

Today, October 29

9:45am Adult Religious Exploration
11:00am **Children's Religious Exploration**
11:00am Sunday Service

Monday, October 30

6:30pm Zen Friends

Sunday, November 5

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12:15pm First Sunday Lunch

November First Sunday Lunch

The Lunch Ladies invite everyone to an early Thanksgiving dinner on our First Sunday Lunch on November 5th. There will be roast turkey and a vegan entrée as well. We hope you will check-out the sign-up sheet in the kitchen and let us know if you can bring potatoes, rolls, veggies, salad or a dessert. Perhaps you are not a cook and would rather help with set up or clean up. That is fine, too. It is more fun when everyone participates.

November Newsletter

Due to unforeseen circumstances, *In Touch* will be delayed by one week. Watch for the November issue in the first week of November.

Early Voting

From Sedgwick County Election Office website - "Early voting in person will be available at the Sedgwick County Election Office during regular business hours Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM beginning on October 23, 2023 and ending on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 12:00 Noon. All Sedgwick County voters can vote at this location during these hours."

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 info.

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 29, 2023
Presenter: Linda Jordan
Service Leader: Donna Morris
Musician: Josh Saxe

The magic of Samhain is that of endless possibility. Since we return to the beginning, we can begin anew in any way we wish.
~ Michael Furie

Welcome—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>Improvisation on Somewhere Over the Rainbow</i>	Harold Arlen
Calling Bell Prelude	<i>Prelude in E Minor</i>	Frederic Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading	<i>United by Story and Bound by Love</i>	Andrea Hawkins Kamper
Dedication of Chalice Hymn #327	<i>All Souls Chalice Lighting Joy, Thou Goddess</i>	Florence Caplow

Contemplation—looking for meanings

Meditation Moment of Silence	<i>The Last Leaf</i>	David M. Horst
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Offering—stewardship of our church

Call to Offering	<i>Individually and Together</i>	Heather Christensen
Offering Music Hymn #21	<i>Round Midnight For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Thelonius Monk

Community—a time for sharing

Personal Joys/Sorrows Music Interlude	<i>Fantasie Impromptu</i>	Frederic Chopin
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New member Recognition

Anita Culp and Anne Bailey

We renew our covenant to uphold the mission and vision of First Unitarian Universalist church. We renew our commitment to be part of the shared ministry of the church and to support the church with our time and resources. We renew our participation in the activities of the church. We joyfully accept you into full fellowship in our caring and active community. WELCOME!

Theme—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>A Samhain Celebration: What Lies Beyond the Veil?</i>	Linda Jordan
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Closing—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn #306	<i>Sing of Living, Sing of Dying</i>	
Closing Words	<i>With Passion and Faith</i>	Pat Uribe-Lichty
Extinguish Chalice Postlude	<i>Improvisation</i>	

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.

Recorded Sermons

Sermons are normally recorded at every Sunday. They are eventually posted on the church website and can be accessed via firstuu.net/sermons/.