

Upcoming - Events and Updates from First UU
(<https://firstuu.net/events/calendar/>)

Today, Sunday, March 17

- 9:45am** Adult Religious Exploration (in-person & Zoom)
11:00am Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney,
11:00am Sunday Service, Rev. Joe Mohr
12:15pm Social Action Group, Ellie Shore, (316) 833-9190

Monday, March 18

- 6:30pm** Zen Friends, Bob Feleppa, rxfeleppa@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 20

- 10:30am** Board of Trustees, Ned Lakin, (316) 214-0968
11:00pm Newsletter deadline, Anne Welsbacher, (310) 663-2565

Thursday, March 21

- 11:30am** UU Friends Lunch, Magda Garrett, (316) 765-3352

2023-24 Stewardship Campaign

We have seen many changes – the turnover of all our key Church staff, the unfortunate passing of several of our long-time members, and the multiple efforts needed to keep our building and grounds safe and functioning well. However, we have also experienced some wonderful changes: the infusion of new people into our Church and community, and the growth of our Children's Religious Exploration program, and banding together with other churches in Wichita as part of Justice Together to support common social justice initiatives. These are but three of the many positive changes we have experienced.

Each year we ask every member and active friend to pledge to donate money to our church to cover our bills, for everything from salaries and speaker fees, to our utilities and mortgage, to important social action initiatives and caring for members and friends in times of need. We need to know how much money we can expect from each individual throughout the year in order to make and utilize a budget.

Please support our church as we move into an exciting new year! Pledges will help support our work for the upcoming fiscal year, July 2024-June 2025. Pledge packets are located near the door and can also be requested via office@firstuu.net. We ask for pledge forms to be submitted by April 12th. Thank you.

March 17, 2024

***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, March 17, 2024
 Joe Mohr, Presenter
 Linda Jordan, Service Leader
 Ish Farid and Shaun Michael Morse, Musicians

*For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck,
 and happiness for today and every day. A St Patrick's Day Blessing*

Welcome—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>Don't it make my Brown Eyes Blue</i>	Richard Leigh
Calling Bell		
Prelude	<i>Mother</i>	Joe Hisaishi

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading	<i>Our Souls Speak Spring</i>	Evin Carvill Ziemer
Dedication of Chalice	<i>Like the First Hint of Green</i>	Jennifer McGlothlin
Hymn # 360	<i>Here We Have Gathered</i>	

Contemplation—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>Communion With Earth and Sky</i>	Stephen M. Shick
Moment of Silence		

Special Music

Shaun Michael Morse

Offering—stewardship of our church

Stewardship Moment		Annie Welsbacher
Call to Offering	<i>A Greater Good for Ourselves and Our World</i>	Kayla Parker

Offering Music	<i>Bengawan Solo</i>	Gesang Martohatono
Hymn #1017 (teal hymnal)	<i>Building a New Way</i>	

Community—a time for sharing

Personal Joys and Sorrows		
Musical Interlude	<i>A Passage Through Time</i>	Ish Farid

Theme—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>Rearranging the Pieces Till They Fit</i>	Joe Mohr
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Closing—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn #1057	<i>Go Lifted Up</i>	
Chalice Extinguishing	<i>We Are One</i>	Amy Zuckerberg Morgenstern
Closing Reading	<i>We Go Forth From this Place</i>	Charles A. Howe
Postlude	<i>Samba De Orfeu</i>	Antonio Maria/Luis Bonfa

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.

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

March in Children's Religious Exploration will be centered around transformation. We will learn about many religious spring holidays. Hand-on and crafty lessons will focus on celebrating change in our lives and in the world around us.

Children's RE is also looking for volunteers for helpers in our classroom. If you are interested in helping out, please scan the Q code below. We will be looking for summer presenters soon, too- so be thinking of a lesson you might want to teach the kids in our congregation!



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.