

## GET CONNECTED

### WATER COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Sunday, Sept. 11, we return to two services at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. and begin the church year with our annual Water Communion Sunday. Water is a gift; it replenishes and sustains our lives. On Water Communion Sunday, we bring water from our homes, our travels, our walks, our bike paths, and combine them in a ritual called Water Communion. Remember to bring a small jar of water on Sunday, Sept. 11 for this multi-generational Sunday service.

### LOVE ROCKS: PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT!

Join us for Love Rocks, an outdoor community event in our parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.! There will be live music, food trucks, a bounce house and general fun times with fellow congregants and our neighboring community. Performers include: Ron Parker, folk band members, Alan Ware and David Lauth, Ellis, and A Ghost Revival. This event is free (food will be available for purchase) and all are welcome!

### LEND-A-HAND

Lend-A-Hand is an opportunity to help care for our building and grounds as part of a volunteer team. Cleaning activities might include dusting, sweeping, mopping, or vacuuming. Volunteers might help tidy the sanctuary, social hall, library, or other spaces, or help fix things: replace light bulbs, patch/paint walls, etc. Volunteers gather at 8:30 a.m. on second Thursdays for bagels, juice and coffee and end their activities by noon. Lend-A-Hand will meet again on Thursday, Sept. 8. If you can help, please email Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) to sign up. Thank you!

### PARKING LOT WORK HAS BEGUN

Work on the parking lot, which includes replacing the asphalt and making environmentally sustainable improvements, has begun! During the weeks this work is taking place, the parking lot will be closed. People with limited mobility can use the drop-off zone (marked by handicap signs) on Dupont Ave. in front of the Atrium door. Volunteer valet parking will be available Sept. 4, 11, and 18 for those with limited mobility. Contact Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) for more information.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration is now open online at <http://1stureligiouseducation.weebly.com/>. Please register your family to help ensure we are ready to welcome everyone, from 6 months through high school, into a group that is well-staffed and prepared to create a fun, friendly and meaningful experience for all. The year kicks off with Water Communion, and Religious Education classes begin Sunday, Sept. 18. RE Volunteer Training for PreK-3rd grade takes place Saturday, Sept. 10, 8:30am-12pm; 4th-7th grade takes place Sunday, Sept. 11, 12:30-3pm. More information available upon registering.

### NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO CHOIR

The First Universalist Choir is open to anyone who has a love for singing and wishes to participate in this ensemble during worship services. Prior experience and ability to read music are helpful but not necessary. The choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7-9 and sings in worship two times a month.

## 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, Sept. 4

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:

7/24 Indigenous Environmental Network \$528.33

7/31 Our Dancing Daughters \$592.50

8/7 Sexual Violence Center \$431.40

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

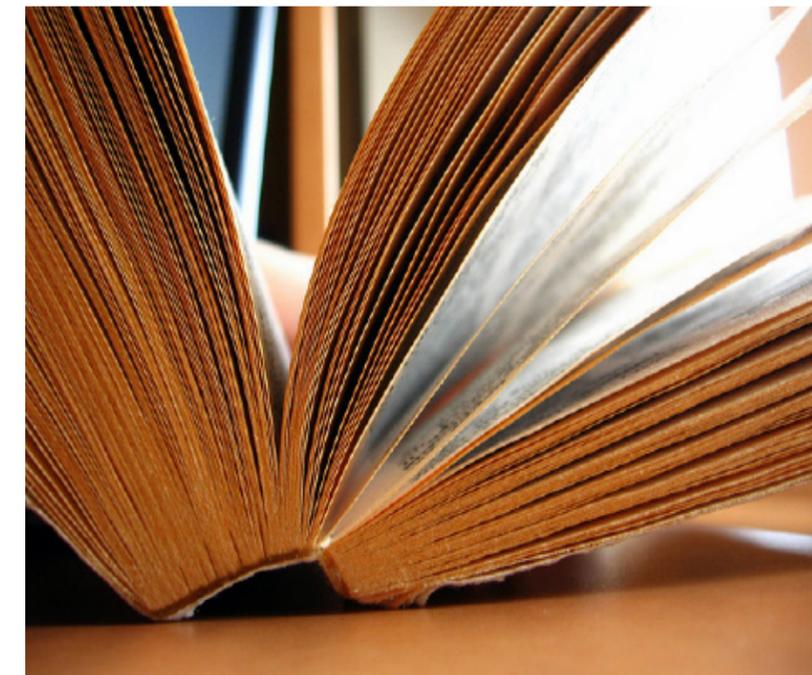
Do you need help with simple household tasks, such as removing or installing an air conditioner, changing lightbulbs, or window washing? These are chores that most of us do easily until we can't. Chore Team helpers are also needed! Contact Bob Friedman at [rmarcf@usfamily.net](mailto:rmarcf@usfamily.net) or 612-722-4705 if you need help, or if you would like to join the chore team.

### THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/](http://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

## WHAT I'M LEARNING FROM DONALD TRUMP

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

AUGUST 28, 2016

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## Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Bellsound

## Prelude

*Hot Music, X.*  
- Erwin Schulhoff

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Call to Worship

Rama Hart

## Opening Hymn #298 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*Wake, Now, My Senses*

## 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. 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

*The Third Body*  
- Robert Bly

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Musical Offering

III. *Chanson* from 5 *Études de Jazz*  
- Erwin Schulhoff

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Sermon

*What I'm Learning from Donald Trump*

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Offertory

*Piano Sonata* No. 2: IV. *Finale: Allegro moderato*  
- Erwin Schulhoff

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Closing Hymn #159 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*This Is My Song*

## 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

Rama Hart

Worship Associate

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Meredith Sims of the Visual Arts Committee.

## Offering: Discapacitados Abriendose Caminos

This organization helps Latino/Hispanic families with a child or other family members with disabilities. Families learn about disabilities, their rights, and how to navigate throughout the social, educational, and medical systems.

## Musial Notes from Dr. Jerrod Wendland

The name of Erwin Schulhoff (1894-1942) isn't better known because he was "both/and" in an era of "either/or." A German Jew from Czechoslovakia, his experimentation and humor disrupted the seriousness of the concert hall; he saw no distinction between classical music and the jazz and ragtime pieces he incorporated into his programs. In an era of "Art for Art's Sake," he wrote music that was blatantly political, including a huge choral setting of Marx's *Communist Manifesto*. Increasingly hemmed in by the powers that be, he was finally arrested and died in a concentration camp, only one among millions of victims of the last wave of fascism.

## 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.