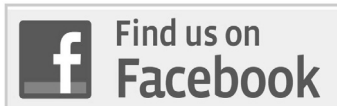


# GET CONNECTED!

## State of the Church

Everyone is invited to join the Board of Trustees and Staff of the Church at **12:45 PM TODAY in the Sanctuary**. They will share updates on their respective goals for the year, and have a current year budget update.



## Learn More About Families Moving Forward

Join us on Sunday, February 15th at 12:45 in the sanctuary to learn more about the Families Moving Forward program - a program of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative that brings over 60 congregations together to provide shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Join us to learn more, find out about key volunteer positions, and get excited about opening our doors.

## Generosity Calculator Online

We express our gratitude by being generous with our blessings. We now have a tool on our website to help you explore your own feelings and goals regarding generosity, both here at First Universalist and in the larger world. To visit this online "generosity calculator", go to our website or scan this code:



## Exhibit in Social Hall

*January 11- February 15*

"Through My Lens" is a photography exhibit created by 65 teens from local social service agencies as a part of Free Arts Minnesota's summer 2014 Teaching Artist Series, led by photographer Wing Young Huie in partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

## BISHOP CARLTON PEARSON AT FIRST UNIVERSALIST

In addition to preaching during Sunday services on February 8, Bishop Carlton Pearson will also be speaking "Journey from Exclusion to Inclusion: Story & Song" Friday, February 6th at 7:30 pm at First Universalist Church. This event is sponsored by the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities Multicultural Program. Program is free, but registration is requested by visiting this website or scanning the QR code below: [tinyurl.com/otdn463](http://tinyurl.com/otdn463)



## Weathering the Storm: A Futurist's Look at Our Climate Challenges

*Thursday, February 19, 11:00am-12:30pm, Chalice Room.*

Daytime Connections, along with First Universalist's Environmental Justice Group, MUUSJA, and MNIP&L, invite all who are interested to join us for an interactive session with author Michael Conley and First Universalist panelists Stan Sattinger and Joy Throm exploring the intertwined environmental and behavioral challenges that are on track to create a global crisis.

# WELCOME!

## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

*Offering plates from Sunday service:*

- 1/18 Racial Justice Work \$1,079
- 1/11 Simpson Shelter Meals \$1,442
- 1/4 Walk-In Counseling \$939

To nominate an offering recipient, go to: [www.firstuniversalistchurch.com/offering-plate](http://www.firstuniversalistchurch.com/offering-plate)

## Are You Visiting?

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, Sunday, February 1**

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).

## LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

If you are experiencing a crisis or transition, or celebrating a joy--please let us know. If you'd like to be included in our Cycle of Life each Sunday in worship, please contact Sandy diNanni at ([sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org)) or (612) 825-1701.

If you would like support, please contact Rev. Jen Crow ([jen@firstuniv.org](mailto:jen@firstuniv.org) or 825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

*We are so glad that you are here.*

**At First Universalist Church**, in the spirit of love and hope, we give, receive, and grow.

We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we act outside of our walls; we listen to where love is calling us next.

We do all this as a faith community committed to racial justice. These spiritual practices and commitments are the ways we move in rhythm with the great love that is alive in the world.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

