

# GET CONNECTED

## BRING A GIFT OF PRODUCE 9/13 & 9/20

First Universalist is sponsoring two Sunday collections of produce to benefit Joyce Food Shelf. Bring fresh produce to donate before either service on Sundays, Sept. 13 and 20. We will have a table set up on the front steps of the church (weather permitting, otherwise in the social hall) to receive your contributions. Volunteers will weigh our combined donations and deliver them to the Joyce Food Shelf and possibly others if we get a bumper crop of donations.

## GROW YOUR SOUL IN COMMUNITY: SIGN UP FOR A CIRCLE TODAY

Circles are groups of 8-10 committed participants who come together with a trained leader to nurture spiritual growth in community. We have something for everyone this fall. Check out the Adult Programming Catalog in your pew for information, which also contains updates on all of our adult learning and spiritual growth opportunites. Descriptions and schedules are also available at <http://firstucircles.weebly.com/>. Registration begins today and will be open through Sunday, Sep. 20.

## PICTURES FROM A HIROSHIMA SCHOOLYARD

Save the date for a special reception and documentary film screening of *Pictures from a Hiroshima Schoolyard* with the film's director and producer present on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 12:15 p.m. The powerful documentary is an inspiring story of how one Unitarian Universalist minister's critique of the atomic bomb led to post-war gifts to Hiroshima school children and the cycle of peace and reconciliation that followed.

## WATER COMMUNION SUNDAY SEPT. 13

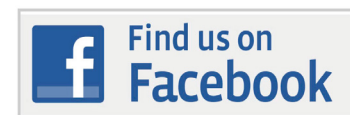
Water is a gift. It replenishes and sustains our lives. Sunday, Sept. 13 is Water Communion Sunday. This is a day we celebrate the many rivers, eddies and waterways of our life experiences, converging in our sanctuary every Sunday forming a river of faith. We embody this truth by bringing water from our homes, our travels, our walks, our bike paths, and combining them during the service in a ritual called Water Communion.

Please bring a small jar of water on Sunday the 13th for the beginning of our church year, in this beautiful multi-generational Sunday service.

## 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 carry-able 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.



# 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:*

**8/16** Families Moving Forward \$682.15

**8/23** Augsburg Fairview Academy \$872.95

**8/30** Pillsbury United Community Crisis Nursery \$862.12

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).



WORSHIP THEME: ROOTS

# THERE IS POWER IN A UNION: A THEOLOGY OF LABOR

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