

Sunday, December 17

9:45am Adult Religious Exploration (in-person & Zoom)

11:00am Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney

11:00am Sunday Service, "A Chalice Dimly Lit", Rev. Joe Mohr

Monday, December 18

1:00pm UU Film Group, Vivien Minshull-Ford, (316) 683-9295

6:30pm Zen Friends, Bob Feleppa, rxfeleppa@gmail.com, after meditation, we plan to discuss Chapter 11 ("Religion is a Team Sport") of Jonathan Haidt's The Righteous Mind.

Tuesday, December 19

11:00am UU Friends Lunch, Magda Garrett, (316) 765-3352

Wednesday, December 20

6:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting, Ned Lakin, president@firstuu.net

January First Sunday Lunch

First Sunday Lunch on January 7th will be a Potluck Sunday. Bring your favorite comfort food to share after the service: a main dish, vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert. We're asking you to bring your contribution in the container in which you want it served and then take the container home for washing to help expedite cleanup. For meal questions or to help out, contact Debbie Wadman: (316) 651-3359, email debbietubiolo89@hotmail.com; or Ellen Burd: (316) 308-8890, email burde740@gmail.com. See Charlie King to sign up for the Cleanup Crew.

Calendar Exchange

If you have an extra calendar that you don't want, bring it to church and place it in the basket on the library counter. If you need a calendar, pick one from the basket. There is usually a wide variety pick from of wall-to-wall seizes. The exchange will continue into January.

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, December 17, 2023
Rev. Joe Mohr, Presenter
Debbie Wadman, Service Leader
Josh Saxe, Sara Jane Naillon, Ish Farid, Musicians

*What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give
sweetness?*
John Steinbeck

Welcome—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>Improvisation</i>	
Calling Bell		
Prelude	<i>Prelude in E Minor</i>	Frederick Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading	<i>Celebrating the Darkness</i>	Jo Von Rue
Dedication of Chalice	<i>Chalice Lighting for Winter Solstice</i>	Sharon Wylie
Hymn #235	<i>Deck the Hall With Boughs of Holly</i>	

Contemplation—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>Solstice</i>	Gary Kowalski
Moment of Silence		

Special Music

<i>Winter Jazz</i>	Sara Jane Naillon
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Offering—stewardship of our church

Call to Offering	<i>We Make It Possible</i>	Jessica Lin
Offering Music	<i>If by Bread</i>	David Gates
Hymn #345	<i>With Joy We Claim the Growing Light</i>	

Community—a time for sharing

Personal Joys/Sorrows		
Musical Interlude	<i>You'll Never Walk Along</i>	Rogers and Hammerstein

Theme—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>A Chalice Dimly Lit</i>	Rev Joe Mohr
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Closing—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn #414	<i>As We Leave This Friendly Place (twice)</i>	
Chalice Extinguishing	<i>Move Through the World in Love</i>	Maggie Lovins
Closing Words	<i>A Blessing Of Darkness and Light</i>	Amy Zucker
Postlude	<i>Improvisation</i>	Morgenstern

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

Children's RE will be focusing on the Gift of Mystery for the month of December. We will listen to stories about the mysteries of the world around us and discover more together! Come join us for crafts and other fun activities! For more info, please contact Anna Jenney, Director of Children's Religious Exploration, via (316) 393-3275 or via 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.

Archived Sermons

When we have an original speaker presenting his or her own sermon, the sermon is recorded.

These can be accessed directly via <https://firstuu.net/sermons/> or by scanning this QR code.

