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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 July 6;** 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**.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from 5/25/-6/15

June 15, 2014 Cummins Fund \$665
June 8, 2014 First Universalist \$793
June 1, 2014 First Universalist \$1,038
May 25, 2014 Reclaim! \$670

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

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

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!

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. Your generosity will enable us to incorporate more music and short videos that inspire deeper exploration of Religious Education lessons. In order to meet our needs, donated TVs must be flat screens with integrated speakers and an HDMI input. Please deliver your donation to the church office, and leave your name and address for Brad so he can provide a letter documenting receipt for use in tax preparation. Thank you!

Do you have questions about donating your TV? Contact Brad at brad@firstuniv.org

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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 to support our ministry. A Rental Team is being assembled. 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!

Volunteer at Twin Cities GLBT Pride!

Join us on June 28 or June 29:
Sign up for a slot and help make UUs visible!

The Unitarian Universalist Pride booth represents congregations across the state, gives us the opportunity to share information about our faith, congregations and fellowships, and our social justice work. Training materials provided. March in the Pride Parade June 29: This year's UU Pride Parade contingent will have drummers, a large rainbow dragon (that needs 4-6 people to operate), and folks singing as they walk downtown Minneapolis toward Loring Park. We plan to meet at the Hiawatha light rail station and then travel together to the parade, which begins at 11:00 a.m. Contact muusja1@gmail.com to participate.

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.

A Friendly Reminder from The Green Team:

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!

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 to indicate your interest.

Summer Schedule for Ministers

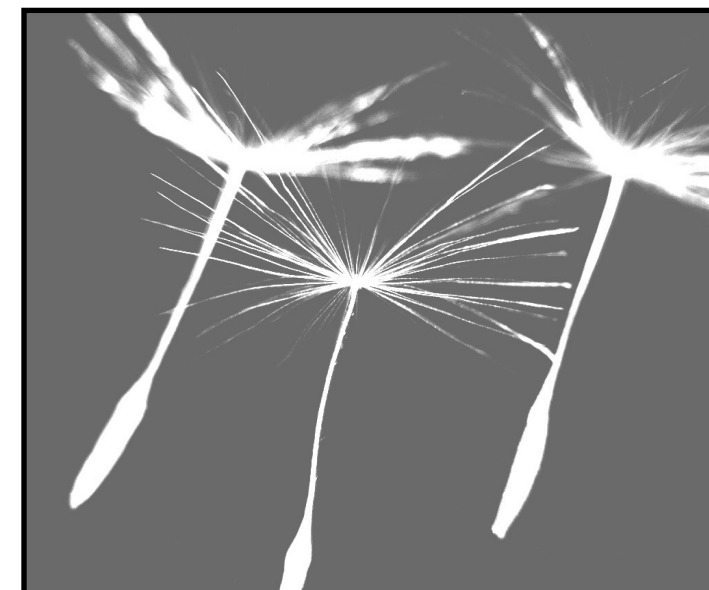
June: Rev. Justin will be at church; Rev. Elaine and Rev. Ruth will be away. Rev. Jen will be away 6/15/-6/30

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



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



The Language of Welcoming

*Patsy Vinogradov
Rev. Justin Schroeder*

June 22, 2014

Music for Gathering

Come, Follow Me
-Setting by Michael Hassell

Martha Mathewson, Piano
Dana Mathewson, Woodwinds

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bell Sound

Prelude

Hymntune Medley
(Lobe Den Herren/Hyfrydol)
-Setting by Brant Adams

Martha & Dana Mathewson

Call to Worship

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Opening Hymn 407

We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

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

Open Sky
-Bill Douglas

Martha & Dana Mathewson

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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Reading

From the “Bridging Ceremony for Children”
at First Universalist Church

Patsy Vinogradov

Musical Offering

Come Sunday
-Duke Ellington

Martha & Dana Mathewson

Sermon

The Language of Welcoming

Patsy Vinogradov

Offertory

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
-Setting by Hassell and Mathewson

Martha & Dana Mathewson

Closing Hymn 18

What Wondrous Love

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song 413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Goin' Round
-Setting by Richard Stolzman

Martha & Dana Mathewson

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Patsy Vinogradov	Church Member
Martha Mathewson	Summer Pianist
Dana Mathewson	Summer Instrumentalist

Patsy Vinogradov, PhD, is an adult educator and language enthusiast at Hamline University. Patsy was raised Unitarian and began coming to First Universalist about two years ago. Patsy was one of the Worship Associates in 2013-2014. She also makes a mean cheesecake!

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
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Offering
Youth Cultural Exchange (Y.C.E.)

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?