

Upcoming - Events and Updates from First UU

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

Today, October 8

- 9:45am Adult Religious Exploration
- 11:00am Children's Religious Exploration
- 11:00am Sunday Service
- 3:00pm Carol Findling Memorial Service

Monday, October 9

- 6:30pm Zen Friends

Tuesday, October 10

- 10:30am Renaissance Food Pantry

Thursday, October 12

- 7:00pm Leadership Council

Friday, October 13

- 12:00pm Fridays for the Future
- 6:30pm Sierra Club

Sunday, October 15

- 9:45am Adult Religious Exploration
- 11:00am Children's Religious Exploration
- 11:00am Sunday Service
- 12:15pm Social Action Committee
- 5:00pm Countering the Threat of White Christian Nationalism

October 15th Special Music

Rev. Joe Mohr will share his singing talents with the congregation when he presents special music for the Sunday service. Don't miss this extra treat from our multi talented speaker.

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 meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. 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, October 8, 2023

Presenter: Rev. Joe Mohr

Service Leader: Magda Garrett

Musicians: Josh Saxe

Memory is the servant of conscience.
—Marion D. Shutter, Universalist Theologian

Welcome—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>Improvisation</i>	Josh Saxe
Calling Bell		
Prelude	<i>Prelude in E Minor (Op. 28 No. 4)</i>	Frederic Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading	<i>Ever in Our Midst</i>	Rev. Karen G. Johnson
Dedication of Chalice	<i>We Inherit This Free Faith</i>	Rev. Audette Fulbright Fulston
Hymn #361	<i>Enter, Rejoice, and Come In</i>	

Contemplation—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>Breaths</i>	Birago Diop
Moment of Silence		

Special Music *Breaths (YouTube)* Sweet Honey in the Rock

Offering—stewardship of our church

Call to Offering	<i>They Are With Us Still</i>	Kathleen McTigue
Offering Music	<i>Beautiful Love</i>	Wayne King, Victor Young, and Egbert Van Alstyne

Hymn #301 (first three verses) *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!*

Community—a time for sharing

Personal Joys/Sorrows		
Music Interlude	<i>Fantasia Impromptu</i>	Frederic Chopin

Theme—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>On Heritage</i>	Rev. Joe Mohr
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Closing—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn #413 *Go Now In Peace (alternate wording 2x)*

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Chalice Extinguishing	<i>Inspired by Our Ancestors</i>	Leia Durland-Jones
Postlude	<i>Improvisation</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

For October, Children's Religious Exploration will be learning about heritage and our roots. We will talk about the importance of knowing our roots and where we came from but also how our roots are able to help us grow strong and branch out. We will learn more about Indigenous Peoples Day and listen to some storytelling.

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.