

GET CONNECTED

INITIAL RENOVATION/ CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW WITH THE ARCHITECTS

Join us for one of two opportunities to meet with our architects from Miller Dunwiddie and review the process of the schematic design ideas for our renovations and construction. Please put these dates in your calendar and plan to attend one: Wednesday, Nov. 15 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 19 between 12:45 and 2 p.m. Arrive at any point within those time frames: the meetings will be conducted open-house style and the architects will offer several short, informal presentations on the initial plans. Preliminary drawings of concept plan options will be mounted and available for your perusal and input.

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS PIZZA LUNCH

Join the First Universalist Young Adults group at Pizza Lucé on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 12:45 p.m. for a pizza 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 roughly 18 to 35 who are interested in getting together for events and social activities. Join the group on Facebook by searching "First Universalist Young Adults."

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!

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:

- 10/8 United for Puerto Rico Recovery Fund \$3,028.22 (100% of offering to recipient)
- 10/15 Racial Justice Work \$1,234.76
- 10/22 MN Interfaith Power & Light \$704.14

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.

COMFORT SHAWLS

Do you like to knit? Contact Pat Foulkes, pfoulkes@hotmail.com, for directions for the comfort shawls that we distribute to congregants in times of need. If you know somebody who is in need of a Comfort Shawl; contact Susan Schonfeld, susanwschonfeld@gmail.com or Mary Ellison, 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: SOURCES OF TRUST (FAITH)

BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound

Prelude

Blackbird
- Lennon-McCartney

The OK Factor

Wisdom Story

Lauren Wyeth

Opening Hymn #298 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

Wake, Now, My Senses

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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Child Dedication

Rev. Justin Schroeder
Lauren Wyeth

Song for the Journey (Children are excused.)

Festive
- Traditional

The OK Factor

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

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Musical Offering

Liz's Porch
- The OK Factor

The OK Factor

Sermon

Building Blocks of Life

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Offertory

Shenandoah
- Traditional

The OK Factor

Closing Hymn #108 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

My Life Flows On

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Lauren Wyeth	Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
The OK Factor	Musical Guest

Chancel Flowers

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

Offering: Sisters Camelot

Sisters Camelot is a collectively run non-profit working to promote sustainability, strengthen community, and raise awareness about food justice. Through their Mobile Food Share program, every week they pick up 6-8 thousand pounds of fresh organic produce that would otherwise go to waste (for example, what doesn't sell at the Farmer's Market) and share it for free in low-income neighborhoods in the Twin Cities. By transforming a waste stream into a resource, Sisters Camelot has offered healthy organic, whole foods to people who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford them. They grow herbs and produce for community meals through their Community Garden, and their Kitchen Bus, a vegetarian kitchen, transforms minds and ingredients into experiences. It has been their mission to inspire people to eat a diversity of healthy foods through cooking and preparing delicious food that warms the heart and fills the belly.

About Today's Musical Guest

Olivia Diercks and Karla Colahan, cellist and violinist of The OK Factor, have one word to describe their musical connection: lucky. The ease with which they write and perform their original music is organic, and their new-classical crossover style has caught the attention of the Minnesota music community in which they live and work. It continues to bring them success on stages such as The Dakota Jazz Club, The Cedar Cultural Center, The Aster Cafe, The Stone Arch Bridge Festival and more. Pre-orders for The OK Factor's newest album, *Have Yourself an OK Christmas* will be available November 1. For more info, go to: <https://www.theokfactor.com/>.

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?”