

## GET CONNECTED

### CIRCLE REGISTRATION OPEN JAN. 8-24

Registration for Winter 2017 Circles is now open! This winter, we invite you to grow your soul and find your community within the larger community here at church by joining a circle. Circles are groups of 8-10 committed participants who come together with a trained leader to nurture spiritual growth in community. Whether you're ready to engage in a spiritual practice or deepen your racial justice work, there is something for you! Registration is open January 8-24 online at [firstcircles.weebly.com](http://firstcircles.weebly.com) and on Sundays, January 8, 15, and 22 in the Social Hall.

### THREE MINNESOTANS OF COLOR SHARE THEIR STORIES 1/27

Despite Minnesota's reputation as a national leader in progressive policies, the state has some of the worst racial disparities in the country. The book, *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, confronts these inherent contradictions and inequities through the voices of sixteen writers who explore their lived realities as people of color in Minnesota. Join us on Friday, Jan. 27 starting at 6:45 p.m. as contributing authors Taiyon J. Coleman, Bao Phi, and Rodrigo Sanchez-Chavarria read from their personal essays and engage with audience members in a Question & Answer period. First Universalist member Lena Gardner is our host for the evening and will moderate the panel discussion.

### ARTISTS' RECEPTION NEXT SUNDAY

A new mother/daughter art show on view in the Social Hall through Feb. 12 features the work of two artists: Sue Peplow and her daughter Jenna Courtney. Please join us for an artists' reception after services next Sunday, Jan. 15. Jenna and Sue are also inviting people to add names of women who have inspired and nurtured them to an installation in their show. There will be leaves in a basket to write names to add to willow and osier branches to honor women in our lives.

### DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY FILM SHOWING 1/14

The Environmental Justice and Racial Justice teams invite you to a screening of the film, *The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code* with film director Sheldon Wolfchild of 38 Plus 2 Productions on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Cummins Room.

### DONATING SUNDAY FLOWERS

If you have a special occasion or individual you would like to honor, consider donating a Sunday flower arrangement. A Visual Arts Member will consult with you, arrange your flowers, and the flowers will be yours after the services. Check your 2017 calendar and contact Dick Rueter at [dick.rueter49@usinternet.com](mailto:dick.rueter49@usinternet.com) to reserve your date.

### WINTER WARM-UP DANCE PARTY IS 1/21

Join us on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. for our third annual Winter Warm Up Dance Party, an evening of live music and dancing. Tickets are available online at <http://winterwarmup2017.bpt.me/>.

## 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, Jan. 15

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:

12/18 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee \$401.03

12/25 Ministerial Emergency Fund \$272.25 \*

1/1 Ministerial Emergency Fund \$336.20 \*

\* 100% of Offering to Recipient

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).

### 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](mailto:annterlizzi@visi.com), or Jody Beresford at 952-828-9977 or [spice777@aol.com](mailto:spice777@aol.com).

### THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

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

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WORSHIP THEME: CLOUD OF WITNESSES

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

REV. JEN CROW

JANUARY 8, 2017

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## Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

(Please bring the picture of your loved one, or an object that represents them, to the altar on the chancel during this time.)

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

## Bellsound

## Prelude

*Blessing*  
- Jonell Mosser

Give Get Sistet

## Wisdom Story

*The Mustard Seed*

Lauren Wyeth  
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Opening Hymn #317 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*We Are Not Our Own*

## 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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## Music for Journeying (Children are excused to their RE classes)

Hymn #301 *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!*

## Reading

*For Those Who Have Died*  
- Judah Halevi

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Sharing Our Loss

Lighting the Candle of Impermanence



## Musical Offering

*Presence of Faith*  
- Libby Turner

Give Get Sistet

## Silence

## 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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## Reading

*My Dead Friends*  
- Marie Howe

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Naming Ritual

Lighting the Candle of Memory and Story



## Musical Offering

*The Ancestors*  
- Improvisation

Give Get Sistet

## Sermon

*Remembrance Sunday*

Rev. Jen Crow

## Offertory

*Life On Mars*  
- David Bowie

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Lighting the Candle of Embracing



## Closing Hymn #128 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*For All That Is Our Life*

## Closing Words

Rev. Jen Crow

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Jen Crow	Executive Minister
Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship and Coming of Age
Lauren Wyeth	Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Lilia Yorkhall	9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter
Henry Mitchell-Crow	11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

## Give Get Sistet

Aimee K. Bryant  
Sarah Greer  
Jayanthi Kyle  
Alicia Steele  
Elizabeth “Libby” Turner

## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Janet Mills of the Visual Arts Committee.

## Offering: Peace House Community

Peace House Community (PHC) is a weekday gathering place for economically challenged and marginalized women and men who are seeking companionship, safety from the streets, conversation, and personal affirmation. PHC provides an opportunity for them to break out of the daily isolation of their lives (many come from small rooms or boarding houses that only provide shelter) or their fear of living on the streets. A frequent comment from community members is, “I was so depressed but I knew if I got out of my room or off the streets and came to PHC, I would feel better.” Programs offered by PHC include: nutritional breakfasts and lunches, public health nursing services, monthly hygiene kits, and empathetic listening that honors each individual story.

## About Today's Musical Guest

The Give Get Sistet is an expandable improvisational chorus of women based in the Twin Cities with ties around the world. Using a cappella singing and vocal improvisation, the Give Get Sistet entertains, educates and empowers audiences and communities from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures. These women listen deeply and sing with great generosity and daring; the music they make is unlike any other ensemble you've heard.

## January Worship Theme: Cloud of Witnesses

“Do you see what this means– surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, such a community of ancestors that have paved the way, cheering us on? It means we better get on with it. Strip down. Throw off every burden. No extra spiritual fat, that keeps us from moving (Hebrews 12:1).” Ancestors bless and burden us with legacy. They tell us why we are here and why being here right now matters. In this month we explore where we come from, whose are we, and where we find ourselves in the sacred arc of history.