



GET CONNECTED

GLOBAL GIFT FAIR: TODAY!

Join us for our Global Gift Fair today between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Social Hall. The six vendors at this year's Global Gift Fair all represent local, sustainable and affordable products that make perfect gifts. Your purchases will provide support to local organizations that help people all over the world. This year's vendors are: Books for Bassodawish, Frybread Love, Mano a Mano, Under One Roof, Tibet Gifts, and Honor The Earth.

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH: NEXT SUNDAY

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Join the First Universalist Young Adults group on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month for lunch and conversation after the 11:15 a.m. service. Join the group for lunch on Sunday, Dec. 2 - meet at 12:45 p.m. at the info desk in the Social Hall before heading out. Email Molly Work at mollywork88@gmail.com with questions.

SENIORS HIKE WITH DAYTIME CONNECTIONS

What could be more invigorating than a brisk fall hike through the woods with a group of First U companions? That's the plan for our next Seniors Hike with Daytime Connections! Meet at the Cedar Lake Point Beach parking lot (2100 Cedar Lake Parkway) at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29. This mostly-level hike will take a bit less than two hours, with shorter options available. On the route we'll have a chance to check out Brownie Lake and Hidden Beach on Cedar Lake. RSVP to Ward Lyndall at (612) 823-2385 or wmlyndall@gmail.com. Non-seniors are welcome too!

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Our Solstice Celebration, Christmas Pageants, and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service are cherished traditions at First Universalist Church. Mark your calendar and join us!

Winter Solstice Celebration: Friday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. doors, 7:30 p.m. ritual

Christmas Pageants: Sunday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. each day

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Monday, Dec. 24 at 9:30 p.m.

Singing Sunday: Sunday, Dec. 30, one worship service at **10 a.m. only**

12-STEP SPIRITUALITY MEETS DEC. 8

12-Step Spirituality meets one Saturday per month in the Social Hall at First Universalist and is designed for those actively working a 12 Step program, as well as those wanting to explore & deepen their spirituality through meditation. Each session includes Centering Prayer meditation instruction, two 20-minute Centering Prayer sessions, reading from 12 Step literature, and presenters sharing personal experiences and sharing on selected topics. The next meeting is Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to noon. No registration necessary.

OPEN HEARTS AND SPIRITUAL CARE

We know that worship takes us into deep and surprising places. If you find yourself needing to talk with someone about what is stirring for you on a Sunday morning, please speak with one of our pastoral visitors sitting in the narthex during and after the service. This is how we care for one another.



WELCOME

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 listen deeply to where love is calling us next; and we act with humility, bravery, and compassion in service to justice. 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.

Are You Visiting?

Come to First Step, a brief orientation to First Universalist Church and Unitarian Universalism. First Step is generally offered on first and third Sundays.

Our next orientation takes place: *December 2*

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 during the session after the 11:15 a.m. service.

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.

CYCLE OF LIFE

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 or Rev. Ruth MacKenzie at 612-825-1701 or any member of our Pastoral Visitor Team.

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 info**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: firstuniversalistchurch.org.

OFFERING PLATE

Recent offering plates from Sunday Service:

- 10/28 International Institute of Minnesota \$1,249.51
- 11/4 Habitat for Humanity \$1,467.81
- 11/11 First Universalist Church \$2,957.50

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

Text to Give

To make a donation to the offering plate via credit card, use your smartphone to text **firstuniv** to **73256**. You'll receive a link to a secure form where you can enter your info. You may also use the Square Cash app using our cash tag, \$firstuniv. Thank you for your generosity!

GET OUR NEWSLETTER

The Weekly Liberal, our email newsletter, is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal

