

# GET CONNECTED

## INTRODUCING OUR FAITHFUL ACTION COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND THE FAITHFUL ACTION COUNCIL

Faithful Action is how we describe our justice ministry. The term “Faithful Action” recognizes that there are hundreds of ways to act faithfully as we work for a more just and equitable world. We can advocate, write letters, learn about issues, cook and serve meals, build a home, mentor students, protest, stand in sacred witness, and so much more.

Here are the Faithful Action Community Partners you'll meet on upcoming Sundays, both during the service, and in the Social Hall afterwards:

**Today: Augsburg Fairview Academy**

**November 6: Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative**

**December 4: Habitat for Humanity**

The Faithful Action Council guides our ministry of Faithful Action and provides opportunities for church members and friends – of all ages and interests – to act for justice. We act with a racial justice lens and through Community Partners, as we address systemic inequity and create positive change through education, advocacy, direct service, and generosity. Contact co-chairs Rev. Justin Schroeder at [justin@firstuniv.org](mailto:justin@firstuniv.org) and Joan Naymark at [jnaymark@gmail.com](mailto:jnaymark@gmail.com) to learn more.

## BARBARA HARMAN ARTIST TALK NEXT SUNDAY FINAL CAMPAIGN FOCUS GROUPS ARE TODAY

Barbara Harman will give an artist talk about her series *Stitch by Stitch*, currently on exhibit in the Social Hall, next Sunday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. in the Cummins Room. Barbara's talk (with props and treats) will focus on how art practice changes over the life of an artist, often including issues of aging and physical challenges but also the need to enliven the practice.

## 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, mopping, or vacuuming. Volunteers might help tidy the sanctuary, social hall, or other spaces, or help fix things: replace light bulbs, patch/paint walls, etc. The next Lend-A-Hand group meets on Thursday, Nov. 3. Volunteers gather at 8:30 a.m. for bagels, juice and coffee and end their activities by noon. If you would like to participate, please email Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) to sign up. Thank you!

Attend a focus group to learn more about our proposed capital campaign! We're holding 45-minute Focus Groups, laying out some of the urgent needs we face as a church, and sharing a vision for how we might address those needs. Today's focus groups are held at 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please join us!

## CHILD DEDICATION IS NEXT SUNDAY

The next Child Dedication will take place next Sunday, Nov. 6 during both services. During the Child Dedication ritual, the congregation pledges itself to partner with and support parents and families in the religious upbringing of the child. Infants and children of members and those on the path to membership at First Universalist may be dedicated. If your family would like to participate, please sign up by filling out and submitting the Child Dedication Form on our website. Forms are due today!

# 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 listen deeply to where love is calling us next; and we act with humility, bravery, and compassion in service to justice. 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, Nov. 6

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 during the session after the 11:15 a.m. 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](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

**10/9** Simpson Housing Services \$1,141.20

**10/16** Coming of Age Boston Trip \$919.15

**10/23** MN Interfaith Power & Light \$769.86

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).

## CARING CORNER

Write a note to a congregant who could use support! There are cards available in the library, which is located off of the Social Hall. You are welcome to stop by and write a card at any time. Just leave it in the basket and the church will mail it for you.

## 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: THE WHOLE STORY

# MEMORY, AMNESIA, AND HOPE

REV. ELAINE ARON TENBRINK

OCTOBER 30, 2016

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## Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

## Bellsound

## Prelude

*Bruyères (Heather)*  
- Claude Debussy

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Call to Worship

Adrian Ali-Caccamo

## Opening Hymn #67 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*We Sing Now, Together*

## 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

## Faithful Action Spotlight on Augsburg Fairview Academy

Keisha Jackson

## 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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## Reading

*In These Dissenting Times*  
- Alice Walker

Rev. Jen Crow

*A Vision*

- Wendell Berry

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Anthem

*MLK*  
- U2, arr. Bob Chilcott

Ian Cook  
First Universalist Choir  
Dr. Randal Buikema

## Sermon

*Memory, Amnesia, and Hope*

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Offertory

*Anthem of Peace*  
- Mack Wilberg

First Universalist Choir  
Dr. Randal Buikema

## Closing Hymn #121 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*We'll Build a Land*

## Closing Words

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries

Rev. Jen Crow

Executive Minister

Adrian Ali-Caccamo

Worship Associate

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Dr. Randal Buikema

Director of Choral Arts

First Universalist Choir

Ian Cook

Soloist

Keisha Jackson

Guest Speaker, Augsburg Fairview Academy

Haley Durkee

9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Thessaly Ackerman

11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

## Guest Musicians

Trumpets

David Bach, Peter Weissmann

French Horn

Karen Holms

Trombones

Brian McCullough, Scott Smith

Tuba

Elizabeth Berrigan

## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Maren Ahlberg of the Visual Arts Committee and her daughter, Margaret.

## Offering: Augsburg Fairview Academy

Young adults who face educational barriers to achievement in traditional schools are welcomed into AFA, a charter school that prepares them for college, career and life. The 140+ students come from diverse communities, including African American, Somali, and Native American. Many are homeless or marginally housed during the school year. Through an intense program of rigorous study in a teen- and family-friendly atmosphere, the dedicated and talented staff use positive, strength-based approaches to challenge and motivate students to achieve academic success and habits of mind and body that contribute to satisfaction and wellness in their lives.

## October Worship Theme: The Whole Story

Our lives are not just made up of stories; they are also made by stories. This might be the most important reminder of this month. Indeed, who of us hasn't felt controlled by a story? Stuck in a story? Hopeless about the way our story will end up? A friend tells me that her family "clings to the story about how I'm the clumsy one." I've never seen my friend trip, not once. Or drop a thing, ever. And yet, somehow, when she goes home, she spills coffee on at least one outfit, stubs at least one toe and stumbles down at least one step. The power of story! This month, we endeavor to tell whole stories, the stories that shape us, the stories that stand in our way, the stories that create openings for something new whether in our racial justice work or in our personal lives! Whole stories matter.