

# GET CONNECTED

## TODAY: SENIOR HIGH PIE FUNDRAISER

It's the Sunday before Thanksgiving which means it's time to eat yummy pies baked with love by the First Universalist Church Senior High youth group. Please come to the social hall after both services to buy whole pies or pie slices. All of the money raised will go towards helping our youth participate in regional and national Unitarian Universalist leadership programs and towards funding next year's Senior High social justice trip.

## MERCHANTS OF DOUBT FILM SCREENING

The Environmental Justice Team will show the documentary movie *Merchants of Doubt* today at 1 p.m. in the Cummins Room. *Merchants of Doubt*, inspired by the book of the same name, is a satirically comedic reveal of the pundits-for-hire who present as scientific authorities but spread maximum confusion about public threats from toxic chemicals to pharmaceuticals to climate change.

## SAVE THE DATE: WINTER SOLSTICE SERVICE DEC. 21

For 35 years, First Universalist has honored the longest night of the year, and joyously celebrated the return of the sun! Join us on Monday, Dec. 21, as we observe another turning of the year. The evening includes a 12-minute period of darkness, so consider if your children will be comfortable during that time. As always, we will move through the evening with beautiful music, a story for all ages, and spreading of the light.

Want to get involved? Contact Pamela Vincent, [pbvincent1@comcast.net](mailto:pbvincent1@comcast.net).

## MULTIGENERATIONAL SERVICES NEXT WEEK

On Sunday, Nov. 29, over Thanksgiving weekend, we'll be offering multigenerational services at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. filled with singing and storytelling. No RE classes next week (optional childcare for ages 6 months to 3 years); bring friends and family and join us for an engaging worship experience for all ages!

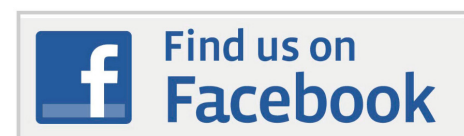
## NEXT 24-HOUR RACIAL JUSTICE TRAINING ANNOUNCED

You're invited to apply to participate in the next 24-hour racial justice training led by Dr. Heather Hackman this spring! This is the last 24-hour training we'll be offering for the foreseeable future. The trainings are scheduled for Saturdays, Feb. 6, Feb. 20, and April 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our website at [firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org) for complete details.

## PAGEANT NEWS

The Holiday Pageant in its sweetness and truth telling is soon upon us! Families, please mark your calendars to attend the rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. The Pageant performances are Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

Sign-up for speaking parts, animals, angels, and the like, will be happening soon.



# WELCOME

*We are so glad 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**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: [firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org).

## 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: Dec. 6, 2015

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).

## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

*Offering plates from Sunday Service:*

**11/1** Playworks \$767.81

**11/8** Neighborhoods Organizing for Change \$1128.96

**11/15** Senior Corps Programs \$590.64

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient at: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate)

You can give online through the Square Cash App. Our cashtag is \$firstuniv. Thanks!

## LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

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

If you would like support, contact Rev. Jen Crow ([jen@firstuniv.org](mailto:jen@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

## COMFORT SHAWLS

Do you like to knit? Contact Pat Foulkes, [pfoulkes@hotmail.com](mailto:pfoulkes@hotmail.com), for directions for the comfort shawls that we distribute to congregants in times of need. Or perhaps you know somebody who is in need of a Comfort Shawl; contact Congregational Care co-chairs Kathy Coskran, 612-202-9322, [kac1122@aol.com](mailto:kac1122@aol.com) or Kathy Urberg, [kathyurberg@gmail.com](mailto:kathyurberg@gmail.com).

## 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 you'd like published? Fill out the submission form on our website!



WORSHIP THEME: BORDER CROSSING

# WHAT GUIDES YOU IN THE BORDERS?

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeRev. Justin Schroeder

PreludeDr. Jerrod WendlandBallad No. 2 (Kumru)- Fazil Say

Call to WorshipMcLean Cozine

Opening Hymn #352 (Please stand in body or spirit)Find a Stillness

Lighting the ChaliceLove 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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Silence

Cycle of LifeRev. Justin Schroeder

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. Justin Schroeder

Musical OfferingDr. Jerrod WendlandBlack Earth (Kara Toprak)- Fazil Say

SermonRev. Justin SchroederWhat Guides You in the Borders?

OffertoryDr. Jerrod WendlandBallad No. 3 (Sevenlere Dair)- Fazil Say

Closing Hymn #20 (Please stand in body or spirit)Be Thou My Vision

Closing WordsRev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413Go Now in Peace

Music for the JourneyDr. Jerrod WendlandBodrum (Jazz Fantasy)- Fazil Say

Worship LeadersRev. Justin SchroederSenior Minister  
Dr. Jerrod WendlandPianist  
McLean CozineWorship Associate  
Elizabeth Becher-Ingwalson9:30 Chalice Lighter  
Kate Gegax11:15 Chalice Lighter

Worship Design & CoordinationRev. Ruth MacKenzieMinister of Worship & Coming of Age Program

Chancel FlowersToday’s flowers were arranged by Mary Johnson of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Beacon Interfaith Housing CollaborativeOur Holiday Giving Team is encouraging the congregation to look for ways to reduce our consumerism during the holidays. Instead, we are called to direct our financial and emotional resources towards redressing inequalities in our culture. This year’s recipient is Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, an organization committed to ending homelessness through advocacy, alternative housing, and temporary shelter. (The total offering will go to Beacon.)

Musical Notes from Jerrod WendlandFazil Say (b. 1970) is a Turkish composer and pianist who has also lived in Germany and New York. Turkey’s musical establishment is fairly Westernized both because of its close cultural connections with Germany (and Europe generally) and because of modernization efforts by the Atatürk government (which commissioned composer Paul Hindemith to redesign Turkey’s system of musical education). Mr. Say’s compositions combine European classical music, jazz, and Turkish music of many different genres. “...I don’t really know whether I’m a Western musician trying to go from West to East, or a Turkish interpreter trying to make a bridge to Western music.”  
A professed atheist, he was convicted in 2013 of blasphemy (for re-tweeting a poem by the classical Persian poet Omar Khayyam). His prison sentence of ten months was suspended and finally reversed (this year). The message (and threat) is clear: any appeal to “public morality” to justify prosecution is flimsy cover for a government trying to intimidate its enemies.

November Worship Theme: Border CrossingWe must become experienced border crossers if we are to thrive as a faith tradition. So writes Unitarian Universalist Association President, Peter Morales. Border crossing or moving beyond our personal, social, and cultural experience of the world and experiencing life from another vantage point is spiritual work. All the major religions outline different spiritual technologies necessary for freeing ourselves from the prison of our Selves, and crossing borders. So, how do we become more adept at identifying borders? How do we ready ourselves to make a crossing? How do we immerse ourselves in another place, another context, another reality in order to truly meet the world, and lean into whole and holy life?