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Welcome Visitors

We are so glad that you are here. Please join us regularly for Sunday morning worship service at 10:00 AM.

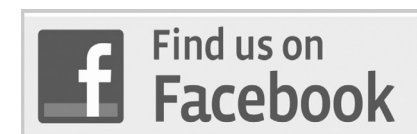
Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Our next orientation takes place TODAY; meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 30-minute overview. No sign up needed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



SUMMER CHOIR
SUNDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AM rehearsal
10:00 AM service

All interested singers are welcome!

For more info, contact Randy, our Director of Choral Arts, at:
randy@firstuniv.org

Dancing, Great Gatherings, and Fun-Raising, Oh My!

(It's time to plan another fun party!)

Were you a part of the Great Gathering party at church last February? It was a wonderful event and the take away was clear: let's do more fun events that build and strengthen our community.

Although summer has just rolled in, it's time to start planning for the next Great Gathering party. Will you be a part of the planning team? If so, please contact Kim Lund, at gumbylund@yahoo.com. She's helping with the initial coordination and organizing of the Party Planning Team. Thank you!

Deadline Reminder:

If you'd like to submit an announcement for the weekly Sunday Bulletin, please email communications@firstuniv.org by 10:00 AM Wednesday for inclusion in the upcoming Sunday's publication. Submissions should be around 50 words, and may be edited for length and content.

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Rental Team Formation

Our congregation has a clear Strategic Plan with specific goals and objectives. However, it will take more dollars than our current pledging and donations bring in to accomplish them. So, Rev. Justin Schroeder and the Board of Trustees are looking at additional sources of revenue. A Rental Team is being assembled to help staff identify viable rental options for the 2015-'16 fiscal year. The goal is a suitable long-term tenant. The team will start in the fall. If you have experience in rentals, property management, or simply a passion to help us find a suitable tenant, please contact First Universalist member Ann Kay: annckay@comcast.net. Thank you!

Summer Fun at First U

Don't keep the kids home from church this summer! When school's out, we have more time to enjoy one another, build friendships, and experience the community that grows in the fertile ground of our faith tradition. On summer Sunday mornings we've got care and classes for kids up through 6th grade. Our first Summer Camp session (check out all the options online!) starts Monday. Register now so your child doesn't miss out on all summer has to offer. Find out more about what's in store for the summer!

1stsummercamp.weebly.com
1streligiouseducation.weebly.com

Seeking Members for the “Community Investment Team”

Would you like to participate in the planning and organization of the offering plate donations?

The Community Investment Team is looking for several new members. Please contact Rev. Justin Schroeder (justin@firstuniv.org) if you would like to apply to become a member of the team. This is a meaningful and rewarding way to participate in the church community.

First Universalist Church is now on TWITTER!

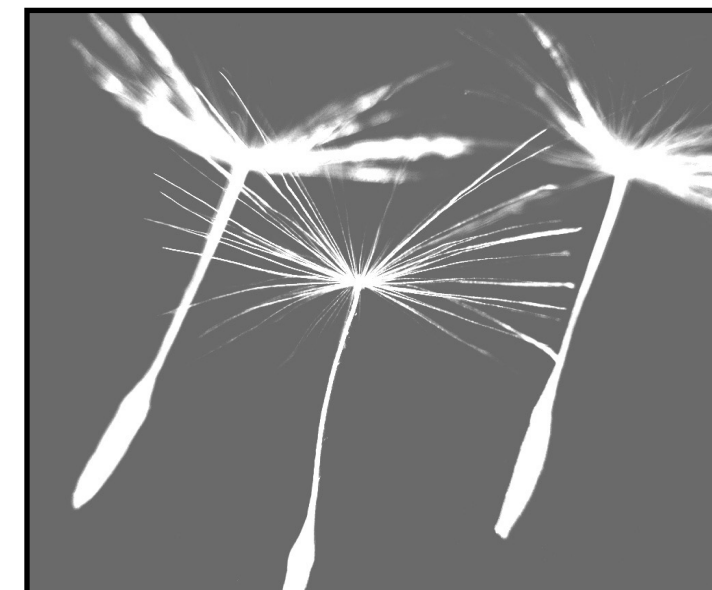
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to follow us



Want to Learn More About Wellspring?

Were you inspired by last Sunday's Well-spring Service? Curious? 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 as soon as possible. Final orientations and decisions about group placements will take place in July.

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



Prophet or Crazy?

Rev. Justin Schroeder

June 15, 2014

Music for Gathering

Deep River
-Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bell Sound

Prelude

By the Still Waters
-Amy Beach

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Crow

Opening Hymn 124

Be the 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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Musical Interlude

Shall We Gather at the River
-Aaron Copland

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Jen Crow

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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Reading

From The Secret Six
-Edward J. Jr. Renehan

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Anthem

Breaths
-Ysaye M. Barnwell

First Universalist Summer Choir
Dr. Randal Buikema, Conductor

Sermon

Prophet or Crazy?

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Offertory

Old and Lost Rivers
-Tobias Picker

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Closing Hymn 122

Sound Over all Waters

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song 413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Wade in the Water
-Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Rev. Jen Crow	Minister of Program Life
Dr. Randal Buikema	Director of Choral Arts
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist

First Universalist Summer Choir

Worship Design
and Coordination

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship Arts

Offering

Cummins Ministerial Internship Fund

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers were arranged by Mary Johnson 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?

