

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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THE liberal

May's Sermon Theme: Friendship

Upcoming Sunday Services At 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

May 2

"Being Known"

Led by Rev. Justin Schroeder

May 9

"Kinship"

Led by Rev. Kate Tucker

May 16

Sharing Sunday

"My Dead Friends"

Led by Rev. Justin Schroeder

May 23

One Service at 10 a.m.

Flower Communion

"Truth and Spirit

Above Tradition and Scripture"

Led by Rev. Justin Schroeder

May 30

One Service at 10 a.m.

"Though Poppies Grow:
A Memorial Day Service"

Led by Kelli Clement

Words from Justin

Since last September, we have explored a variety of monthly themes, beginning with "Listening," and moving on to "Money," "Gratitude," "God," "Forgiveness," "Doubt," "Sustainable Living," and "Success and Failure." This month, we arrive at "Friendship."* "Friendship" just might be one of the most important themes yet. It is a fundamental human longing to be known, and to know another. Friendships help us meet this deep longing. With friends, we are comfortable sharing our innermost thoughts and feelings. In fact, many of you have told me that our Sermon Based Small Groups have become a place where a whole new circle of friends is built, as participants share deeply with one another as they reflect on "Forgiveness" and other monthly themes.

But there's a risk to friendship, a risk to being known. The deeper the relationship, the greater the connection and potential for hurt. A best friend, including a partner or spouse, is often one who knows how to hurt us the most — through a slip of the tongue, a thoughtless action, or a sense that we're being taken for granted. And if we're honest with ourselves, we are often the ones who hurt a friend, intentionally or otherwise.

When these hurts occur, however, if it's a strong friendship, we are able to hear the other's side (or explain our own), to deepen our understanding, to practice forgiveness, or ask for it,

and to become more aware of who we are.

Without friends, life can feel barren and empty. Our friends support, guide, and inspire us, even from beyond the grave, as the poet Marie Howe makes clear:

*I have begun, when I'm weary and
can't decide an answer to a
bewildering question to
ask my dead friends for their opinion
and the answer is often immediate
and clear.*

*Should I take the job? Move to the
city? Should I try to conceive a child
in my middle age?*

*They stand in unison shaking their
heads and smiling—whatever leads
to joy, they always answer, to more
life and less worry. I look into the vase
where Billy's ashes were—it's green
in there, a green vase, and I ask Billy
if I should return the difficult phone
call, and he says, yes. Billy's already
gone through the frightening door,
whatever he says I'll do.*

Who are your best friends, your spiritual companions, living or otherwise? How well are you known by them? How well do you know them? How do they help you live a better spiritual life?

We'll explore these questions and more in the month of May.

In faith,
Justin

* After a thematic break during June, July, and August, we'll resume our theme-based ministry in September.

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Leadership Spotlight

151st Annual Meeting Sunday, June 6 11:15 a.m.

The Annual Meeting is a central event of the church year, a time to review the past year and to make your voice heard by casting your vote.

We have important official business to transact at the Annual Meeting, including adoption of the '10-'11 budget, the election of new church trustees and officers, election of new foundation board members, and election of new members of the nominating committee. **WE MUST HAVE A QUORUM OF 10% OF THE MEMBERS** for business to be transacted, so please attend. We need you!

Mission Statement

We join together at First Universalist Church in a welcoming, spiritual community that affirms our liberal religious heritage. Our ministry is to bring the Universalist message of love and hope to one another, to our children, and to the work of social justice.

The Welcome Table

Steps to Membership

(for anyone age 14 or older)

1. ***What We're About***— overview of what UUs believe and what makes us different from other denominations. *Especially for visitors. May 2 & 16.* following each service (30-45 min.).
2. ***Pathways to Membership***— potential members are expected to take this class before joining. Childcare is available at no cost, but please register early. Upcoming Pathways date: Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. RSVP: sandy@firstuniv.org
3. ***Application for Membership***— and the Board accepts you into the congregation.
4. ***New Member Welcome Ceremony***— individuals and families are welcomed during a special ceremony. The next ceremony will be held May 23.
5. ***Foundations of Our Faith***— a monthly class, with lunch, for new members. Childcare is available at no cost. Final meeting date before the summer recess is May 2. See next article for more information.

Start of One Service Sundays, May 23

Starting Sunday, May 23 (the same Sunday as Flower Communion) we will switch from two Sunday Services to a single 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service, please save the date so you don't miss Flower Communion!

