

## GET CONNECTED

### STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING IS FEB. 19

This year our annual State of the Church meeting, on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 12:30 p.m., will also be conducted as a Special Meeting of the Members to consider a congregational resolution on becoming a Sanctuary Church. Formal notice of the Special Meeting with the text of a proposed resolution will be sent to members by e-mail by February 9, 2017. In addition, Rev. Schroeder and Board of Trustees President Eric Cooperstein will share updates on the work of our Church, the Church's mid-year budget, the capital campaign, and more! This meeting will be a time to celebrate shared accomplishments and breathe life into our vision of what we can accomplish together in the coming months. Mark your calendars to join us on February 19, 2017, at 12:30 p.m.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF PARTY IS MARCH 11

You're invited to celebrate the launch of First Universalist Church's capital campaign with a party for all ages! Please plan to join us on Saturday, March 11 from 5 to 11 p.m. at Minneapolis Event Centers (212 2nd St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414) as we gather to celebrate all we've accomplished in the past and all that we envision for the future. This event is FREE and for everyone in our community. We want you with us!

### PANCAKES & CARTOONS

Drop-in for a pancake breakfast (gluten free option, too) on Saturday, Feb. 11 between 8 and 10 a.m. and stay to hang out and watch classic cartoons. Connect with ministers and other First U members and friends. This event is free and all ages are welcome! Hosted by the First Universalist Pledge Team. NO Presentations or "Asks" – just pure fun on a mid-winter Saturday morning! RSVP requested to Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

### MAKING MORE OF THE WOMEN'S MARCH: DEBRIEF MEETING

Did you participate in the Women's March in St. Paul or Washington? UU marchers are encouraged to attend a Post-March De-brief and Mobilization Meeting, hosted by Lena K. Gardner and Ashley Horan, on Monday, Feb. 6 from 7-9 p.m. This meeting will help us extend our efforts beyond the march and challenge us to continue to lean into our racial justice work. It will be a chance to unpack your experience of the march and set your sights on moving forward in commitment to the liberation of all people.

### DAYTIME CONNECTIONS: SAGE-ING

One of the Conscious Aging movement's founders proposed "a new model of late-life development called sage-ing, a process that enables older people to become spiritually radiant, physically vital, and socially responsible 'elders of the tribe.'" At the next Daytime Connections program on Thursday, Feb. 16, we'll explore what sage-ing is all about. Program begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 1 p.m. RSVP to Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

### USING YOUR MORAL POWER

Feeling fired up and ready to act? If our current political climate is inspiring you to do something more, but you're unsure exactly where to put your energy, this hands-on introduction to citizen advocacy will leave you with actionable steps to make your voice heard. This workshop on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 1 to 2 p.m., will take the fear out of connecting with your representatives and embolden you with knowledge about when and how to reach out.

## 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: 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 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:

- 1/15 Project for Pride in Living (PPL) \$905.22
- 1/22 TRUST, Inc. \$1,242.85
- 1/29 EMERGE \$1,816.47

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).

### PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Pastoral Care Team is a group of congregants, led by the Rev. Jen Crow, who provide confidential pastoral care to friends and members of our congregation. Our goal is to offer compassionate presence to our fellow congregants in the knowledge that this too is a spiritual practice. If you are in need of a Pastoral Care team visit, please contact Rev. Jen Crow at [jen@firstuniv.org](mailto:jen@firstuniv.org).

### 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: PROPHETIC IMAGINATION

## MEETING THIS MOMENT

REV. JEN CROW

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

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## Music for Gathering

*Fearless Love*

- David and Lisa Carnes

Fearless love is shining bright  
Fearless so brightly  
Fearless love is shining bright  
Fearless so brightly

A Ghost Revival

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

## Bellsound

## Prelude

*Wake, Now, My Senses*

- Thomas J. S. Mikelson

Chalice Singers  
Chandler Yorkhall

## Wisdom Story

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Commissioning the Pastoral Care Team

Rev. Jen Crow

## Opening Hymn #18 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*What Wondrous Love Is This?*

## 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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## Hymn for Journeying #298

*Wake, Now, My Senses*

## Silence

## Cycle of Life

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## 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

## Musical Offering

*Up in the Air*

- David and Lisa Carnes, Olivia Hahn, Karla Dietmeyer

A Ghost Revival

## Sermon

*Meeting This Moment*

Rev. Jen Crow

## Offertory

*Someday Is Today*

- David and Lisa Carnes

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## Closing Song (Please rise in body or spirit)

*Fearless Love*

- David and Lisa Carnes

Fearless love is shining bright  
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A Ghost Revival

## Closing Words

Rev. Jen Crow

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Jen Crow

Executive Minister

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Minister of Worship and Coming of Age

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Chalice Singers

Chandler Yorkhall

Chalice Singers Director

Avery Lindon

9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Andie Gegax

11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

## Musical Guests

A Ghost Revival

Lisa Hirst Carnes

David Carnes

Ken Brahmstedt

Sean Broderick

Jim Anderson

## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Suzan Klein of the Visual Arts Committee.

## Offering: courageous heARTS

courageous heARTS' mission is to co-create experiences with young people by offering them a safe space, built with the intention to heal and empower through expressive arts, community building, and leadership development. Their primary program at this time is Open Studio, wherein they offer a safe space for youth to come after school to create, lead, and connect. Their studio is donation-based and no one is turned away for inability to pay. courageous heARTS' vision is that youth will discover, heal, and strengthen their hearts so they can thrive as active, engaged, and courageous leaders in their community.

## About Today's Musical Guest

David and Lisa Hirst Carnes have been attending First Universalist for the past five years. A Ghost Revival is their latest musical iteration after meeting in college, marrying, and setting off on their musical careers. Along with their musical pursuits, they own ArcStone, an interactive design and marketing agency located near Lake Street and Lyndale Avenue. A Ghost Revival will be performing together with The OK Factor, a First Universalist favorite, at the Troubadour located at 2827 Hennepin Ave. S. next Saturday, February 11. Music will start @ 9:00 PM with no cover charge. To learn more about the band or to sign-up for their mailing list, visit GhostRevival.com.

## February Worship Theme: Prophetic Imagination

What is a prophet? A prophet is not a clairvoyant, or a psychic. A prophet is more akin to a namer; someone who is called to look and discern the what of what is, and name it. The prophet is one who sees the patterns hidden in plain sight. Her measuring stick is not consumer indexes, but the health and well being of the whole. The prophet is in love with his people, all his people, the oppressed and the privileged. Still, a prophet's questions may feel pointed and abrupt. The prophet asks: Is your God big enough? Is your world picture big enough? A prophet calls forth imagination. This month we explore the imperative of imagination, name the prophets in our midst, and ask where we stand in prophetic imagination.