

GET CONNECTED

YOUNG ADULTS PIZZA LUNCH - TODAY!

Join the First Universalist Young Adults group at Pizza Lucé today at 12:45 p.m. for lunch. The group will walk over to Pizza Luce (at 32nd St. & Lyndale Ave. S.) from church after the second service (~12:30 p.m.). The First Universalist Young Adults group is for folks in their 20s and 30s who are interested in getting together for social activities. Join the group on Facebook by searching "First Universalist Young Adults."

DAYTIME CONNECTIONS: SHARING OUR LIFE STORIES

Church elders share stories to remember who we are, share our wisdom and change the world. That's why there's a new initiative at church called "Collecting Our Legacy Stories" with a goal to document our stories (60 so far). Learn more about the project from First U Daytimers, Janet Merrill, Dick Kain and Kathy Coskran on Thursday, Nov. 16. Program begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 1 p.m. A \$5-10 donation is encouraged. To register, contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701. Through Daytime Connections, older adults at First Universalist empower each other to live intentional, joyful, purposeful, and spiritually fulfilled lives.

GLOBAL GIFT FAIR

Our annual Global Gift Fair will be held in the social hall on Sunday, Nov. 26 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. As in the past, we have invited the participation of those organizations/vendors with which we have deep connections. This is your chance to one-stop shop for gifts that are reasonably priced and whose profits benefit our larger community. Join us in this annual favorite!

SEEING THE RACIAL WATER: A WORKSHOP WITH DR. ROBIN DIANGELO

First Universalist is co-sponsoring a workshop with Dr. Robin DiAngelo that will take place at **Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul** on Saturday, Nov. 18, 1-4 p.m. Dr. DiAngelo will describe the way race shapes the lives of white people, explain what makes racism so hard for white people to see, and identify common white racial patterns that prevent us from moving towards greater racial equity. Although the focus is on white racial identity development, people of color may also find the analysis valuable as it is one that is rarely affirmed or provided in mainstream society.

POSTPONED: RENOVATION/ CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW MEETINGS

The November congregational meetings with the architects to review design ideas for our renovations and construction have been postponed in order to explore a design direction that hadn't previously been thought possible. Our architects need additional time to do research on the existing structural system and conditions to determine what might be feasible, and we'd like to allow them time to fully explore this potentially advantageous possibility before presenting design options and our preferred direction for the congregation's review and consideration. The meetings will be rescheduled for some time in January - watch for new dates to be announced in the near future!

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: Sunday, Nov. 19

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:
10/15 Racial Justice Work \$1,234.76
10/22 MN Interfaith Power & Light \$704.14
10/29 MicroGrants \$1,378.73

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.

MEAL SUPPORT

If the ground has shifted beneath your feet, let us bring a meal or two to offer comfort and care. Whenever possible, the Congregational Care team enables congregants to provide meals for each other on a short-term basis in times of need. Contact: Susan Schonfeld, susanwschonfeld@gmail.com.

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!



*In the Universalist spirit of love and hope,
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WORSHIP THEME: SOURCES OF TRUST (FAITH)

AN HONEST LOOK

REV. JEN CROW

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound

Prelude

Go Down Moses
- Traditional, arr. Mark Hayes

First Universalist Choir
Tony Meysenburg
Dr. Randal Buikema

Call to Worship

Kathy Coskran

Opening Hymn #347 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

Gather the Spirit

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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New Member Ceremony

Rev. Justin Schroeder
Eric Cooperstein

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

A Blessing for the Brokenhearted
- Jan Richardson

Rev. Jen Crow

Anthem

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
- Alice Parker

First Universalist Choir
Dr. Randal Buikema

Sermon

An Honest Look

Rev. Jen Crow

Offertory

III. *The Alcotts* from *Piano Sonata No. 2 "Concord"*
- Charles Ives

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Closing Hymn #122 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

Sound Over All Waters

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
Kathy Coskran	Worship Associate
Eric Cooperstein	President
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
AnnMarie McIntire	Bass
Bobby Gillespie	Drums
Dr. Randal Buikema	Director of Choral Arts
Tony Meysenburg	Soloist
First Universalist Choir	
Avery Lindon	9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter
Kennion Hammer	11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Dick Rueter of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)

The mission of CVT is to heal the wounds of torture on individuals, their families, and their communities and to end torture worldwide. Clinicians and social workers provide rehabilitative care and support to survivors of torture. CVT provides training programs to help communities identify and respond to trauma survivors, advocates against pro-torture policies, and provides more general human rights training for activists. In 2016, clinicians at the St. Paul Healing Center worked with clients – survivors of torture or war trauma - from 38 countries, primarily refugees and asylum seekers. Many of CVT's clients have fled from persecution (based on race, religion, ethnicity, etc.), and seeing local organizations support their integration in these politically charged times is incredibly healing.

November Worship Theme: Sources of Trust (Faith)

When Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of Wittenberg Castle Church in 1517, he started a conversation about faith that has been going on for centuries for Christians, and by way of religious genealogy, Unitarian Universalists. Is "faith" simply an assent or agreement with a set of belief statements or is "faith" a question of trust? Where do you place your trust? Where do you find your strength? What holds you when there is nothing to hold onto? As Unitarian Universalists, we state that our sources of faith and trust come from: Direct experience of that transcending mystery that creates and upholds life; The words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice and compassion; The wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life; Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves; Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science; And spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. This month we ask: "What are your sources of trust?"