Foundations of Our Faith

New members are invited to join the Foundations of Our Faith group for one year. This group meets monthly for lunch and topical conversation, meant to deepen your understanding of UUism and your membership at First Universalist.

You must sign up to participate in this class; please call Sandy in the church office, 612-825-1701 x125 or email, sandy@firstuniv.org. Childcare is available at no cost.

Dates and topics for 2010:

Conversation begins at 12:30 p.m.

May 2 History of First Universalist Church

June – August Summer Break

Last Chance to Become a Member Before the Summer

The final Pathways to Membership class will be held Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you're interested in becoming a member before the summer recess, sign up for the required class by calling Sandy in the church office. More information is available in the "Welcome Table" section of *the Liberal*.

All Church News

Budget Hearings

You have a chance to review the budget for 2010-11 prior to the June 6 Annual Meeting. Budget Hearings will be held:

- Sunday, May 2 at 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Please attend one of these important meetings. The congregation will approve the budget at the Annual Meeting on June 6.

Child Dedications May 9

On Mother's Day, we celebrate the miracle and promise of all new life. Our next Child Dedication Ceremony will take place on May 9, during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Child dedications are open to children of all ages whose parents are members or on the path to membership at First Universalist. To sign up, please contact Heidi Mastrud, Director of Congregational Life, or fill out a child dedication form, available online at: firstuniv.org/files/ChildDedicationForm.pdf and return it to the church office no later than May 2.

Not Damned If You Do, Not Damned If You Don't!

(After all, this is a Unitarian-
Universalist church)

But we hope you will! Complete the congregation survey, we mean. The Board of Trustees needs your help to tell us how well the church and its services and programs are meeting your needs. To get that information we are conducting a congregation survey.

One of the trustees' main roles under policy governance is to monitor how well we are doing in achieving the church's goals. Since so many of those goals relate to our personal experiences of church life it seemed a survey would be the best way to get that information in a form that would be most comprehensive and allow for comparisons from year to year. The survey asks some questions about our broad goals as well as about specific programs. It has been structured to also allow some comparison with the results of the Senior Minister search survey done last year. The trustees will use the results to help identify areas that need further investigation or follow up as part of future work plans.

We are asking that all members and friends of the church go to the church website, www.firstuniv.org, by May 2 and click on the link to the survey.

We hope most people will complete the survey online in order to make it easier to compile and analyze the results but those who don't have internet access can pick up paper copies in the office.

Completing this survey should only take a few minutes of your time and will be a great help to the trustees and staff as we attempt to move First Universalist into a future that reflects all our hopes. Your help is much appreciated.

Art Exhibit:

Youth Cultural Exchange Photo Project on Display

A unique aspect of the last round of the Youth Cultural Exchange was a Photo Project the youth undertook under the guidance of photographer Hillary DeParde. In the summer of 2008, eight First Universalist youth, ages 13 -16, traveled to Leon, Nicaragua, to live with host families for two weeks. During July, 2009, their host siblings traveled to the Twin Cities to complete the exchange. Disposable cameras were used by each American and Nicaraguan youth to document their experiences as both a host and a visitor. Many of their black-and-white and color images will be on **display in the Social Hall until May 30**. These images create a visual forum that highlights the possibilities of communication between young people through a cross cultural exchange and the medium of photography.

General Assembly!

Don't miss the opportunity of a lifetime! We dream of having hundreds of members of First Universalist at General Assembly this year.

Join Unitarian Universalists from across the continent for the 2010 General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis.

You'll experience wonderful and uplifting [worship services](#)—morning and night—led by some of our best worship leaders, with glorious music and inspiring messages. Worshipping together with thousands of fellow UUs at our Sunday Worship Service is an experience that should not be missed.

General Assembly is the way that our faith does [business](#). Actions of social witness are passed at GA, elements that make up future policies are discussed... and YOU have a voice in the discussion.

You'll hear [terrific speakers](#). There will be hundreds of entertaining [programs](#) and informative workshops, some led by members of First Universalist, offering excellent support and learning for congregational leaders. You'll be able to join the [witness for our faith](#) and values, in moving and exciting ways.

Registration is now open. If you are interested in finding out more, need help becoming a delegate, or would like to be included on the list of those who are planning on attending, please contact Heidi Mastrud, Director of Congregational Life, heidi@firstuniv.org or x124.

