



BULLETIN

Welcome Visitors

We are so glad that you are here. Please join us regularly for Sunday morning worship services at 9:30 and 11:15 AM.

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 30-minute overview. No sign up needed and coffee & childcare are provided.

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 our Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, Lauren Wyeth, at lauren@firstuniv.org.

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 about First Universalist, go to our website: www.firstuniversalist.org stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs after services, or call our church office, 612-825-1701.

First Universalist Choir

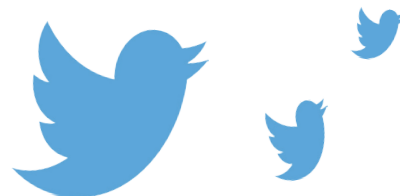
Have you thought about singing in the choir? YOU are welcome to join us! Ability to read music and previous experience is helpful but not necessary. An open heart, eagerness to learn and the desire to be part of a large and dynamic choral ensemble are qualities we look for in new members. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM. Contact randy@firstuniv.org for details.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration is now open for First Universalist's Summer Camps--this year we have amazing UU camps for children and youth from 1st grade through high school! We are also seeking paid and volunteer Youth Counselors for our elementary-age camps. Visit 1stU-SummerCamp.weebly.com for more information and online registration.

First Universalist Church is now on TWITTER!

Check out:
twitter.com/FirstUniv
to follow us



Art 4 U in Social Hall

Art 4 U is happening right now! Paintings, Photographs, Pottery, Jewelry, Fiber art and Books created by our own First Universalist members and friends will be in the social hall. You can meet Artists and Authors and talk with them about their work, and support the work of our church by purchasing these one-of-a-kind items. Over 50 individuals from our congregation have generously donated their talent for the ART 4 U sale. While March 30 was the kick-off for the sale, additional sales will continue Sundays, April 6 & 13.



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The Deadline for May 'Liberal' is April 15!

Don't forget that the next deadline, for the upcoming May edition of The Liberal, is April 15th. Please note that the May edition of the Liberal will be the last edition published before it goes on its 'summer vacation'. For additional information about The Liberal (and communications in general), read the article on page six in the latest edition of The Liberal--the April edition is online, posted on our website, at <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/communications/the-liberal/>

Habitat on the Hill

Can you spare half a weekday to help legislators understand the importance of affordable housing? On Tuesday, April 8, First Universalists and many others will participate in Habitat for Humanity's annual "Habitat on the Hill." No experience is necessary. Participants will register at 8:00 AM, train at 8:30 AM and then speak to their legislators until served a free box lunch. To stand out at the Capitol, volunteers will be given a Housing Hero T-shirt and encouraged to wear hardhats, tool belts and other construction gear. If interested, please contact Joan Naymark at joan.g.naymark@gmail.com. The Affordable Housing Bonding Bill would channel \$100 million into affordable housing across the state. More than 600,000 Minnesota households pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing. More than 10,000 Minnesotans are homeless on any given day. The event is cosponsored by the Homes for All Coalition.

Child Dedication: The only upcoming Child Dedication service will be held at both services on Sunday, May 11. If you're ready to have a child dedicated at First Universalist, fill out the form on our website, under Contact Us--Online Forms-- as soon as possible. It needs to be into the office before Sunday, May 4, 2014.

Reflect and Connect in a Newcomer Circle

Are you new to First Universalist? Whether you are a recent visitor or a new member, you're invited to join a Newcomer Circle. These three-session gatherings of 6-10 newcomers offer a chance to explore core Unitarian Universalist values, reflect on our spiritual journeys, and connect with other folks who are new to church. As with all of our Circles, this group is grounded in attentive listening and open-hearted reflection.

The Newcomer Circle meets on Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Registration is required; you can sign up at the information table in the social hall or by emailing Elaine@FirstUniv.org.

The Pathway to Membership

Could First Universalist be the home for your spiritual journey? The Pathway to Membership invites participants into a more in-depth exploration of Unitarian Universalism, the history of this congregation, and experience of membership. The Pathway to Membership is a requirement for membership.

Our last class before next fall will take place on Saturday, May 10 from 9:00am-3:00pm. We hope you can join us!

