## 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 postwar 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 multigenerational 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 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.





#### 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, 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/

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!

## Welcome

## 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

## 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 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.



## FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MINNEAPOLIS

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



Worship Theme: Roots

# There is Power in a Union: A Theology of Labor

Ashley Horan

*SEPTEMBER 6, 2015* 

Music for Gathering	Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Hymn of Prayer #123 (please remain seated)	
		Spirit of Life	
Words of Welcome  Bellsound	Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	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.	
Densound		-Carolyn McDade  (reprinted with permission by the UUA)	
Prelude	Dr. Jerrod Wendland	<b>Readings</b> From Evangelii Gaudium, 2013 – Pope Francis	Ashley Horan
Call to Worship	Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Song of the Builders – Mary Oliver	Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink
Opening Hymn #109 (Please stand in bo	ody or spirit)	M : 100 :	
As We Come Marching, Marching		Musical Offering  Union Maid  - Woody Guthrie	Howard Hobbs
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,		Sermon  There is Power in a Union: A Theology of Labor  Offertown	Ashley Horan
And to help one another.		Offertory	Dr. Jerrod Wendland
-James V. Blake (reprinted with permission by the UUA)		Closing Hymn #140 (Please stand in body or spirit)  Hail the Glorious Golden City	
Musical Interlude		Closing Words	Ashley Horan
Silence		Blessing in Song #413 Go Now in Peace	
Cycle of Life	Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Music for the Journey	Dr. Jerrod Wendland

#### **Worship Leaders**

Ashley Horan Guest Preacher

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink Minister of Membership & Adult

Ministries

Dr. Jerrod Wendland Pianist
Howard Hobbs Folk Singer

#### **Worship Design & Coordination**

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Minister of Worship Arts

#### **Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers were donated by Peg Feil Bishop in loving memory of Dan Bishop. The flowers have been arranged by Virginia Tisdale Miller, of the Visual Arts Committee, & Peg Feil Bishop.

#### Offering: Families Moving Forward

Beacon's Families Moving Forward program offers families experiencing homelessness hospitality, emergency shelter and a path to home with support for stability. First Universalist Church along with volunteers from more than 60 congregations throughout the Twin Cities metro area create shelter space at their congregation sites. We are excited to be welcoming our guests today for our upcoming week together.

#### **September Worship Theme: Roots**

Sometimes we use the word root in its singular form. We get to the root of the problem, or we discover the root of our faith. But more frequently, and perhaps more accurately, we use the word roots to describe a system of interweaving concerns, a plurality of considerations, a tangle of contexts that inform our faith, that describe our history, that make us who we are. This month we explore the roots of our faith tradition, the roots of our justice work, the roots that sustain our lives.

#### **About Ashley Horan**

Ashley Horan is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist who serves as the Executive Director of MUUSJA, the Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance. Before taking up her current ministry, Ashley served for two years as the Consulting Minister of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Joliet, IL. Ashley lives in Minneapolis with her partner, the Rev. Karen Hutt, and their two children.

#### **About Howard Hobbs**

Howard Hobbs is a long time member of First Universalist Church. He is a member of the First Universalist Folk Band, and is enjoying his new calling as grandfather to two girls, a toddler and a preschooler.