To become a delegate, please go to: www.amrsurvey.com/nc10 and choose "Apply to be a Delegate at General Assembly."

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SAVE THE DATE:

Religious Education Program
Registration/Volunteer Sign-Up
Meetings are Scheduled!

It is an exciting season at First Universalist Church! Opportunities to enroll children for the 2010-2011 church year are planned before the summer arrives! On the following dates we are holding **new, required meetings** at a variety of times:

- **Saturday, May 1**
1:30-3:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 5**
7:00-8:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 13**
6:30-8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 23**
11:30-1:00 p.m.

Light snacks will be provided at all sessions, but you may want to bring a bag lunch to the Sunday session if that is when you attend. Childcare will be available, but you must contact Lily, Program Assistant, at 612-825-1701, x107 at least one week in advance.

New this year, we are requiring that you attend one session to enroll your children (session content is identical). Enrollment will be capped for classes starting September 2010. Keeping class size within recommended ratios will help ensure your child has the best learning environment

possible. Enrollment priority will be given to those who teach Religious Education, but there will be room for all!

This is the only way you can guarantee a place for your child in Religious Education for 2010-2011, so please be sure to mark your calendars *now!* Questions? Call Marsha Partington (612) 825-1701, x111, or email her at marsha@firstuniv.org.

Get Ready for the Youth Art Show: Collage! Textile! Sketch! Sculpture! Painting!

Young artists are invited to submit a piece of art that shows what you love about the church and represents your spiritual side! Children and teens will be judged in four age categories: pre-K-2nd Grade, 3rd-6th Grade, 7th-9th Grade, and 10th-12th Grade. A panel of First Universalist adult judges will award prizes to the winners. Create your art at home or school and deliver to the church May 16-23. The show runs June 12-September 5, with an artist's reception on opening day. Questions? Call/email Heidi in the church office: x124 / heidi@firstuniv.org.

Say "Thank You" to RE Teachers

On Sunday, May 16, from 9:45-11:15, we will host a brunch at church to recognize the great work of our religious education teachers and advisors. If you are not a teacher this year, please consider donating food, drink, or your time. We need fruit, juice, bagels and pastries, as well as set-up and

clean-up help. Please contact Marsha Partington, x 111, if you are willing to help.

Youth Program (for Grades 7-12)

Coming of Age Ceremony

Come and celebrate with us as our First U teens Come of Age! On Wednesday, May 19 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. we'll hear from each of our 9th graders about where they are in their search for truth and meaning. Then, we'll bless them with a special community ritual and usher them into religious adulthood. **This evening is open to all First Universalist members and friends.** It's not to be missed. FFI: Katie Heaton, (612) 825-1701 x109 katie@firstuniv.org

Young Adults (ages 18-35ish)

FUYAG Annual Alumni Picnic
Thursday, May 27 - 7:00 p.m.
Beard's Plaisance,
near Lake Harriet

The First Universalist Young Adult Group (FUYAG) would like to invite all of those who have been a part of the group to celebrate the coming of summer for our annual picnic. We'll plan to enjoy a few things on the grill. Bring your picnic favorites for a potluck event with old friends.

Adult Faith Development Opportunities

Information about our Adult Faith Development Opportunity: "Foundations of Our Faith" can be found under The Welcome Table section of this issue of *The Liberal*.

Mostly Silence

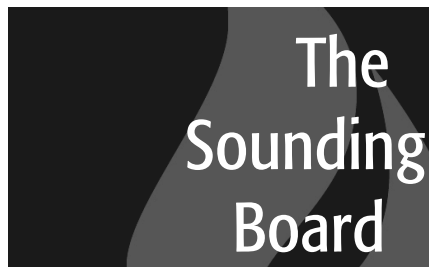
On 1st and 3rd Thursdays through May you're welcome to join Rev. Kate Tucker and fellow church members for a quiet break from routine. From 5:00-6:15 p.m., we'll meet in the Chancel Room. After some brief words, we'll meditate together through seated silence, walking meditation, and simple chanting. It will be a restful and centering time, and all the sweeter for being shared. No sign-up required.

Buddhist Meditation and Study Group

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

Learn about Buddhism and engage in Zen meditation practice. Each week there will be a short presentation and a discussion; we will conclude our evenings with a 1/2 hour of sitting meditation and 10 minutes of walking meditation.

