

GET CONNECTED

FIRST U CO-SPONSORING SELMA SCREENING

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, in collaboration with the Southern Poverty Law Center, is hosting a free community screening of the film *Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot* on Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. Following the film, there will be a 40-minute panel discussion with Richard Cohen, SPLC president; Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.); Mark Ritchie, former Secretary of State for Minnesota; and Pam Horowitz, attorney. The event is free but attendees are requested to RSVP at: www.splcenter.org/rsvp-mn. Lake Harriet UMC is located at 4901 Chowen Ave. S. in Minneapolis. First Universalist is proud to co-sponsor this event.

LEND-A-HAND

Lend-A-Hand is an opportunity to help care for our building and grounds as part of a volunteer team. In coordination with our facilities staff, this team undertakes various projects to continue keeping our church clean, orderly and attractive. It's a chance to help our church, complete satisfying projects, and get to know others in our community. Beginning on Thursday, July 14, Lend-A-Hand will meet on the second Thursday of the month through the end of 2016. Volunteers will gather at 8:30 a.m. for bagels, juice and coffee and will end their activities by noon. If you'd like to be a part of the first Lend-A-Hand volunteer group on Thursday, July 14 (8:30 a.m.-noon), please email Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org to sign up. Thank you!

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE registration for the 2016-2017 church year is now open online at: <http://1stureligiouseducation.weebly.com/>

HABITAT SUMMER WORK WEEK

First Universalist is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity Summer Work Week once again this year. We need to provide 15-18 volunteers per day during the week, which is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 15 through Friday, Aug. 19, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day. We'll be working in the early stages of the build at a site in south Minneapolis. Sign up online at: <http://tinyurl.com/1stUHabitat>.

WELLSPRING INFO SESSIONS IN JULY

This past year, more than 50 members of our church participated in Wellspring, which offers spiritual deepening within our Unitarian Universalist tradition through a year-long small group experience. Two Info Sessions will be offered in July: join us Sunday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m. or Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m. to learn more! After a day-long opening retreat on Sept. 17, 2016, Wellspring will meet every other week through May 2017. Attendance at an info session is required if you wish to participate.

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT FIRST UNIVERSALIST

Worship Services are held at 10 a.m. during the summer. We ask that you please bring your own mug to the social hour after the service. This helps save on water, labor, and keeps the kitchen cool during the hot summer months. See you in church!

LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC

Save the date for our annual worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell: Sunday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

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.

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 or 612-825-1701.

If you would like support, contact the church office at 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. Childcare is 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.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

6/12 Youth Cultural Exchange \$503.14

6/19 Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project \$561.01

6/26 MAD DADS \$414.73

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

If you'd like to make a donation but don't have cash, use the Square Cash App. It takes no time at all to set up and use! First Universalist's cash tag is \$firstuniv. For more information, go to <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/new-giving-option-square-cash/>.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

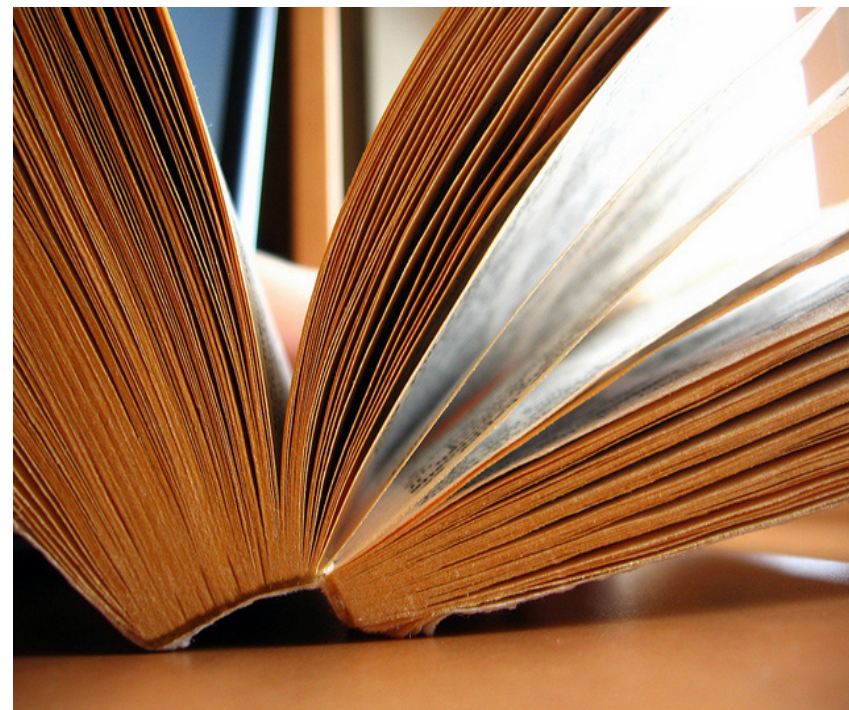
Hearing devices are available; please ask an usher. **Cushions** are available for the pews and are located next to the sound booth and at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please return them to their home after the service. We also have **fragrance-free rows** marked in the balcony. **For more information**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: firstuniversalistchurch.org.