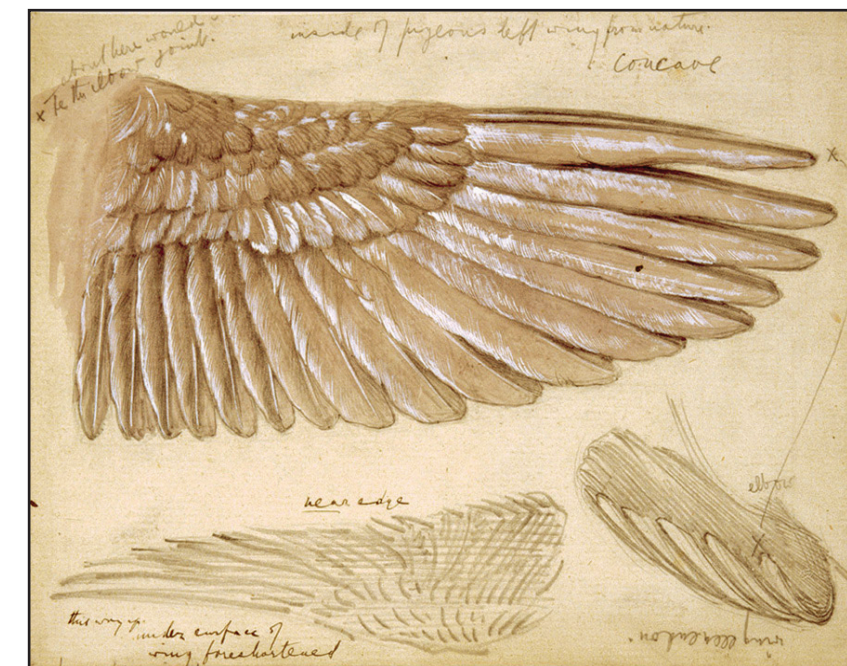
To register, please contact the Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink at elaine@firstuniv.org. Childcare is available free of charge by contacting childcare@firstuniv.org by May 2.

Have You Left Something In the Kitchen?

On Monday, April 14, all the items on the table by the kitchen doors will either be donated, transferred to our main lost-and-found, or thrown away. If you have a water bottle, candle holders, or other items in this area, please come and claim them! Going forward, this table will be cleared on the first of each month.



*A Service of Music and Message:
April 6, 2014*



Come Fly, Come Dream!

Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine

by Eric Whitacre, libretto brève by Charles Anthony Silvestri

*Performed by First Universalist Choir,
Conducted by Dr. Randal Buikema*

Piano music by John Jensen

Dream Narratives by:

*Rev. Ruth MacKenzie
Lena K. Gardner
Arif Mamdani
Suzy Messerole*

Music for Gathering Improvised Meditation John Jensen

Words of Welcome Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Bell Sound

Introit Leonardo dreams of his flying machine
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Call to Worship Dreaming Outside the Box Suzy Messerole

Opening Hymn 124 *Be That Guide*

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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Silence

Cycle of Life

Hymn of Prayer 123 *Spirit of Life*

Meditation *First Wing*
Dreaming and Yearning Arif Mamdani

Leonardo...Part I
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Leonardo dreams of his flying machine
Tormented by visions of flight and falling
More wondrous and terrible each than the last,
Master Leonardo imagines an engine
To carry a man up into the sun....

And he's dreaming the heavens call him,
Softly whispering their siren-song:
"Leonardo, Leonardo, vieni a volare."
("Leonardo, Leonardo, come fly.")
*L'uomo colle sua congiungniate e grandi ale,
Facciendo forza contro alla resistente aria.*
(A man with wings large enough and duly connected might learn to
overcome the resistance of the air.)



Second Wing
Meditation Dream of the Beloved Community Lena K. Gardner

Leonardo...Part II
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As the candles burn low he paces and writes,
Releasing purchased pigeons one by one
Into the golden Tuscan sunrise

And as he dreams, again the calling,
The very air itself gives voice:
"Leonardo, Leonardo, vieni a volare."
("Leonardo, Leonardo, come fly.")

Vicina all' element del fuoco...
Scratching quill on crumpled paper
(*Rete, canna, filo, carta.*)
Images of wing and frame and fabric fastened tightly.
...sulla suprema sottile aria.
(Close to the sphere of elemental fire,
Net, cane, thread, paper.
....in the highest and rarest atmosphere.)

As the midnight watchtower tolls,
Over rooftop, street and dome,
The triumph of a human being ascending
In the dreaming of a mortal man.