Newcomers are welcome; the book is easy to pick up mid-way. Please try to commit to the whole course. There is a suggested class fee of \$45, fee waived or reduced upon request. Contact group leader, Susan, if you have any questions and to register, susanhagler@earthlink.net or 612-825-7780.



By John Jensen

I am glad and heartened to be back in the saddle again after weeks touring the country.

It is time to consider summer service planning. I am pretty well set through June, but need musical volunteers for July and August. I do know that I will be away for a Sunday or two in July at my ongoing music ritual in Park City, Utah. For now, assume rightly that I will be around for the bulk of the Summer Sundays.

Up ahead is the final Universal Jazz Concert in the Sanctuary on May 14 at 8:00 p.m. This breaks with tradition, because it is a Friday night, not Saturday. Please support these players and musical contributors to our musical life that evening. Also, I would like to mention a special concert on Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. I will be performing the 4th Beethoven Piano Concerto with the Health Sciences Orchestra at the University of Minnesota. The conductor is our own Jim Riccardo, violinist. Admission is free.

Sundays:

May 2: Universal Folk Band with music about "friendship."

May 9: Ann Reed, Children's Choir, and First Universalist Choir

May 16: The Usual Suspects Jazz Trio

May 23: Flower Communion: one service at 10 a.m. Intergenerational Choir and Universal Folk Band

May 30: Lydia Talen, violinist and John Jensen piano solos.



MUUSJA Happenings
(Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance)

MUUSJA at General Assembly

You can visit MUUSJA's home page, www.muusja.org, to download a flier with information on many of the social justice actions that MUUSJA is supporting, hosting, or participating in for General Assembly (GA). The flier includes many events for people not registered for GA — so whether you are formally attending GA or not, you can connect to the energy and excitement of having 3,000 out of town UUs in our neighborhood!

Twin Cities Pride will be a major focus for GA. We are signing up volunteers to help with many aspects. GA Public Witness: help people find Loring Park, Saturday, June 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Pride Booth: Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, many two-hour shifts available. Pride Parade: Sunday, June 27, line-up at 9:30 a.m., 3rd and Hennepin. Contact Ralph to sign up: ralph@muusja.org or 612-998-6624.

UU Ministry for Earth

Friday, June 25
Event begins at 6 p.m.

MUUSJA invites everyone interested in environmental issues to a dinner and program co-hosted with the UU Ministry for Earth. Dinner is \$5 (reservations accepted in early June), program

is free, and includes optional movie "No Impact Man" at 7:30 p.m. Location: Central Lutheran Church, steps from the Convention Center in downtown Minneapolis.

Shared Interest Groups

Labyrinth News & Views

Open Walk: Tuesday, May 4. Anytime from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Happy May Day! Join us this month as we walk the labyrinth for insights into how we can energize those fertile new endeavors we want to grow with abundant productivity. How can the fires of spring's fresh sunshine and passion bless and protect your work and goals this season? How will you join the dance of community involvement in weaving a sustainable future on this flowering Earth?

First Tuesday Open Walks are held every month through June.

Labyrinth Designers & How to Find Labyrinths

There are two experienced and gifted labyrinth artist designers in this area, who dot the landscape of schools, prisons, hospitals, parks, churches, and private yards with indoor and outdoor labyrinths. If you wish to have their contact information email barbarakellett@gmail.com. The Labyrinth Circle has a booklet of MN labyrinths available for \$2. As you plan your summer travels

consider walking labyrinths wherever you are going. Visit the World Wide Labyrinth Finder at www.thelabyrinthociety.com and click on "Labyrinth Finder."

Grief Support Series Starts in May

If you've recently lost someone close to you, you may be interested in a spring series of grief support sponsored by TRUST, a coalition of south Minneapolis churches, of which we are a part. The spring series will be held on Thursday evenings, beginning May 6th and running for 10 weeks. Sessions will be held at St. Joan of Arc Church, 4537 3rd Avenue South in Minneapolis and run from 6:15 to 8:00 pm. There is no charge and pre-registration is not necessary. Each session stands on its own so that you do not need to attend all of them.