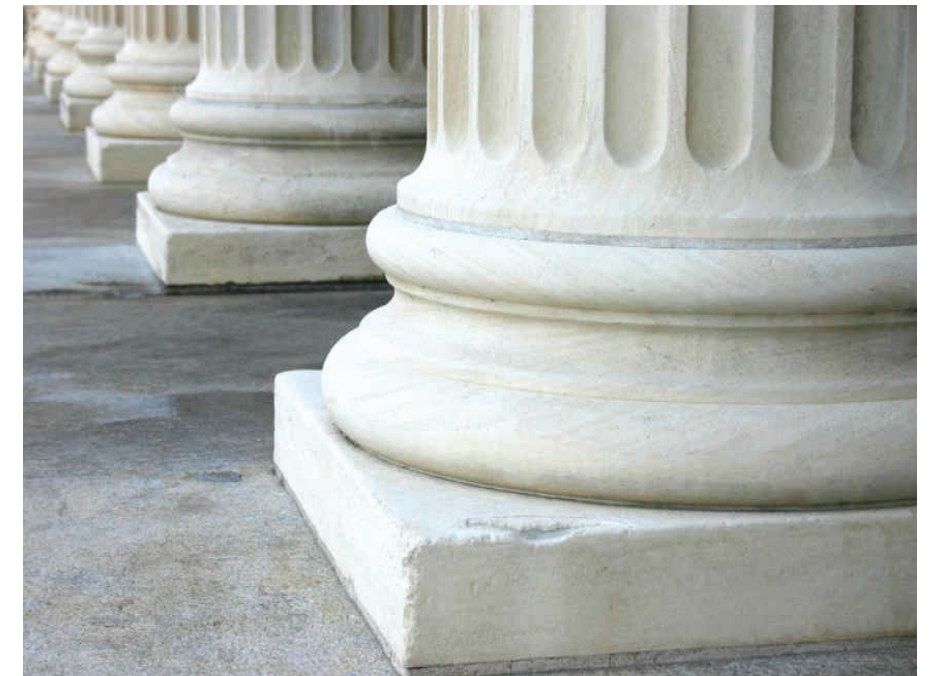
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Caring Corner: Send a Card

Write a note to a congregant who could use support. Cards are available in the library, located off of the Social Hall. Leave the card in the basket and we'll mail it for you.



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



NOVEMBER WORSHIP THEME: NON-NEGOTIABLES

THE BIG NON-NEGOTIABLE

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

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Music for Gathering

Franco Holder

Words of Welcome

Rev. Karen Hutt

Community Singing #95

There Is More Love Somewhere

Call to Worship

Juliet Ali-Caccamo

Community Singing #1008

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

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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Community Singing

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

(Repeat 2 more times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm gonna let it shine

(Repeat 2 more times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All around the world! I'm gonna let it shine

(Repeat 2 more times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Repeat first verse

Community Prayer and Cycle of Life (Embodied Community Prayer)

Rev. Karen Hutt

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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Welcoming in Joy

Reading

Ode to My KAFO

- Phil Johnson

Phil Johnson

Community Song #1020

Woyaya

Sermon

The Big Non-Negotiable

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Offertory/Community Singing (Reprise)

This Little Light of Mine

Final Community Song #1030

Siyahamba (We Are Marching)

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Senior Co-Minister

Rev. Karen Hutt

Adjunct Minister

Juliet Ali-Caccamo

Worship Associate

Phil Johnson

Worship Associate

Franco Holder

Pianist

Luna Kilgore

9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Kennion Hammer

11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Knut Remmem

9:30 A.M. Youth Reader

Neela Hammer

11:15 A.M. Youth Reader

Hymn Leaders

Shelley des Islets

Shelley Thron

Ben Cooper

Lisa Sinclair

Fawzia Khan

Chancel Flowers

Today's arrangements are by Bette DeMars of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Augsburg Fairview Academy

Augsburg Fairview Academy (AFA) is a public charter school which provides opportunity to complete high school and prepare for college or post-secondary education for students who have not been successful in the public school system and/or who seek the positive and supportive learning culture provided by AFA staff. The 140 students are African American, Somali and Native American; many are homeless or marginally housed as least part of the year. First Universalist currently supports the Hope Food and Clothing Closets. Funds from today's offering will be used to support the Hope Food Closet and Hope Clothing Closets, to provide school supplies and backpacks, and/or to provide other support as needed. Donations of food and clothing are also welcome. Please give generously; positive feedback from staff and students suggests that we truly make a difference at AFA.

November Worship Theme: Non-Negotiables

What cannot be bought or sold, traded or transferred in your life? What is sacred? What convictions are sunk deep in the heart of this faith community, like footings on which a foundation can be laid and a structure built? Many of our Unitarian and Universalist ancestral mothers and fathers sacrificed much for their convictions, their non-negotiables: that hell was a fiction, joy was our birthright, and justice was our calling so that heaven might take root on earth. Rev. David Bumbaugh says it this way: "If we are to be the religious movement some of us dreamed...if we are to respond to the needs of the world from a liberal religious basis, it is critical that we be able to address and answer three central questions: What do we believe? Whom do we serve? To whom or what are we responsible?" This month we ask ourselves: what are the non-negotiables to living a whole and holy life, as individuals and as a religious tradition?