

PLEDGE DAY

Wednesday, March 11th

Reflect, Pledge and Celebrate Wednesday, March 11th, 7 am to 9 pm

Pledge Day is a day that we exercise our shared responsibility of pledging to financially support our church. Pledge Day is a day to celebrate our church. Pledge early if you'd like but remember the day we celebrate is Pledge Day. Come in any time between 7 am and 9 pm and join the fun!

All Day – BOUNCE 'TIL YOU DROP – Bouncy Castle in chalice room all day for children ages 3-10.

7:00-9:00 am - BREAKFAST - Donated and served by the Planned Giving team.

10:30 am – NAMASTE – Bring your yoga mat for a yoga class donated and taught by certified yoga instructor Shannon Bierbaum.

12-2:00 – LUNCH – Donated and served by Barbara Melom and fellow church members.

Afternoon – KNIT AND PURL – Calling all knitters! Bring your knitting project and join us. Knit all afternoon if you'd like and hang around for dinner served by the choir.

Before Dinner – ARTS AND CRAFTS for all – Join artist and art teacher Shannon Steven and express what our church means to you. Then we'll find a place to post your work.

Afternoon until 7 pm – MUSIC TO CELEBRATE – Sacha Muller will bring his DJ'ing skills to the social hall with music for everyone.

5:30-7:00 – DINNER – Donated and served by The Choir and led by choir member Geoff Lenox.

9:00 pm - iPAD MINI RAFFLE DRAWINGS – If you've pledged by the end of the day on Pledge Day or you've signed up for automatic payment of your pledge you are signed up to win one of two iPad Minis.

YOU CAN PLEDGE ONE OF THREE WAYS:

- 1) Pledge **Online**
- 2) Pledge Card
- 3) Pledge by **Phone** contact Brad at the office: 612-825-1701, x100

Or for the most fun, join our celebration and bring your pledge card on Pledge Day!

Our aspirations are bold, our vision is clear, and together we have the opportunity to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

In gratitude,

The Pledge Team Richard Jaeger, Marcia Wattson, and Zack Steven



Welcome!

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday service:

2/8 Habitat for Humanity \$1,176

2/1 MUUSJA \$1,055

1/25 MN Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice \$1,025

1/18 Racial Justice Work \$1,079

To nominate an offering recipient, go to: 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: Sunday, March 15th

Meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 45-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.

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) or (612) 825-1701.

If you would like support, please contact Rev. Jen Crow (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, 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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HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

REV. ELAINE ARON TENBRINK

MARCH 8, 2015

| Music for Gathering | A Ghost Revival | Hymn of Prayer # 123 (please remain seated) | |
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| Improvisations Words of Welcome Bellsound | Rev. Jen Crow | 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 (reprinted with permission by the UUA) | |
| Densound | | | |
| Prelude <i>Queen of All the Stars</i> -David and Lisa Hirst Carnes | A Ghost Revival | Reading Otherwise by Jane Kenyon Fault Line by Robert Walsh | Rev. Jen Crow Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink |
| | | Musical Offering Come Out the Light -David and Lisa Hirst Carnes | A Ghost Revival |
| Call to Worship | Jack Gaede | | |
| Opening Hymn #151 (please rise in bo | dy ar enirit) | Sermon How the Light Gets In | Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink |
| I Wish I Knew How | dy of spirit) | Offertory All the Saints | A Ghost Revival |
| Lighting the Chalice | | | |
| Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law. This is our great covenant: | | Closing Hymn # 1008 (please rise in body or spirit) When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place | |
| To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another. | | Closing Words | Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink |
| -James V. Blake | | | |
| (reprinted with permission by the UUA) | | Blessing in Song #413 Go Now in Peace | |
| Silence | | | |
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| Cycle of Life | Rev. Jen Crow | Music for the Journey Petersburg -David and Lisa Hirst Carnes | A Ghost Revival |

Worship Leaders

Minister of Membership Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

& Adult Ministries

Pianist

Rev. Jen Crow Minister of Program Life

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

A Ghost Revival

David Carnes Guitar/vocals Harmonium/vocals Lisa Hirst Carnes

Sean Broderick Guitar Iim Anderson Drums Luca Gunther Bass

Ken Brahmstedt Sampler/keys

Member and Guest Musicians

David and Lisa Hirst Carnes have been attending First Universalist for the past five years. They have two boys, Jackson (14) and Leo (12). A Ghost Revival is their latest musical iteration after meeting in college, marrying, and setting off on their musical careers. A Ghost Revival has upcoming performances April 2nd at Honey Lounge and May 7th at the Amsterdam Bar. To learn more about the band or to sign-up for their mailing list, visit GhostRevival.com. They are currently recording their debut album - out really soon! Along with their musical pursuits, they own ArcStone, an interactive design and marketing agency located near Lake and Lyndale in the physical world and at ArcStone.com in the virtual world.

Chalice Lighters

Elizabeth Haugen 9:30 Maya Conners 11:15

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Minister of Worship Arts

Chancel Flowers

Flowers for today's service were arranged by Candace McClenahan of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Youth Cultural Exchange (YCE)

The Youth Cultural Exchange is a Faithful Action program of First Universalist Church. Since 1993, 95 youth from our church have participated in this exchange programs with youth from Poland, Ecuador and Nicaragua. In 2005, YCE has partnered with Project Minnesota-Leon (PML) to create an exchange program with youth from Leon, Nicaragua. Our youth are matched with a Nicaraguan teenager and they stay in their home so they can develop an authentic relationship and learn from each other. The youth from our church then raise money over a 2-year period to pay for their Nicaraguan exchange students to fly to Minnesota and stay with their Minnesotan exchange student and family. Participants in the program are in grades 7 - 9. At the heart of this program is a mission of deepening understanding and friendships between people and cultures, as well as expanding the worldview of our youth.