

### **Today, Sunday, December 24**

**9:45am** Adult Religious Exploration (in-person & Zoom), Charles Merrifield

**11:00am** Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney, (316) 393-3275, [anna.jenney@gmail.com](mailto:anna.jenney@gmail.com)

**11:00am** Sunday Service, "Mysterious Unbox Day", Andrew & Kay Davis

### **Monday, December 25**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, December 26**

**10:30am** Renaissance Food Pantry, Jennifer Connelly, (316) 305-6070

### **Wednesday, December 27**

**7:00pm** Tech Committee, Ned Lakin, [president@firstuu.net](mailto:president@firstuu.net)

### **January First Sunday Lunch**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 7, at 12:15 PM. Our theme is Potluck Sunday. Bring your favorite comfort food to share—a main dish, vegetable, salad, bread, and/or dessert; whatever you feel inclined to share or have in your pantry, and we'll make a meal of it! We'll trust to luck that enough people will bring items from each category. UU's always manage to make a great meal. If you're not a cook, the setup and cleanup crews can use your help, too. contact Debbie Wadman: (316) 651-3359, email [debbietubiolo89@hotmail.com](mailto:debbietubiolo89@hotmail.com); or Ellen Burd: (316) 308-8890, email [burde740@gmail.com](mailto:burde740@gmail.com).

### **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](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)).

### **December 24, 2023**

#### ***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 24, 2023

Gabby Garrett, Linda Jordan, Andrew Davis Presenters  
Kay Davis, Service Leader

*The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us. -Terri Marshall*

### Welcome—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>Waltz of the Flowers</i>	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Calling Bell		
Prelude	<i>We Are</i>	Dr Ysaye Barnwell and the 2020 GA Virtual Choir

### Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading	Dedication of	from <i>Hope is a Currency</i>	Alex Haider-Winnett
Chalice		<i>May we be reminded...</i>	Anonymous
Hymn #226		<i>People Look East</i>	

### Contemplation—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>Good Tidings and Gladness</i>	Carter Smith
Moment of Silence		

### A Story for All Ages

A Tale Shared	<i>Everybody's Tree</i>	Barbara Joose
Song	<i>Jingle Bells</i>	The Cranberry Singers

### Offering—stewardship of our church

Call to Offering	<i>Freely have we received...</i>	Arthur Foote II
Offering Music	<i>Ding Dong Merrily on High</i>	
Yule Song	<i>Here We Come A-Wassailing</i>	

### Community—a time for sharing

Personal Joys and Sorrows		
Musical Interlude	<i>Christmas Music Mix</i>	

### Theme—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>The Shortest Day</i>	Susan Cooper
	<i>Herald Angels</i> (adapted by David Schwartz)	Robert Fulghum

### Closing—for continuing and moving forward

Song	<i>Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire</i>	Nat King Cole
Closing Words	<i>The Work of Christmas</i>	Howard Thurman
Postlude	<i>A Treasury of Christmas Favorites</i>	The Cranberry Singers

**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](mailto: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.

