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## Fill out the Congregational Survey

The Board of Trustees needs to know if the church is living up to its values and your help is needed! Whether you have been here 6 months or 60 years, whether you are 16 years old or 106, please take 10 minutes to tell us how the church is helping you (or not helping you) give, receive, and grow.

Take the survey at <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/survey>

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**This is the LAST Sunday with two services!**  
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**Next week, Sunday, May 25, we move to our Summer Worship schedule of one service at 10:00 AM.**  
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Food Justice Ministries is selling raffle tickets to support purchasing Philadelphia farms CSA for Joyce Food shelves.

Tickets are \$5 and will be entered in a drawing for prizes. Tickets will be for sale after both services Sundays of 5/11, 5/18 and 5/25. Please visit us at the Hub in the Social Hall.

## 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. From May 25 - August 31, we offer one service at 10:00 AM.

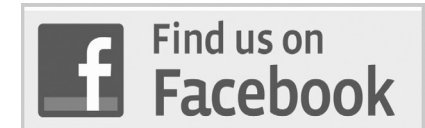
**Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.** Our next orientation takes place May 18; meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 30-minute overview. No sign up 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](mailto: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.firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://www.firstuniversalistchurch.org) stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs after services, or call our church office, **612-825-1701**.



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## Wellspring Orientation

Have you heard about Wellspring? This year, more than 50 members of our church have participated in this amazing journey. Wellspring offers spiritual deepening within our Unitarian Universalist tradition, an opportunity for learning more about ourselves and our faith through a year-long small group experience.

There are five interconnected components: commitment to a daily spiritual practice, monthly spiritual direction (self-reflection with a guide), small group meetings, reading about the theological and historical foundations of our faith, and putting our faith into action. After a day-long opening retreat in September 2014, Wellspring will meet every other week through May 2015.

You are invited to an information session to learn more and to help you decide whether Wellspring is a commitment you want to make. Attending the orientation is required if you wish to participate in Wellspring next year. **Please join us tomorrow night, Monday, May 19 7-8:30pm or on Sunday, June 8 at 11:30am.** Bring your questions and your open hearts. We look forward to seeing you there!

In faith,  
Rev. Jen Crow, Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink, and Sara Smalley

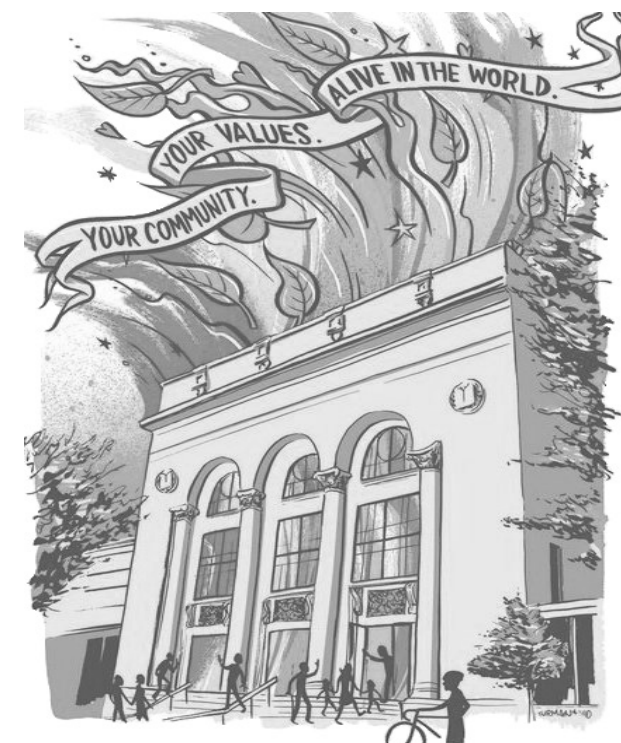
## INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL (TODAY)

New Singers may still join!!!

Are you and/or members of your family interested in singing? Have you considered singing in the choir, but you couldn't make the long-term commitment? With 4 rehearsals and worship services on one Sunday, the Intergenerational Choir may be perfect for you. All ages are welcome. Here are the particulars:

<b>Repertoire</b>	<i>Hope For Resolution</i> by Paul Caldwell		
<b>Rehearsals</b>			
	Sunday, May 18	10:35-11:10 AM	Cummins Room
	Wednesday, May 21	7:00-8:00 PM	Sanctuary
	Wednesday, May 28	7:00-8:00 PM	Sanctuary
<b>Service</b>			
	Sunday, June 1	10:00 AM	(Flower Communion)

Randy Buikema, Director of Choral Arts, will serve as the choir's conductor. The anthem, *Hope For Resolution*, is based on a gregorian chant, and accompanied by piano, soprano saxophone, drums and a South African tune (to be sung by the First Universalist Choir). If you have any questions, contact [randy@firstuniv.org](mailto:randy@firstuniv.org).



## Season of Imagination

*Rev. Ruth MacKenzie*

*May 18, 2014*

*Worship Theme: Season of Passage*

*Every May we celebrate and hold the different thresholds of spring. Some of our youth are leaving our community for work or college. Others are completing their work in the Coming of Age program and are living into the beliefs and values they have outlined. Some of us are watching new patterns of church emerge, as we live ever more fully into our mission of giving, receiving and growing. This time of year, we recognize the season of passage and transitions. We honor what has come before, know that we stand on the shoulders of those who have come before, and imagine our faith community into the future.*

**Music for Gathering**

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Justin Schroeder  
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

**Bell Sound**

**Prelude**

John Jensen

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot/This Little Light of Mine*  
-Traditional African American Spirituals

**Call to Worship**

Arif Mamdani

**Opening Hymn 1018**

*Hush* (Teal Hymnal, vs. 1-3)

**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**

**Silence**

**Cycle of Life**

Rev. Justin Schroeder

**Hymn of Prayer 123**

*Spirit of Life (seated)*

*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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**A Collage of Voices and Statements of Faith**

Coming of Age Youth  
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

**Musical Offering**

*For Every Mountain*  
-Kurt Carr

First Universalist Choir  
Conducted by Dr. Randal Buikema  
With Soloist Angela Henderson

**Sermon**

*Season of Imagination*

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

**Offeretory**

*I've Got a Reason*  
-Hezekiah Walker

First Universalist Choir  
Conducted by Dr. Randal Buikema  
With Soloist Angela Henderson

**Closing Hymn 1028**

*Fire of Commitment* (Teal Hymnal)

**Closing Words**

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

**Blessing in Song 413**

*Go Now in Peace*

**Music for the Journey**

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Minister of Worship Arts and  
Minister to the Coming of Age Class of 2014  
Rev. Justin Schroeder Senior Minister  
John Jensen Director of Music/Pianist  
Dr. Randal Bukiema Director of Choral Arts  
First Universalist Choir  
Instrumentalists  
Joan Griffith, bass  
Will Kemperman, drums  
Anda Tanaka, trumpet  
Angela Henderson, vocal soloist

Angela Henderson was a member of the Grammy Award Winning “Sounds of Blackness” for over 25 years. She has performed both nationally and internationally with artists such as: Stevie Wonder, BeBe & CeCe Winans, and Patti Labelle -- just to name a few. Angela also lends her talents to Gospel Choirs United, Black Nativity, The Night Before Christmas, and Hairspray. Angela loves to minister in song and to live the life that she sings about.

**Chalice Lighters**

Elliot Jaeger 9:30

**Worship Design and Coordination**

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Minister of Worship Arts

**Offering**

Racial Justice Consultant

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today were arranged by Pam Vincent of the Visual Arts Committee.

