

# GET CONNECTED!

## NEWCOMER CIRCLE

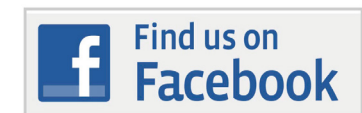
Are you new to First Universalist? Whether you are a recent visitor or a new member, you're invited to join a Newcomer Circle. These four-session gatherings of 6-10 newcomers offer a chance to explore core Unitarian Universalist values, reflect on our spiritual journeys, and connect with other folks who are new to church.

Our next Newcomer Circle runs on Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 7-8:30pm. Registration is required; you can sign up at the Information table in the social hall or by emailing Sandy@firstuniv.org.

## ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR AUGSBURG-FAIRVIEW ACADEMY STUDENTS

Augsburg Fairview Academy (AFA) invites young adults from diverse communities to prepare for college, career, and life through an intense program of rigorous study. Many of the students are homeless.

We're collecting donations of school supplies, backpacks, clothing, and carryable food for the students. Clothing needs to be something teens will wear, clean, and gently used. Please bring your contributions to the Information Booth in the Social Hall on Sundays.



## AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>

### LAKE HARRIET WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Join us for an energizing worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 10:00AM. The Universalist Rock Band may just rock the top off the bandshell! This will be our only worship service that Sunday. This is an opportunity for the greater community to get to know us. We are looking for volunteers to offer a warm welcome and fun picnic. If you can lend a hand that morning, contact Sandy DiNanni at Sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

## FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

As we prepare to welcome four families to First Universalist the week of Sept. 6-13, we're accepting contributions of new and gently used twin sheet sets, twin air beds, comforters and blankets, as well as cash donations and volunteer help. Stop by the FMF table in the Social Hall today to learn more.

## AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> BACKPACK BLESSING SERVICE

August 23 is our Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday. Children and youth are encouraged to wear their school backpacks to church so that we may include them in the Backpack Blessing ritual.

# WELCOME!

*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**, 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

*The Weekly Liberal* (our email newsletter) is published on Thursdays.

Subscribe at: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/)

Do you have news or information that you'd like to see published in *The Weekly Liberal*? Visit our website and fill out the online submission form!

## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

*Offering plates from Sunday Service:*

**7/26** Families Moving Forward \$931.89

**8/2** Church of the Larger Fellowship \$635.99

**8/9** Honor the Earth \$627.71

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

## 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 612-825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

## 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!

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 Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries Lauren Wyeth at: [lauren@firstuniv.org](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).



# FALLING INTO QUESTIONS

REV. K.P. HONG

*AUGUST 16, 2015*

Music for Gathering

Warum? (Why?) Op. 12 No. 3  
–Robert Schumann

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

Prelude

Where Have You Gone  
-Béla Bartók

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Crow

Opening Hymn #89 (Please stand in body or spirit)

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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

Questions B. 128a  
-Antonín Dvořák

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Jen Crow

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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Musical Offering

? from Niñerías Op. 21  
-Joaquín Turina

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Sermon

Falling Into Questions

Rev. K.P. Hong

Offertory

How Am I to Know?  
-Dorothy Parker & Jack King, arr. Art Tatum

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Closing Hymn #112 (Please stand in body or spirit)

Do You Hear?

Closing Words

Rev. K.P. Hong

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Grillen (Whims) Op. 12 No. 4  
-Robert Schumann

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Worship Leaders

Rev. K.P. Hong	Guest Preacher
Rev. Jen Crow	Executive Minister
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers were arranged by Pam Vincent of the Visual Arts Committee.

About Our Guest Preacher

Rev. K.P. Hong currently serves as the Director of Religious Education at Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul, where he’s learning that children are masters at opening things: everything from toothpaste to bottles to cabinet drawers to words to the meaning of life to the Sacred. Children are masters at questioning, and any attempt to offer closure to such openings is a wonderful mistake. Prior to being schooled by children, K.P. worked as a chaplain at Macalester College and served as clergy in the New York Conference of The United Methodist Church. He comes to ministry shaped by Korean Buddhism and Christianity and the increasing experience of religious hybridity in the world today.

Offering: Families Moving Forward

Our offering will support the Families Moving Forward Program, an initiative of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. Beacon’s Families Moving Forward program offers families experiencing homelessness hospitality, emergency shelter and a path to home with support for stability. From September 6th-13th, First Universalist will host four families. Today’s offering will help purchase air mattresses, blankets, pillows, food, and more for our guests. A sheet for a child’s bed costs \$15; a blanket, \$25; a comforter, \$30; an air bed, \$90. A sheet for a queen size bed costs \$20; a blanket, \$40; a comforter, \$30; an air bed, \$120. Volunteers are also needed. Please contact Peg Mitchell at 612-280-6119 or pegmitch16@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you for your gifts of time and money!

Summer Worship Theme: Sources

Within the pores and cracks of the earth fresh water gathers. Sometimes source water rises to the surface on its own accord. Sometimes you have to dig to find it. In either case, water feeds the body and sustains the soul. So too, sources for our spiritual life act in much the same way, gathering in the pores and cracks of our lives. Sometimes, a source of strength is easy to access. Sometimes you have to dig to find the well of faith that will sustain. This summer we explore sources: sources of faith, love and hope.