Registration and refreshments start at 6:15, followed by a half-hour speaker at 6:30, and small groups meeting for an hour after that. Small groups are designated according to the loss that you have had, spouse or other. Speakers cover such topics as overview of the grief process, how grief affects different family members, and survivor stories including how to find joy again. There is no expectation that everyone needs to actively participate. If you have questions, feel free to call Margit Berg, 612-377-4776.

AUW Happenings

(Association of Universalist Women)

AUW Mothers & Daughters Mayday Celebration

Saturday, May 1,
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Calling all daughters! Come celebrate women, girls and spring at an afternoon party that features kid-friendly crafts, snacks, May Pole dance, prize drawings, and more. Bring any and all important females in your life; and/or "adopt" a mom, aunt, grandma, sister, daughter to accompany you! Boys are welcome, too, of course.

Childcare will be provided. Suggested entrance fees are \$5 per single; \$10 per adult with more than one youth; and \$20 for any group of 4 or more adults. RSVP if possible to auw.firstuniv@gmail.com, or, just show up. Everyone is welcome!

AUW Annual General Meeting & Potluck

Sunday May 23,
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

All friends and members of AUW are invited to its last event of the season, the AGM & Potluck Dinner, on Sunday, May 23. We'll honor the two women chosen as 2010's Clara Barton sisters, introduce new nominees to the Board and celebrate the many highlights of the past year. By popular demand, the *a capella* vocal ensemble SPICES will be back to entertain & inspire!

- Social Hour & Dinner
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Program & Dessert
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to auw.firstuniv@gmail.com or sign

up at the AUW table in the Social Hall on Sundays. Please also indicate what category of food/ beverage you can bring to share, and if you'd like to help with room set-up or take-down. More info at www.1uauw.org.

Women Who Read

Women Who Read meet in members' homes or at church the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. We eat potluck contributions, socialize, and THEN discuss, in a casual manner, books written by women! New members *always* welcome. PLEASE contact the host in advance to RSVP.

May 24 – Returning to My Mother's House, by Gail Straub.
HOST: Ann Kay, 5120 Lee Way, Minnetonka, 952-934-7238, co-host Dimi Karas.

Do You Love Books?

Our library committee is currently looking for more helpers to volunteer in the library on Sunday mornings, catalog books, help people find what they're looking for, and many more tasks. Working in our beautiful library two hours a month is a great way to support a space we cherish. If you are interested in helping (and we do want your help!), please contact Heidi in the church office (heidi@firstuniv.org, x 124). Although not a requirement, people with computer skills are especially needed at this time.

About Our People

Please Note: announcements written April 9 or earlier:

We hold in our hearts **Carolyn Moe** who had thoracic surgery March 26 at Fairview Southdale Hospital, and was found not to have cancer.

Congratulations to **Tracy Jones**, recognized in the Simpson Housing Services Annual Report for volunteering overnights at the Men's Shelter. Tracy provides an "awake presence" overnight and assists Simpson staff members with the overall running of the shelter.

The Rev. Sarah Barber-Braun is waiting to move to Salt Lake City to be closer to a daughter but is sad at having to leave the many friends she's made since she came to Minneapolis. She is very grateful for the wonderful help she's received from First U'ers who have visited, read to her and packed up her belongings to make a final move. While she waits to move, she looks forward to visits from friends.

Lyle Johnson was hospitalized following a fall in which he suffered facial fractures. He is receiving care at Sister Kenny Institute. We cheer on his rehabilitation, and send him, **Corky, and Waid** our healing thoughts and prayers.

Kit Ketchum, prepared for her final chemotherapy, and celebrated the fact that Spring is here! We celebrate with her!

On Easter Sunday, **Adrian and Kate Wackett, Julia Rhees, and Hannah Berg** began their climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. We honor their courage and determination.

Alan Sroufe, who is retiring from the U of M in May, will continue with longtime colleague Byron Egelund, their Minnesota Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children. Learn more about it at: <http://tinyurl.com/38mmp3d>

The Reverend Meg A. Riley has been called to be the next minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship. She will take up her ministry with our congregation on August 16, 2010. Meg has served the Unitarian Universalist Association since 1989, where she is currently Director of Advocacy and Witness. She is the inspiration behind the UUA's "Standing on the Side of Love" campaign.

Eight-year-old **Molly Sheehan, daughter of Dan and Sarah Sheehan**, underwent tonsilectomy surgery on April 12. We wished Molly many popsicles and a speedy recovery!

