

# BULLETIN

## Welcome!

*We are so glad that you are here.*

We aspire to be a church that lives and practices racial justice principles, and that welcomes all, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, skin color, or economic status. At First Universalist, our mission is to practice giving, receiving, and growing into Love's people. This is the path we invite you to walk with us.

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](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.



## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

*Offering plates from Sunday service*

June 29, 2014	Racial Justice	\$385
June 22, 2014	Y.C.E	\$549
June 15, 2014	Cummins Fund	\$665
June 8, 2014	First Universalist	\$793
June 1, 2014	First Universalist	\$1,038
May 25, 2014	Reclaim!	\$670

## Church 'Spruce Up' August 4th to 9th

We will be re-painting the back wall of the chancel and four of the classrooms during the first week in August. A poster showing the new chancel colors is on display Sundays in the narthex or social hall. If you can volunteer some help that week, please sign up online here: <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/online-forms/>. We hope to see you there!

## Summer Schedule for Ministers

**July:** Rev. Elaine will be at church during the month of July

**August:** Rev. Ruth, Rev. Justin, Rev. Jen, and Rev. Elaine will all be at church

## A Friendly Reminder:

Please bring your own cup for coffee during the summer! If you use the paper cups provided please remember to compost the cups. Thank you!

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## Want to Learn More About Wellspring?

Curious and want to learn more? If you are interested in learning more about the Wellspring Program and possibly participating in the 10-month program of spiritual deepening next year, please be in touch with Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink [elaine@firstuniv.org](mailto:elaine@firstuniv.org) as soon as possible. Final orientations and decisions about group placements will take place in July.

## Seeking TV Donations

If you're upgrading your television, please consider donating your old TV to church! We are seeking TV monitors for use in our classrooms. Contact Brad at [brad@firstuniv.org](mailto:brad@firstuniv.org) with any questions.

For more information about the latest news and events at First Universalist Church, check out our website at: [www.firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://www.firstuniversalistchurch.org)



<http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/habitat-for-humanity-sign-up/>

## Do you love working outside doing yard and garden work?

With all the recent rain, the church grounds are in need of some loving attention. If you're interested in working with a team, doing pruning, weed pulling, and trimming, please let us know! We're planning to meet several times a month, but it's flexible. In addition to having our church grounds look nice, this is also about being a good neighbor. Please email Ginny at [Ginny.mc1947@gmail.com](mailto:Ginny.mc1947@gmail.com) to indicate your interest.

## August 3: Lake Harriet Bandshell Service

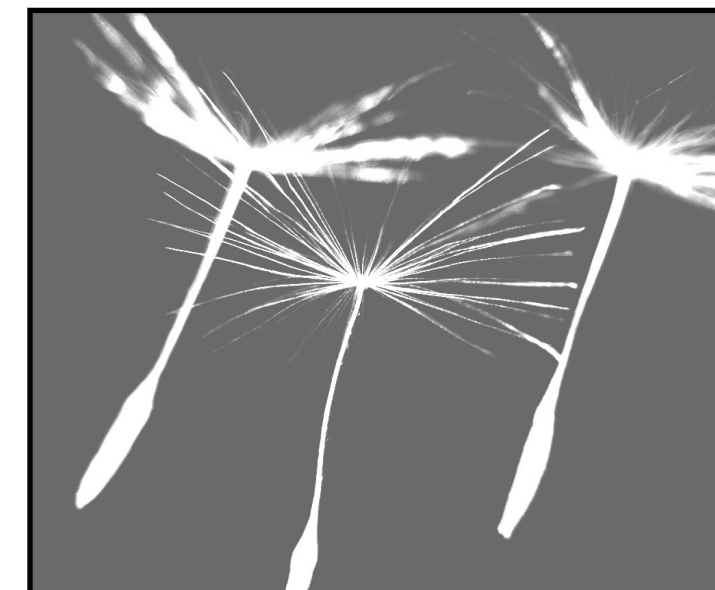
Join us for an energizing worship service and a potluck lunch at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on Sunday, August 3 at 10am. The Universal Jazz Band may just blow the top off the bandshell! Please bring a dish to share. This will be our only worship service that Sunday.

Updated photo of the House That Love Built! Photo submitted by Bill McTeer. If you'd like to sign up for Habitat for Humanity build days, please visit our website to sign up online!



First Universalist Church  
of Minneapolis

*In the Universalist spirit of love and hope,  
we give, receive, and grow.*



## Still Growing

*Kathy Coskran  
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink*

*July 6, 2014*

**Music for Gathering**

Andrew Bourgoin

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**Bell Sound**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**Opening Hymn 108**

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

**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. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**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  
(reprinted with permission by the UUA)

**Reading**

From *The Faith of an Atheist*  
-Rev. John Cummins

**Musical Offering**

Andrew Bourgoin

**Sermon**

*Still Growing*

Kathy Coskran

**Offertory**

Andrew Bourgoin

**Closing Hymn 131**

*Love Will Guide Us*

**Closing Words**

Kathy Coskran

**Blessing in Song 413**

*Go Now in Peace*

**Music for the Journey**

Andrew Bourgoin

**Worship Leaders**

Kathy Coskran Church Member  
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink Minister of Membership & Adult Ministries  
Andrew Bourgoin Summer Pianist

**Worship Design and Coordination**

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink Minister of Membership & Adult Ministries

**Offering**

Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance

**Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers were arranged by Meredith Sims of the Visual Arts Committee.

**Summer Worship Theme: Seeds**

Hidden in the seed is wonder: the possibility of prairie grass, the manifestations of marigolds, the surprising turn of events when we plant hope in our lives. Whether we plant seeds in our backyard or in gestures of social justice, we enter the divine amplification system that deeply connects our actions to the creative energy of Spirit. As a wise man once said, a world of justice and peace is like a mustard seed, that when planted grows up to become the greatest of all shrubs, so great that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade. This summer we will explore the theme of seeds. What seeds are we planting to grow a more whole and holy world? What seeds are you planting to grow a more whole and holy life? What is our part in the divine amplification system?

**Upcoming preachers:**

July 13: Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink, Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries.

July 20: Rev. Mary Bohman. Mary is an affiliate minister of First Universalist Church and serves as a Hospice Chaplain.

July 27: Jill Braithwaite. Jill currently serves on the First Universalist Board of Trustees, and is a student at United Theological School in New Brighton.

*Don't forget to collect and save water from a sacred place this summer!  
We'll gather and merge the waters on September 7, at our Water Communion service.*