



GET CONNECTED

DAYTIME CONNECTIONS OCT. 19

How does your life story fit into the larger, mythic story of human experience? On Thursday, Oct. 19, Rev. Barbara Kellett, Spiritual Director and First Universalist member, invites us into a deeper understanding of our life story with a program entitled: “The Journey of the Hero & Heroine: Revealing the Wisdom in Your Life’s Story.” Program begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 1 p.m. A \$10 donation is encouraged. Registration is requested for lunch planning: contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

RACIAL JUSTICE AND OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive, reflective workshop exploring a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. This two-part workshop will be offered on Saturdays, Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, 9–11:30 a.m., and will be led by Lark Weller and Brian Eshult. To register, contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

CHILD DEDICATION IS NOV. 5

The next Child Dedication will take place on Sunday, Nov. 5 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 Sunday, Oct. 29.

FORUM: “CLIMATE CHANGE AS AN AVENUE FOR FINDING COMMON GROUND”

A panel of four experts will come together on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary to address how climate change might inspire individuals to work together across differences in race, religion, culture, and belief and unite in the face of adversity. We may all find ourselves adopting new patterns of behavior, including the willingness to relinquish privilege and advantage, as we jointly strive to restore stability to our climate.

PEACE SITE REDEDICATION OCT. 22

The First Universalist Peace Site and garden will be rededicated on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 10:45 a.m. between services. Please join us for a 15-minute ceremony in the garden by the Dupont Avenue middle doors, where the church choir will open with a song. The event will include guest speakers and the addition of four more languages to the existing Peace Pole, each declaring “May Peace Prevail on Earth.” This event is sponsored by the First Universalist Peace Circle.

SHARING OUR SUNDAY FLOWERS: CAN YOU HELP?

Wonder what happens to Sunday flower arrangements once the services are done? Generally, flowers are delivered to individuals in our congregation who are unable to attend services or who are experiencing a life-changing event. Several more individuals are needed to help with this meaningful role. Please consider joining or forming a team of 2 – 3 people to distribute the flowers after services once per month. For more information contact Dick Rueter at dick.rueter49@usinternet.com.



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 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.

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.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:
9/17 Honor the Earth \$1,037.68
9/24 UUA Hurricane Irma Recovery Fund \$2,357.33 (100% of offering to recipient)
10/1 Vail Place \$1,109.87

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/>.

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.

HOME CHORE HELP

If you would like help with simple tasks—changing filters, light bulbs, installing window air conditioners, etc., chores that don't require professional expertise—contact Mary Ellison at maryellison2491@comcast.net.

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: OUTSIDERS

LUMINOUS DEPTHS

REV. KATE TUCKER

OCTOBER 15, 2017

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Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

Prelude

Give Get Sistet

Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Crow

Community Singing

Give Get Sistet

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. 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

Proverbs of Ashes

- Rebecca Ann Parker and Rita Nakashima Brock

Rev. Kate Tucker

Musical Offering

Stars Come Out at Night

- Ann Reed

Ann Reed

Sermon

Luminous Depths

Rev. Kate Tucker

Offertory

Leap of Faith

- Ann Reed

Ann Reed

Community Singing (Please rise in body or spirit.)

Ella's Song

- Bernice Johnson Reagon

We who believe in freedom cannot rest
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes

Give Get Sistet

Closing Words

Rev. Jen Crow

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Kate Tucker

Minister Emerita

Rev. Jen Crow

Executive Minister

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Minister

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Zoe Wagner

9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Matthias Dalby

11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Musical Guests

Ann Reed

Give Get Sistet: Sarah M. Greer, Jayanthi Kyle, Mankwe Ndosi, Elizabeth "Libby" Turner

Chancel Flowers

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

Offering: Racial Justice Programming

This week our offering goes to the myriad ways we are working toward racial justice. This offering will support our continued intensive racial justice training, the POCI group and their work, sponsoring speakers such as Robin D'Angelo on November 18, films and discussion, and our work in faithful action.

About Today's Musical Guests

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. First Universalist is pleased to be entering into a formal relationship of artistry, worship leadership, and community building with Give Get as Artists in Residence for the church year 2017/2018.

Songwriter, singer, guitarist **Ann Reed** has been performing for more than 35 years with her rich, dark-chocolate voice, storytelling from the human experience, and songs that find a permanent place in the heart. Of course some of her songs and stories might end up closer to your funny bone — a little irreverence never hurt anyone. Ann has toured North America coast to coast, doing concerts, clubs, festivals, and she's met wonderful fans and made friends all along the way. We welcome Ann back into our sanctuary as one of our favorite musical touchstones.

October Worship Theme: Outsiders

The first principle of our Unitarian Universalist faith states that we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every human being. This connotes a celebration and welcoming of the variety of human expression, all the different ways and contexts that make us who we are. Yet there is a tendency in our human nature to distrust something that is different than ourselves, that is in some way other or deemed an outsider. At the heart of our faithful root system is an other-affirming imperative, to meet and come to know one another as whole and holy, and embrace the outsider. We often fail. Yet when we lean into our other-affirming calling, we resist the false, dominant cultural narrative of segmentation and separation, and find a surplus of wisdom and ways forward that are surprising, challenging, and life-giving.