

### **Today, Sunday, December 31**

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

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

**11:00am** Sunday Service, "I Love a Good Mystery", Debbie Wadman

**7:30pm** New Year's Eve Party, Anita Culp, (316) 712-3843

### **Monday, January 1**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, December 26**

**4:00pm** Worship Committee, Anne Welsbacher, (316) 663-2565

**7:00pm** UU Craft Group, Anita Culp, (316) 712-3843

### **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 31, 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.*



### ***First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita***

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***A welcoming community with  
diverse beliefs united for positive change.***

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

Presenter: Debbie Wadman

Service Leader: Donna Morris

Musicians: Ochi Boldsaikhan, Michael Bayouth, Niecy Regehr,  
and Jack Regehr

*Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the  
year.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Welcome**—for coming together

Gathering Music

*Auld Lang Syne*

Calling Bell

Prelude

*Candle in the Wind*

Elton John and

Bernie Taupin

**Welcome and Announcements**

Opening Reading

*Coming Together at*

Paul Vachon

Dedication of

*Year's End*

Lois Van Leer

Chalice

*On the Brink of a*

*New Year*

Hymn #126

*Come Thou Fount of*

*Every Blessing*

**Contemplation**—looking for meanings

Meditation

*Beloved Mystery*

Rev. Dr. Rebekah

Moment of Silence

A. Savage

**Special Music**

*Auld Lang Syne,*  
attributed to Robert  
Burns

Michael Bayouth

**Offering**—stewardship of our church

Call to Offering

*Honoring Church*

Alice Anacheka-

Offering Music

*Ancestors*

Nasemann

Hymn #58

*Prelude in G Major*

Johann Kuhnau

*Ring Out, Wild*

*Bells*

**Community**—a time for sharing

Personal Joys and

Sorrows

*Theme of Harmonious*

Joseph Haydn

Musical Interlude

*Blacksmith*

**Theme**—our search for truth

Presentation

*I Love a Good*  
*Mystery*

Debbie Wadman

by Rev. Doug

McCusker

**Closing**—for continuing and moving forward

**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.

