grouped together as follows: Nursery (6-17 months); Preschool (18 months to 3 years); Young Children (4 years through entering 1st grade); and Elementary-Age Kids (entering 2nd-6th grade). No need to register in advance - please join us as often as you're able! Summer Sundays Religious Education kicks off June 12 and runs through the end of August.

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

AT 11:30 A.M.

Our Annual Meeting of the Congregation will follow today's service, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This truly is a celebration of a very successful year for First Universalist Church. It is also a time when we conduct the business of this church that only Church Members can do. This year, that includes the approval of the budget, approval of funding for a comprehensive stewardship campaign, initial plans for the stewardship campaign, and election of Trustees, Foundation Board Members and Nominating Committee Members. We need your voice and we need your vote - please join us!

YOUR INVITATION TO SING IN SUMMER CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Have you thought about being in a choir, but you can't make an extended commitment? Summer Choir may be just right for you. The Summer Choir is scheduled to sing in services on **June 19, July 24 and August 21. Rehearsals are at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the service.** Yes, only one rehearsal on the day of the service. Music is easy enough to learn in the 45 minute rehearsal. All are welcome!! If you have any questions, contact Dr. Randy Buikema at randy@firstuniv.org.

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!

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.

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:

5/15 Coming of Age Boston Trip \$769.33

5/22 Families Moving Forward \$782.69

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

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/>.

NEW BABY WELCOME

Having a baby? Want to help welcome a new baby? Contact co-chairs of our new baby welcome team, Ann Terlizzi at 612-728-7232 or annterlizzi@visi.com, or Jody Beresford at 952-828-9977 or spice777@aol.com.

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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WORSHIP THEME: TELLING A NEW STORY

FLOWER COMMUNION

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

JUNE 5, 2016

We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we act for justice 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.

Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Prelude

Björken (The Birch) Op. 74, No. 5
- Jean Sibelius

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Crow

Opening Hymn #77 (Please stand in body or spirit)

Seek Not Afar for Beauty

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

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Jen Crow

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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Anthem

Blue Skies

- Irving Berlin, arr. Roger Emerson

First Universalist Choir
Dr. Randal Buikema

Homily

The Stonecutters

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Offertory

Aquileja (Snapdragon) Op. 85, No. 4
- Jean Sibelius

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Flower Communion and Blessing

The Song of Purple Summer
- Duncan Sheik, arr. Mac Huff

First Universalist Choir
Dr. Randal Buikema

Closing Hymn #6 (Please stand in body or spirit)

Just as Long as I Have Breath

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Senior Minister

Rev. Jen Crow

Executive Minister

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Dr. Randal Buikema

Director of Choral Arts

First Universalist Choir

Featured Singers

Shelley des Islets

Renate Fiora

Fazia Khan

Lisa Sinclair

Ron Parker

Musicians

Colleen Cook

Violin

Martha Moriarty

Violin

Katherine Willhelm

Violin

Erin Dajka-Holley

Cello

Noah Sutton

Guitar

Nick Mordal

Bass

Anda Tanaka

Fugel Horn

Erin Bekkers

Drums

Martha Johnson

Keyboard

Chancel Flowers

Today's Flower Communion arrangement is provided by the congregation and designed by Karen Johnson of the Visual Arts Committee It was coordinated by Mary Johnson and Pat Foulkes of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: River Valley Riders

The mission of River Valley Riders is to enrich the lives of special needs individuals by providing equine-assisted activities and therapies to children and adults with physical disabilities, developmental delay, and autism. The group's vision is that everyone who may benefit from therapeutic riding has that opportunity. Programs include therapeutic horseback riding and carriage driving for 70 individuals per week with the assistance of over 200 highly trained volunteers. The benefits of these activities include improved balance, trunk stability, stretching, communication skills, and improved self-esteem. Today's offering will be used to provide scholarships for financially challenged families so that no one is turned away.

May 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 this month we will endeavor to be alert and present, to see and tell the new story emerging from within, among, and beyond.