

Upcoming - Events and Updates from First UU

<https://firstuu.net/events/calendar/>

Today, September 17

- 9:45am Adult Religious Exploration
- 11:00am Children's Religious Exploration
- 11:00am Sunday Service
- 12:15pm Social Action Committee

Monday, September 18

- 6:30pm Zen Friends

Tuesday, September 19

- 11:30am UU Friends Lunch

Wednesday, September 20

- 6:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting
- 7:00pm Newsletter and calendar deadline

Friday, September 22

- 6:00pm Pagan Circle

Saturday, September 23

- 11:00am Justice Ministry Listening Session hosted by Jon M. Ramirez

Sunday, September 17

- 9:45am Adult Religious Exploration
- 11:00am Children's Religious Exploration
- 11:00am Sunday Service, Presentation by Jon M. Ramirez
- 12:15pm Music Committee

October Sunday Lunch

Jayne Henry and Debbie Wadman invite you to join us Oct. 1st for our own UU version of Oktoberfest. There will be brats, regular and plant-based, a cabbage dish or two and whatever your favorite German dishes are for sides, salads and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen, or see Debbie or Jayne to volunteer to help with clean up.

First UU Social Action Opportunities

Renaissance Food Pantry

The food pantry meets at the church every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to box, allocate, and deliver food. Please phone or text Jennifer Connelly at 316-305-6070 for more info or to volunteer. Canned food donations can be placed on the shelves in the back of the church meeting hall. Money donations can be given by check to First UU with "Renaissance Pantry" in the memo line.

Social Action Meetings

The Social Action Committee will today at 12:15pm. The meetings carry forward the social action of the church and are open to everyone. Contact Ellie Shore, 833-9190, er.shore@cox.net, for more information.

Fridays for the Future

Every 2nd Friday of the month at 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., people gather at the roundabout in Delano to demonstrate for environmental awareness. All are welcome to participate. Holger Meyer is the organizer (holgerme@gmail.com).

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The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

As you seat yourself, please leave one empty chair between your party and the next one to social distance.



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*A welcoming community with
diverse beliefs united for positive change.*

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Presenter: Rev. Joe Mohr

Service Leader: Linda Jordan

Musicians: Josh Saxe, Piano; Carl Williams, Flute

Diversity of being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance. -Verna Myers

Welcome—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>Prelude in C Major</i> , JS Bach	Josh Saxe
Calling Bell		
Prelude	<i>Improvisation on Spirit of Life</i>	Josh Saxe

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading	<i>Being Sanctuary</i>	Jennifer “Jo” Vonrue & Linette Lowe
Dedication of Chalice	<i>A Vision for Unitarian Universalism in a Multicultural World</i>	UU Leadership Council
Hymn #188	<i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are (3 times)</i>	

Contemplation—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>Let Us Make This Earth a Heaven</i>	Tess Baumberger
Moment of Silence		

Offering—stewardship of our church

Call to Offering	<i>Let Us Look Into Our Hearts</i>	Erik Walker Wikstrom
Offering Music	<i>Autumn Leaves, Johnny Mercer & Joseph Kosma</i>	Josh Saxe
Hymn #121	<i>We'll Build a Land</i>	

Community—a time for sharing

Personal Joys and Sorrows		
Music Interlude	<i>Intermezzo in A Major, Johannes Brahms, Op 118 No. 2</i>	Josh Saxe

Special Music

Carl Williams

Theme—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>Embodying Worship; Exploring How to Express Spirituality</i>	Rev. Joe Mohr
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Closing—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn #131	<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>	
Chalice Extinguishing	<i>It Becomes More</i>	Amy Zucker Morgenstern
Closing Words	<i>Be About the Work</i>	Andrea Hawkins Kamper
Postlude	<i>Improvisation on Love Will Guide Us</i>	Josh Saxe

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita honors the principle of freedom of the pulpit. In keeping with that principle, the views expressed by the presenters or congregants are solely their personal opinions. While we acknowledge the ideas and opinions of every individual, this church does not endorse any point of view or political choice.

First UU Church is open, for those who are fully vaccinated, masks are optional. We will continue Zoom in our Sunday services and some other church activities.

Fellowship Time for refreshments and conversation. We invite visitors to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship time.

Children's Religious Exploration

Our Children's Religious Exploration classes started on September 3rd. We encourage you to reach out to the young ones (ages 5-12) in your life and invite them to join us. Weekly lessons usually include a read-aloud and discussion followed by a craft or hands-on activity. September's theme is The Gifts of Welcome. On another note, if you have someone in your life that would like to work in our nursery (ages 0-4) a few Sundays a month, please reach out to the Director of Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney, at anna.jenney@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are wanted for Lobby Monitor during the Church service each Sunday morning. See Ned Lakin for more information or to volunteer.

You've Pledged - Now What?

July 1 began our new fiscal year. To ensure that your pledge payment goes into the correct budget account, please write "pledge" on the memo line of your check. To pay by cash, pick up a small envelope from the back of the Meeting Hall, place cash in the envelope and seal, write your name and "pledge" on the outside of the envelope, and place in the offering plate. Haven't pledged but still want to give to the church? Write "donation" on your check's memo line. All of this helps the office manager put your welcomed gift into the correct account.

Reason Everyone in Church Ought to Wear a Nametag

Few people know everybody in the church. Even in the smallest churches, it's sometimes difficult to remember everybody's name. As the church grows, that task becomes even more difficult. Nametags allow us to admit that struggle while providing a way to overcome it.

Sanctuary Art

The art in the sanctuary is by Stephen Miner, well known Wichita artist. If you are interested in purchasing one of these works, please speak with Vivien Minshull-Ford or Marcia Ellsworth after the service.