

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

Sunday, May 25

- 9:45am – 10:45am Adult Religious Exploration
- 11:00am – 12:00pm Children's Religious Exploration
- 11:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Service, "True Freedom"
- 12:15pm – 1:15pm First UU Pride Committee

Monday, May 26

- 6:30pm – 8:00pm Zen Friends

Wednesday, May 28

- 4:00pm – 5:00pm Music Committee

Thursday, May 29

- 7:30pm – 8:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, June 1

- 9:45am – 10:45am Adult Religious Exploration
- 11:00am – 12:00pm Children's Religious Exploration
- 11:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Service, "The Second Attempt"
- 12:15pm – 2:15pm First Sunday Lunch

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place after service on Sunday, June 8th. All those who have been a member at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting are eligible to vote at the meeting. If a member's mailing address has changed since the Mid-Year meeting, please send an address update to office@firstuu.net.

Sunday Lunch

Summer salads are the theme for our June 1, 1st Sunday lunch. Bring your favorite salad, hot, cold, spicy, fruity, veggie, or meat. Jayne and Donna will host.

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As you seat yourself, please leave one empty chair between your party and the next one for social distance.

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.



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

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

Sunday, May 25, 2025
Rev. Joe Mohr, Presenter
Ned Lakin, Service Leader
Ismail Farid and Harrison Steele, Musicians

The Secret of happiness is freedom, the secret of freedom is courage – Carrie Jones

Welcome—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>On a Clear Day</i>	Lane/Lerner
Welcoming Bell		
Prelude	<i>Moonglow</i>	Hudson/de Lange/Mills

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading	<i>Called by Loss, Called by Peace</i>	Heather K. Janules
Dedication of Chalice	<i>Call to Worship and Action</i>	Rev. Sharon Wylie
Hymn #346	<i>Come Sing a Song with Me</i>	

Contemplation—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>We Imagine a Path</i>	D. Scott Cooper
Moment of Silence		

Special Music

<i>I Am</i>	Harrison Steele
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Offering—stewardship of our church

Offering	<i>We Give</i>	Kristin Collins
Offering Music	<i>So Danco Samba</i>	A.C. Jobim
Hymn # 347	<i>Gather the Spirit</i>	

Community—a time for sharing

Joys and Sorrows	<i>Imagine</i>	John Lennon
Musical Interlude		

Theme—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>True Freedom</i>	Joe Mohr
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Closing—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn # 1057 (teal hymnal)	<i>Go Lifted Up</i>	
Closing Reading	<i>Chalice Extinguishing</i>	Martha Munson
Postlude	<i>Isn't She Lovely</i>	Stevie Wonder

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.

Children's Religious Exploration

Our theme for May will be Imagination, and we can't wait to see where our creativity takes us! We're seek volunteers to lead our Religious Exploration program during July and August. Volunteers will teach a one-hour lesson on a topic of their choice. This is a beloved time in our program—an opportunity to share meaningful, obscure, or even delightfully strange interests with curious young minds. Past summer lessons have included music, friendship bracelets, terrarium making, and gardening. You can expect a group of anywhere from one to six children, ages 4–12, who are ready to learn and have fun. If you'd like to volunteer but aren't sure what topic to teach, we do have ready-to-go lesson plans. We especially love when volunteers bring something personal or aligned with their own skills and passions. We need teachers! If you're interested, please reach out to me, our Religious Exploration Director, at anna.jenney@gmail.com to pick a Sunday that works for you.

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Office Hours

Office hours are Tuesdays/Thursdays 8am – 4pm & Friday 12-4pm. In the event that Office Manager Jon M. Ramirez does have to adjust his office hours due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. illness, other obligations), adjusted office hours will be posted on the online church calendar (<https://firstuu.net/events/calendar/>). Please review office hours on the church calendar if needing to connect with the Office Manager. Please also feel free to set up an appointment in advance.

Give to First UU

Through PayPal, we can receive donations for unpledged/pledged amounts, First Sunday Lunch, Caring Committee, Food Pantry, etc. Donations are tax deductible. A transaction fee will be subtracted from your donation unless you agree to pay the transaction fee through PayPal. You can access the PayPal donation site via <https://tinyurl.com/2zfp9efa> or by scanning

