

Sunday, January 21

9:45am Adult Religious Exploration (in-person & Zoom), Charles Merrifield,  
11:00am **Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney**  
11:00am Sunday Service, Rev. Joe Mohr  
12:25pm Social Action Committee, Ellie Shore

Monday, January 22

1:00pm First UU Film Group, Vivien Minshull-Ford, (316) 683-9295  
6:30pm Zen Friends, Bob Feleppa, [rxfeleppa@gmail.com](mailto:rxfeleppa@gmail.com)

Tuesday, January 23

10:30am Renaissance Food Pantry, Jennifer Connelly, (316) 305-6070  
5:30pm Justice Together Mental Illness Research Team, Jon M. Ramirez

Wednesday, January 24

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

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! – Ned Lakin, President of the Congregation

The Board has changed the date of the Mid-Year Business Meeting to Sunday, February 18, 2024, shortly after the conclusion of Service that day. We did this so we could meet some timing requirements per our Bylaws. Also, please review the Church Membership List outside the Office Manager window, and you can anticipate receiving additional information, including an Agenda for the Meeting. We will be asking you to vote on our proposed Budget for next fiscal year as well as vote on proposed Bylaws changes for First UU of Wichita (*not to be confused with the Bylaws issues in the UUA!*). There may be a few additional items to decide, as well, so please plan to attend! This is YOUR Church! Thank you!

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

First UU invites you to join the gaiety at our Valentine's Tea Party fundraiser, Saturday, February 10. Bring your best friend, family, date, spouse, neighbor, or just come by yourself to enjoy a delicious variety of delicacies including sandwiches, cakes, cookies, pastries, and scones. Tea and coffee will be served 3-5pm at charming tables set with our favorite cups and dishes. Jenson Lee and his guitar will be providing the musical vibe. For the more adventurous sort, hats and gloves will be allowed. \$15 per adult and \$5 for children (10 and under). Wine and liqueurs available for purchase. More info including registration at [firstuu.net](http://firstuu.net) > About First UU > Give to First UU > [Valentine Tea Box Sale 2024](#) or by contacting Marcia Ellsworth at 316-208-3083.

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).

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, January 21 2024  
Rev Joe Mohr, Presenter  
Rachel Rutledge, Service Leader  
Josh Saxe, Charlie King, Musicians

*I have found that if you love life, life will love you back. – Arthur Rubinstein*

Welcome—for coming together		
Gathering Music	<i>Improvisation</i>	
Calling Bell		
Prelude	<i>If</i>	David Gates
Welcome and Announcements		
Opening Reading	<i>Spirit of Life and Love</i>	Sue Ayer
Dedication of Chalice	<i>A Symbol of Learning and Love</i>	Elizabeth Harding
Hymn #100	<i>I've Got Peace Like A River</i>	
Contemplation—looking for meanings		
Meditation	<i>Carry Each Other Into the New Year</i>	Beth Monhollen
Moment of Silence		
Special Music		Charlie King
Offering—stewardship of our church		
Call to Offering	<i>What we say "Yes" To</i>	Erica Hewitt
Offering Music	<i>Ashoken Farwell</i>	Jay Ungar and Molly Mason
Hymn #123 (2 times)	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	
Community—a time for sharing		
Personal Joys and Sorrows		
Musical Interlude	<i>Fix You</i>	Cold Play
Theme—our search for truth		
Presentation	<i>New Year, Same Me</i>	Rev. Joe Mohr
Closing—for continuing and moving forward		
Hymn #414 (2 Times)	<i>As We Leave this Friendly Place</i>	
Chalice Extinguishing	<i>Carry the Flame</i>	Brian Kiely
Closing Reading	<i>May the Love That Gives to Life It's Beauty</i>	George G. Brooks
Postlude	<i>Improvisation on Amazing Grace</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 all services and activities regardless of your vaccination status, the Board strongly recommends that all of us be vaccinated and asks that we continue to practice social distancing, when possible, especially when around members and friends who are still opting to wear masks. Online Zoom access is provided for those who cannot attend services or events in person. Fellowship Time is for refreshments and conversation. All invited to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship.

#### Inclement Weather Policy

In the event that inclement weather may jeopardize safety for in-person Sunday service, in consultation with others, President Ned Lakin will determine whether to cancel an in-person Sunday service and offer a Zoom-only Sunday service option. If an in-person Sunday service is cancelled due to inclement weather, by no later than the preceding Saturday

- a cancelled service announcement will be submitted to KSN, KAKE, and KWCH to be included on their TV programming listing cancellations across the area for the upcoming Sunday,
- an email will be sent out confirming the cancellation,
- the church voicemail will be changed to reflect the cancellation, and
- the website will be updated to reflect the in-person cancellation.

Since a Zoom option is already offered weekly, the Zoom details can be obtained by going to <https://firstuu.net/events/future-services/> and clicking on the name of the Sunday service to obtain Zoom details.

#### Children's Religious Exploration

The **Children's Religious Exploration** theme for January is **Liberating Love**. Stories and discussions will center around how our faith encourages us to love one another. We will use magnets throughout the month to represent how love pulls us to connect with ourselves and others. Please bring along the young ones in your life to join us! 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.

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/>.