**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.

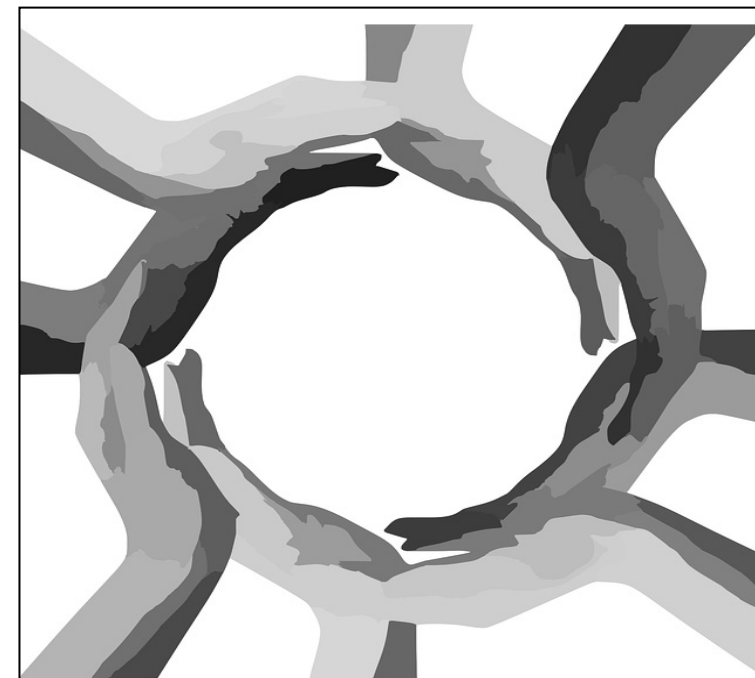
## The Weekly Liberal

Want to know what's going on at First Universalist Church? *The Weekly Liberal* (our weekly newsletter) is for you! If you aren't already on the e-news distribution list and would like to be, simply sign up online by visiting our website or by scanning the QR code below. Please note, too, that paper copies of *The Weekly Liberal* will always be available in the office and at Sunday's services.



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REV. JEN CROW

*FEBRUARY 1, 2015*

*SHARING SUNDAY*

Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeRev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound

PreludeWhere Go the BoatsColleen Schaeffe, Conductor  
-Roger QuilterFirst Universalist Children’s Choir

Wisdom StoryLauren Wyeth  
(a version of) St. Francis and the Wolf  
-John Feister

Opening Hymn #38 (please rise in body or spirit)  
Morning Has Broken

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 InterludeDr. Jerrod Wendland

Commissioning of the  
Pastoral Care TeamRev. Jen Crow  
Andrea Johnson

Hymn for Journeying #338  
(please remain seated; congregation sings verses 2 and 3)  
I Seek the Spirit of a Child

Silence

Cycle of Life

Hymn of Prayer # 123 (please remain seated)  
  
Spirit of Life  
  
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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ReadingRev. Jen Crow  
  
From Holy the Firm  
-Annie Dillard

Musical OfferingDr. Jerrod Wendland  
  
Rondeau in Honor of Fragonard  
-Lou Harrison

SermonRev. Jen Crow  
  
We Are the Ones We’ve Been Waiting For

OffertoryDr. Jerrod Wendland  
  
Meditation from Thaïs  
-Jules Massenet

Closing Hymn #298 (please rise in body or spirit)  
Wake, Now, My Senses

Closing WordsRev. Jen Crow

Blessing in Song # 413  
Go Now in Peace

Music for the JourneyDr. Jerrod Wendland

Worship Leaders  
Rev. Jen CrowMinister of Program Life  
Rev. Justin SchroederSenior Minister  
Lauren WyethDirector of Children, Youth,  
& Family Ministries  
  
Dr. Jerrod WendlandPianist  
Colleen SchaeffeChildren’s Choir Director  
Emily McIntyreGuest Violinist  
First Universalist  
Children’s Choir

Chalice Lighters  
Aristotle Pappajohn-Goldade9:30  
Olivia Dalby11:15

Pastoral Care Team Members:  
  
CurrentNewly Commissioned  
Andrea Johnson, coordinatorRoger Ballou  
Shelle BakerStephanie Koehler  
Kim BanzBethany Malley-Wijesinghe  
Margit BergJen Rives  
Kathy Coskran  
Julie Howard  
Carolyn Moe  
David Lauth  
Bill Lewis  
Nora Page  
Michelle Tierney  
Kathy Urberg

Worship Design and Coordination  
Rev. Justin SchroederSenior Minister

Chancel Flowers  
Today’s flowers were arranged by Pat Foulkes of the Visual Arts Committee

Offering: Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social  
Justice Association

The mission of MUUSJA is to unleash courageous leadership and collective power to build a just and loving world. MUUSJA helps organize Minnesota UUs who seek to change the world--and themselves--by acting on Unitarian Universalist values. MUUSJA addresses housing and homelessness, healthcare reform, environ-ment and climate, racial and economic justice and voting rights, LGBTIQ rights and reproductive justice.

Worship Theme:  
We Are The Ones We’ve Been Waiting For

This phrase is the final statement of a writing attributed to Hopi Elders (which is in doubt), referenced by President Obama in 2008, but probably originates with the poet June Jordan in a commemoration of South African women. Although no one is really certain about its origins, the statement rocks the spirit and challenges our understandings of how the world works and the part we play. The beloved commu-nity, the kingdom of God, a world of peace will not come about simply by following a great leader or praying for a messiah. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. This month we address ourselves, and our place in the change we seek.