

**Today, November 19**

- 9:45am** Adult Religious Exploration (in-person & Zoom), Charles Merrifield, (316) 371-3960, [chasmerrifield@gmail.com](mailto:chasmerrifield@gmail.com)
- 11:00am** Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney, (316) 393-3275, [anna.jenney@gmail.com](mailto:anna.jenney@gmail.com)
- 11:00am** Sunday Service, "It Could Always Be Worse, and Other Platitudes to Make You Feel Guilty for Complaining." presented by Rev. Joe Mohr
- 12:15pm** Social Action Committee, Ellie Shore, (316) 833-9190, [er.shore@cox.net](mailto:er.shore@cox.net)

**Monday, November 20**

- 6:30pm** Zen Friends, Bob Feleppa, [rxfeleppa@gmail.com](mailto:rxfeleppa@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, November 21**

- 11:00am** UU Friends Lunch, B&C Barbecue, 355 N Washington, St., Magda Garrett, (316) 765-3352

**Wednesday, November 22**

- 7:00pm** Tech Committee, Ned Lakin, (316) 214-0968

**Sunday, November 26**

- 9:45am** Adult Religious Exploration (in-person & Zoom), Charles Merrifield, (316) 371-3960, [chasmerrifield@gmail.com](mailto:chasmerrifield@gmail.com)
- 11:00am** Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney, (316) 393-3275, [anna.jenney@gmail.com](mailto:anna.jenney@gmail.com)
- 11:00am** Sunday Service, "On Wealth" presented by Andrew Davis
- 12:15pm** Music Committee, Jana Rambo, (316) 686-4215

**Celebration of Life**

Lila Arnold's Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, December 2nd at 2pm with a reception following the service.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, November 19, 2023**

**Presenter:** Rev. Joe Mohr

**Service Leader:** Debbie Wadman

**Musicians:** Josh Saxe and Shawn-Michael Morse

*I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new.* - Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Welcome**—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>Autumn Leaves</i>	Joseph Kosma
Calling Bell		
Prelude	<i>Improvisation on a fall theme</i>	

**Welcome and Announcements**

Open Reading	<i>For What Shall We Give Thanks?</i>	Laura Horton-Ludwig
Dedication of Chalice	<i>The Something I Can Do</i>	Edward Everett Hale
Hymn #188	<i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are (2 times)</i>	

**Contemplation**—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>Spirit of the Harvest</i>	Gary Kowalski
Moment of Silence		

<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Simple Gifts Medley</i>	Shaun-Michael Morse
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**Offering**—stewardship of our church

Call to Offering	<i>We Give</i>	Kristen Collins
Offering Music	<i>Improvisation on Spirit of Life</i>	Hymn #123
Hymn #349	<i>We Gather Together</i>	

**Community**—a time for sharing

Personal Joys/Sorrows		
Music Interlude	<i>Ashoken Farewell</i>	Jay Ungar

**New Member Recognition** Anita Culp

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>It Could Always be Worse, and Other Platitudes to Make You Feel Guilty for Complaining</i>	Rev. Joe Mohr
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**Closing**—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn #400	<i>Shalom Havayreem</i>	
Closing Words	<i>May You Be Filled</i>	Eric Williams
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 November, for the month's theme and weekly activities, please contact Anna Jenney, Director of Children's Religious Exploration, via (316) 393-3275 or via [anna.jenney@gmail.com](mailto:anna.jenney@gmail.com). 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 her.

**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.

**Hymn No. 400 Shalom Havayreem**

Shalom, my friend. Shalom, my friend, Shalom, Shalom  
God's peace be with you, God's peace be with you. Shalom, shalom.  
Shalom, my friend! Shalom, my friend. Shalom, Shalom.  
Till we meet again, till we meet again. Shalom, Shalom.