



GET CONNECTED

“ONE HEART, ONE MIND” CONVERSATION JAN. 5

A powerful conversation among diverse advocates to strengthen solidarity. Diverse advocates and proponents of climate change and environmental and racial justice, water protection and like-minded initiatives: is it time for us to imagine strengthening our solidarity - intentionally? How can we manifest one heart and one mind? Join us on Saturday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the social hall, in a powerful conversation led by Native American elder, Lemoine Lapoint, and his sons, Wakinyan and Thorne. Lunch included. Sign up by January 2 with John Saxhaug at john_saxhaug@yahoo.com.

WINTER CIRCLES: SIGN UP BEGINS JAN. 10

Enrich your spiritual life by joining a Circle this winter! Circles are groups of 8–10 committed participants who come together with a trained leader to nurture spiritual growth in community. Information about offerings will be made available the second week of January, and sign up will open online at firstucircles.weebly.com on Thursday, Jan. 10.

HATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Now in its 10th year, First Universalist knitters are asked to donate beautiful knit caps to Hats for the Homeless to sustain our tradition of bringing warmth and love to our less fortunate neighbors. Barb Melom and Pat Gottschalk have already begun distribution to shelters, schools and community resources. Donated hats and scarves can be brought to our collection basket near the elevator in the atrium, or they can be given to Sandy DiNanni at the hub on Sundays.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IS JAN. 6

Remembrance Sunday is an annual service that is a time to remember and reflect on our losses over the past year and to honor those we love who have died. This service can also be a time to mark other significant losses in the life of your family, such as a separation or divorce, saying goodbye to friends who've moved away, or any number of other things. You're invited to bring a photo or memento of a loved one(s) you are remembering to the sanctuary for our shared altar on Sunday, Jan. 6.

12-STEP SPIRITUALITY: JANUARY DATE CHANGE

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, Jan. 19**, 9 a.m. to noon. No registration necessary.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WINTER BUILD DATES

First Universalist has three Habitat for Humanity work days coming up in early 2019, and we'd love to have you on the crew! The dates are Thursdays, Jan. 10, Feb. 14 and March 14. The work day is from 8:15 a.m. until 4 p.m., and lunch will be provided. Additional details and sign up form are available on our website at <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/habitat-for-humanity-sign-up-form/>



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: January 6

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:

- 11/25 Augsburg Fairview Academy \$1,085.88
- 12/2 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee \$1,861.40
- 12/9 Hiawatha/Franklin Encampment \$2,648.08

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE Sunday Flower Arrangements

Donating flowers can enhance the beauty of worship or celebrate an individual or event. After services, you can take the flowers home, or have them delivered to congregants who could use a caring gesture. Contact Dick Rueter at dick.rueter49@usinternet.com or 612-280-4186 if you'd like to provide flowers or help deliver them after worship.



DECEMBER WORSHIP THEME: SANCTUARY

Image: "Coffee Klatch" by Ricardo Levins Morales (used with permission)

WATCH NIGHT

REV. KAREN HUTT
DECEMBER 30, 2018

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.

Music for Gathering / Música para la reunión Franco Holder

Words of Welcome / Palabras de bienvenida Rev. Karen Hutt
Interpreter: Ellen Poulter

Prelude / Preludio Franco Holder
The Little Drummer Boy
- Harry Simeone, arr. Henry Onorati

Call to Worship / Invocación a la adoración Jason Berry
Interpreter: Theo Prince

Community Singing/ Canto comunitario
#241 *Go Tell It On the Mountain*
#230 *Duermete, Niño Lindo*

Lighting the Chalice / Encendiendo el cáliz
Love is the spirit of this church
El Amor es el espíritu de esta iglesia
And service is its law.
el servicio es su ley
This is our great covenant:
Este es nuestro gran pacto
To dwell together in peace,
Vivir juntos en paz
To seek the truth in love,
Buscar la verdad con amor
And to help one another.
Y ayudarse uno al otro
-James V. Blake
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Musical Interlude / Interludio musical

