

Upcoming Events and Updates from First UU
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Sunday, July 20

9:45am – 10:45am Adult Religious Exploration
11:00am – 12:00pm Children's Religious Exploration
11:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Service, "The Good Guy Glitch"
12:15pm – 1:15pm Social Action Group

Monday, July 21

6:00pm – 8:00pm Zen Friends

Wednesday, July 23

4:00pm – 5:00pm Music Committee

Thursday, July 24

7:30pm – 8:30pm Choir Practice

Friday, July 25

6:30pm – 8:30pm UU Film Group, "Wings of Desire" (1987)

Saturday, July 26

10:00am – 2:00pm Inquirer's Class

Sunday, July 27

9:45am – 10:45am Adult Religious Exploration
11:00am – 12:00pm Children's Religious Exploration
11:00am – 12:00pm Sunday Service, "How to Stay Sane When the World Goes Mad"
12:15pm – 1:15pm First UU Pride Committee

2025-2026 Leadership Changes (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

President: Ellie Shore
President-Elect: Kendra Brotherton
New Board of Trustees: Jennifer Hess & Annie Welsbacher
Nominating Committee: LaRilla Combs, Melanie Jenney, & Ned Lakin

2025-26 Pledge Year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

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 puts your welcomed gift into the correct account.

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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.



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

Sunday, July 20, 2025
Joe Mohr, Presenter
Jesse Borosky, Service Leader
Ismail Farid, Musician

“The more you know, the less your ego is. The less you know, the greater your ego.” – Albert Einstein

Welcome—for coming together

Gathering Music	<i>New York, New York</i>	John Kander/Fred Ebb
Welcoming Bell		
Prelude	<i>Chicago</i>	Fred Fisher

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Reading	<i>The Mysterious Pull</i>	Bran Lennox
Dedication of Chalice	<i>Weavers of One Story</i>	Leah Orgiri
Hymn # 346	<i>Come Sing a Song With Me</i>	

Contemplation—looking for meanings

Meditation	<i>You Can't Be Neutral On A Moving Train</i>	Howard Zinn
Moment of Silence		

Special Music

<i>Wichita Lineman</i> by Jimmy Webb	Ish Farid
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Offering—stewardship of our church

Offering	<i>A Greater Good</i>	Kayla Parker
Offering Music	<i>All of Me</i>	Simon and Marks
Hymn # 131	<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>	

Community—a time for sharing

Joys and Sorrows		
Musical Interlude	<i>Widuri</i>	<i>Adriadi</i>

Theme—our search for truth

Presentation	<i>The Good Guy Glitch</i>	Joe Mohr
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Closing—for continuing and moving forward

Hymn # 414	<i>As We Leave This Friendly Place</i>	
Closing Reading and Chalice Extinguishing	<i>A Guiding Light</i>	Martha Munson
Postlude	<i>Don't Get Around Much</i>	Duke Ellington

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

In July, Children's Religious Exploration features lessons from congregation members. Volunteers teach a one-hour session on a topic of their choosing — whether it's a hobby, a life skill, or something wonderfully unexpected. Join us! Past lessons have included everything from music to gardening to making friendship bracelets. We'll typically have between one and six kids, ages 4–12, and they're always up for something new and fun. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact President-Elect Kendra Brotherton at klbrotherton27@gmail.com to pick a Sunday. While lesson plans are available, we especially love when volunteers share something close to their heart. Thank you for helping us build a nurturing and joyful space where kids can grow, explore, and celebrate who they are. Gabby and I will return in September. *The board will determine whether or not to close RE for August pending volunteer recruitment.*

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Office Hours

For the remainder of July, office hours are temporarily Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays 2:30-5:30pm. Please review office hours on the church calendar (<https://firstuu.net/events/calendar/>) for any adjusted hours.

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



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