Katy Gray, mother of Heidi Mastrud, our Director of Congregational Life, passed away after a long struggle with cancer. A memorial service was held April 16, at Unity Church Unitarian, in St. Paul. Our great love, sympathy, and prayers are with Heidi and her family as they grieve for the loss of their mother, wife and grandmother.

Calendar of Events May 1-31

available online at:
www.firstuniv.org

~ Denotes an event to which more information can be found in this issue of the Liberal.

* Event is closed.

Saturday, May 1

- 9:00 a.m. MUUSJA Stakeholders Event
- 9:00 a.m. Pathways to Membership
- 10:00 a.m. Archival Group
- 1:30 p.m. RE Registration Event~
- 2:00 p.m. AUW May Day Celebration~

Sunday, May 2

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Comfort Shawl Group
- 10:00 a.m. What We're About
- 10:10 a.m. Budget Hearing~
- 10:10 a.m. Intergenerational Choir
- 12:00 p.m. What We're About
- 12:15 p.m. Foundations of Our Faith

Monday, May 3

- 12:00 p.m. Career Transition Group
- 7:00 p.m. UU Stitchers

Tuesday, May 4

- 6:30 p.m. Open Labyrinth Walk ~
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Support Group*

Wednesday, May 5

- 12:30 p.m. SPIFF Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. RE Registration Event ~

Thursday, May 6

- 5:00 p.m. "Mostly Silence" Contemplative Group~
- 7:00 p.m. Buddhist Study Group~
- 7:15 p.m. Nominating Committee

Friday, May 7

- 7:00 p.m. Drumming Group~

Saturday, May 8

- 9:30 a.m. AUW Board Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Family Circle Supper Gathering

Sunday, May 9

- Mother's Day Child Dedications
- 10:10 a.m. Intergenerational Choir

Monday, May 10

- 12:00 p.m. Career Transition Group
- 7:00 p.m. Visual Arts

Tuesday, May 11

- 6:30 p.m. Membership Comm.
- 7:00 p.m. 150th Steering Committee

Wednesday, May 12

- 7:00 p.m. Budget Hearing~
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 13

- 6:30 p.m. RE Registration Event~
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Ritual Circle*
- 7:00 p.m. Buddhist Study Group~

Friday, May 14

- 7:00 p.m. AUW Friday Get Connected
- 8:00 p.m. Universal Jazz Concert~

Sunday, May 16

- Last Sunday of RE Year *Sharing Sunday*
- 10:00 a.m. RE Teacher Brunch~
- 10:00 a.m. What We're About
- 12:00 p.m. What We're About
- 3:00 p.m. Health Sciences Orchestra Concert~

Monday, May 17

- 12:00 p.m. Career Transition Group
- 5:00 p.m. Green Sanctuary Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Rise Up Singing
- 7:00 p.m. UU Stitchers

Tuesday, May 18

- 2:30 p.m. Elder Film Series
- 7:00 p.m. Library Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Support Group*

Wednesday, May 19

- 6:30 p.m. Coming of Age Celebration~
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 20

- 5:00 p.m. "Mostly Silence" Contemplative Group~
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 7:00 p.m. Buddhist Study Group~

Sunday, May 23

- One Service at 10 a.m. No Religious Education
- 10:00 a.m. Flower Communion
- 10:00 a.m. New Member Ceremony~
- 11:30 a.m. RE Registration Event~
- 5:30 p.m. AUW Annual Meeting and Potluck~

Monday, May 24

- 12:00 p.m. Career Transition Group
- 6:30 p.m. Women Who Read~

Tuesday, May 25

- 7:00 p.m. Children and Youth Committee

Wednesday, May 26

- 6:45 p.m. Labyrinth Cmte
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 27

- 9:00 a.m. Liberal Collation Group
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Ritual Circle*
- 7:00 p.m. Buddhist Study Group~
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Group Picnic~
- 7:00 p.m. Foundation Committee

Friday, May 28

- 7:00 p.m. Drumming Group

Sunday, May 30

- Memorial Day Weekend One Service at 10 a.m.

Monday, May 31

- Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
- 12:00 p.m. Career Transition Group

Next Liberal Deadline is
Friday, May 14

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Registration Events

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Budget Hearing Meetings

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AUW General Annual Meeting

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Closed

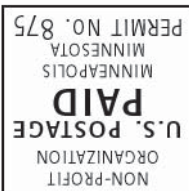
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