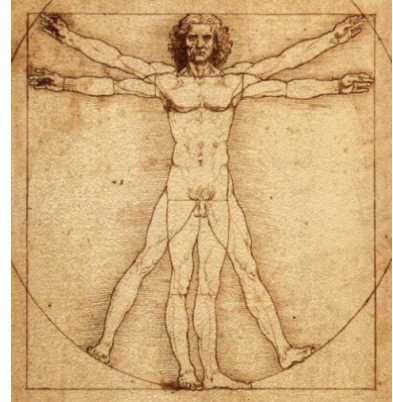
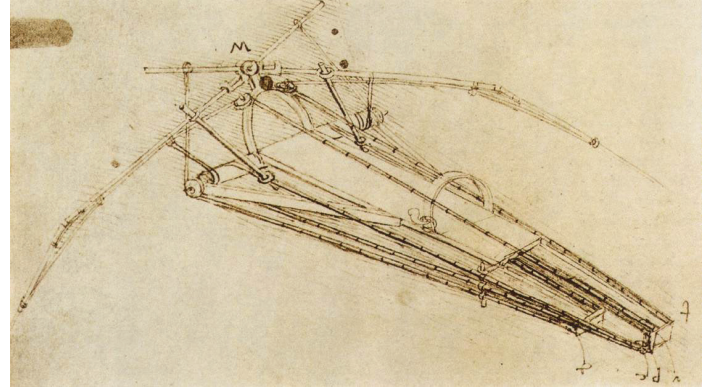
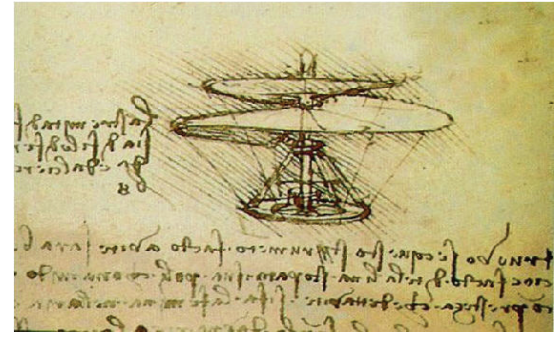
Leonardo steels himself,
Takes one last breath...

Third Wing
Meditation Dreams for a Culture of Welcome Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Leonardo...Part III
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Leonardo steels himself,
Takes one last breath, and leaps...
"Leonardo, vieni a volare! Leonardo, sognare!"
("Leonardo, come fly. Leonardo, come dream.")

Offertory Hymn 92 *Mysterious Presence, Source of All*
(remain seated)



Closing Words and Benediction

Song of Blessing *Go Now in Peace*



First Universalist Choir:

Conducted by Dr. Randal Buikema

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| Ron Adams | Anne McBean |
| Adrienne Alexander | Heidi McFadyen |
| Narissa Bach | Linda McNary |
| Bob Barnes | Tony Meysenburg |
| Margit Berg | John Murphy |
| Kira Berglund | Laurie Nelson |
| Charles Betz | Nora Page |
| Judy Broad | Ron Parker |
| Sherrilee Carter | Jackie Paro |
| Alison Cerier | Karen Parson |
| Ian Cook | Dinah Patrykus |
| Ben Cooper | Jim Patrykus |
| Kristina Darnell | David Peichel |
| Michael Day | Liz Permar |
| Elizabeth Dunn | Louis Quast |
| Judy Eitland | Jim Ramnaraine |
| Bill Ellwood | Graham Ransom |
| Joanne Engelking | Weld Ransom |
| Liz Erickson | Colleen Schaeffe |
| Jill Farris | James Schanen |
| Renate Fiora | Susan Schultz |
| Lorraine Gabbert | Sarah Sheehan |
| Valerie Garber | Lisa Sinclair |
| Pat Gottschalk | Lynne Stanley |
| Bonnie Gray | William Stryk |
| Norma Hammer | Anda Tanaka |
| Barbara Harman | Victoria Thompson |
| Carol Hiniker | Shelley Thron |
| Paul Hjelmsted | Sarah Vig |
| Greg Hoelzer | Pamela Vincent |
| Marybeth Hoelzer | Tina Wade |
| Shelley des Islets | Timmon Wallis |
| Ann Kay | Mary Weeks |
| Janet Keysser | Bryan Wells |
| Fawzia Khan | Melody Werner |
| Ellen Kluz | Elizabeth Wiethoff |
| Rita Langteau | Ruthann Wood |
| Joanna Lees | Sarah Yale |

Carol Flint-Kaliebe of the Visual Arts Committee arranged the flowers today.
Chalice Lighters: Satya Mamdani (9:30) & Kate Gegax (11:15)

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