Stories of Cultural Exchange / Historias de intercambio cultural Helen Ovando
Ellen Poulter
Interpreter: Grace Prince

Community Singing / Canto comunitario
Silent Night / Noche de paz

Silence / Silencio

Community Prayer & Cycle of Life / Oración comunitaria y Ciclo de vida Rev. RuthMacKenzie
Interpreter: Grace Prince

Hymn of Prayer / Himno de oración #123 (Please remain seated)
Spirit of Life Fuente de Amor
Spirit of Life, come unto me. Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; Sopla al volar, sube en la mar,
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Arráigame, libérame,
Spirit of Life, come to me, Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.
Come to me
- Carolyn McDade
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Welcoming In Joy / Bienvenida de la Alegría Rev. Ruth MacKenzie
Interpreter: Ellen Poulter

Centering Song / Canción para centrarse
Where You Go / Donde Vayas

Musical Offering / Ofrenda musical Franco Holder
Star of Bethlehem
- John Williams, arr. Phillip Keveren

Homily / Homilía Rev. Karen Hutt
Watch Night

Offertory/ Ofertorio Franco Holder
Let Christmas Come
- John Hanly Morgan

Closing Hymn/ Himno de clausura #246
Joy To the World / Al Mundo Paz

Closing Words/ Palabras de clausura Rev. Karen Hutt
Interpreter: Theo Prince

Blessing in Song / Canción de bendición #413
Go Now in Peace / Vayan en Paz
Vayan en paz, vayan en paz.
Pueda el amor rodearlos siempre,
por doquier, por doquier,
que vayan.

Worship Leaders/ Líderes de adoración
Rev. Jen Crow Senior Co-Minister
Rev. Karen Hutt Adjunct Minister
Franco Holder Pianist
Marina Guin Chalice Lighter
Youth Cultural Exchange Participants:
Jason Berry
Maya Lee
Helen Ovando
Ellen Poulter
Grace Prince
Theo Prince

Holiday Decorations / Decoraciones navideñas
The Visual Arts Committee has added holiday decorations - Happy New Year to the congregation.

Offering/ La ofrenda: South High's Race 2 Justice Day
South High Race 2 Justice Day is an annual event devoted to student-led workshops and keynote presentations. The students describe it this way: “As students, we are uniquely positioned to examine and reflect on the historical impact of White Supremacy and its continuation. We feel this day is one dedicated to furthering curriculum that speaks to inclusion and tells the story of all students. To this end, more than 60 workshops will be presented, putting a spotlight on inequities that exist between intersections of race, gender, sexuality, and class, to name a few. These workshops will take the place of regular school day classes. We will provide healing spaces and places to build and make art. We see Race 2 Justice Day as a way to help usher in a school curriculum that is liberatory, works to be inclusive, and makes the school setting a safe, nurturing place for all.”

December Worship Theme: Sanctuary Tema de adoración de diciembre: el asilo
In ancient times, finding an inn was more than finding a place to spend the night. Certainly, the inn was a place for the traveler to rest, but it also provided safety and healing to the wayfaring stranger. There were no hospitals in those times, so the inn functioned as one. It was a place to tend to the physical body, and to gather one’s spiritual resources for the continuing journey. When we hear the story of the Nativity, when an innkeeper provided a place for the Christ child to be born, perhaps we could imagine ourselves as the innkeeper, and our church as the inn, a place of respite and healing. This is one of our strengths as a faith community. We are a sanctuary, a place one can go to find health, healing and community. When people ask, “What do you believe?” We might respond: “Come with me to a place on 34th and Dupont Avenue South. This is a place where people are nourished, where people begin ministries, where people invest in something beyond self interest, growing in community and ever widening circles of compassion.” Theologian Gary Gunderson writes, “I may have trouble articulating *what* I believe; it is easy to say *where* I believe.” This month we explore the *where* of what we believe.