CARING CORNER

Write a note to a congregant who could use support! There are cards available in the library, which is located off of the Social Hall. You are welcome to stop by and write a card at any time. Just leave it in the basket and the church will mail it for you.

THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: 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: TELLING A NEW STORY

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

TERRI BURNOR

JULY 3, 2016

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Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeJack Gaede

PreludeDr. Jerrod WendlandMusica ricercata – III.
- György Ligeti

Call to WorshipJack Gaede

Opening Hymn #360 (Please stand in body or spirit)
Here We Have Gathered

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 InterludeDr. Jerrod Wendland

Cycle of LifeJack Gaede

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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ReadingWho is Welcome?
- Kristen Harper

Musical OfferingDr. Jerrod WendlandMusica ricercata – VI.
- György Ligeti

SermonTerri Burnor
Draw the Circle Wide

OffertoryDr. Jerrod WendlandMusica ricercata – VII.
- György Ligeti

Closing Hymn #1017 (Please stand in body or spirit)
Building a New Way

Closing WordsJack Gaede

Blessing in Song #413
Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders
Jack GaedeWorship Associate
Terri BurnorGuest Preacher
Dr. Jerrod WendlandPianist

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers were arranged by Dick Rueter of the Visual Arts Committee. The decorative screen was commissioned, and generously donated, by Melody and Charlie Luepke for their wedding this past May.

Offering: EDIT

EDIT works to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion through service learning and the arts. Programs are tailored to participants’ developmental level and interests. After learning about social justice issues that matter most to them, EDIT participants are then empowered to design and carry out a social action project. EDIT serves primarily low-income youth of color in Minneapolis, and youth make all the decisions about the project: the messages they want to send, the creative means they want to use to tell their story, the community organizations to connect with, and so much more. It is truly an organization for youth, created with youth.

About Today’s Guests

Terri Burnor is a candidate for ministry and a 2015 graduate of United Theological Seminary. While a student, she served our congregation as a quarter-time intern for the 2013-14 church year. For the past 10 months, she’s been in Oregon serving full-time as Intern Minister for First Unitarian Portland. Terri just got back home last week and is happy to be here!

Jack Gaede is about to start his final year at United Theological Seminary, where he is pursuing his Master of Divinity degree. Born and raised in northern Minnesota, he came down to the Twin Cities for college and now calls Minneapolis home. He has been attending regularly at First Universalist Church since his very first Sunday at a UU church in February of 2013, and he is excited to be on the path to ordination with the hopes of becoming a college chaplain.

Musical Notes from Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Anyone who has seen movies by Stanley Kubrick has heard the music of György Ligeti (1923-2006). A contrarian and outsider, he ended up celebrated and widely imitated for innovative pieces written for an avant-garde he was never comfortable being a member of. His piano cycle, Musica ricercata, makes a game and a discipline out of restricting the number of notes he uses in each piece; the first piece uses only two notes, the second piece three, and so on. These studies offer us a model for how to be creative in restrictive circumstances; they also evoke the folk music of Ligeti’s homeland, Hungary.

Summer Worship Theme: Telling a New Story

At the intersection of what is holy and what is human is a willingness to change; to shed old habits, old ways of thinking, old frameworks, old skin; to cast off what no longer functions; and dare to do a new thing, to tell a new story. This ability to change is at the heart of creation and creator. In the book of Isaiah, God says: “Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?” In these summer months we will endeavor to be alert and present, to see and tell the new story emerging from within, among, and beyond.