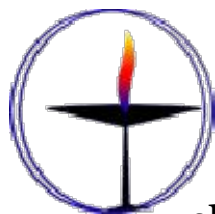


This Week at First Unitarian Church

November 1, 2009



Welcome Visitors! After the service today, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall to introduce yourself and find information about First Unitarian Church and its programs and activities.

Sunday morning services begin at 10:30
Children's Religious Education starts at 10:45
Childcare is available in the Youth Center from 9:30
a.m. to 10:25 a.m. before the service
and 11:50 am - 12:30 pm after the service.
Visiting families are welcome!

TODAY - NOVEMBER 1: "Day of the Dead" —
The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder. Today we are celebrating the "Day of the Dead", a Latin American holiday that has begun to take root in many Unitarian Universalist congregations. We will be building an altar in the sanctuary to commemorate all of the people who have passed away in the last year.

Next Sunday- NOVEMBER 8: "WHAT TO DO ABOUT LAZARUS" The Rev. Barbara Gadon: The gospel story of Lazarus has great characters, an intriguing plot, and runs the gamut of emotion - hope, despair, sorrow, rage and wonder. It also has a powerful message about death and rebirth for Unitarian Universalists.

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All ages are invited to begin in the sanctuary. After the Time for All Ages, the children will be sung out to their classes. Please pick up children in the Nursery through Fifth Grades by 11:50 a.m. at their classroom. All children in the classrooms at 11:50 a.m. will be escorted to the Youth Center for Childcare. Childcare ends at 12:30 p.m. All children must be picked up by 12:30 p.m.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Religion is the human response to being alive and having to die." - *F. Forrester Church*

Next Week: Join our Sunday morning lecture series "Religions of the Axial Age; An Approach to the World's Religions." Our lecture series and discussion on the Axial Age (800-200 B.C.E.) and the faiths it spawned continues: "East Asia Before the Axial Age."

Join us at 9:30a.m. in Brunner Chapel as we discuss this creative and influential era and how its developments continue to impact our spiritual lives.

AFTERNOON OFFICE CLOSURE

Reminder: The Church Office will be Closed,
November 3rd, noon to 4PM

COUNTERPOINT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This is the third Sunday of the Counterpoint Membership Drive. Visit the Counterpoint table during coffee hour to learn more.

CARING AND SHARING

Please keep Bill Barry in your prayers as he is recovering at home from successful surgery this week. Cards welcome.

We offer condolences to Marina VanRenssen on the recent death of her mother after a short illness. Please keep Marina and her family in your prayers.

ALLIANCE NEWS

Members and friends of the Women's Alliance will meet on **Monday, November 2 at noon** in the Parish Hall for a bring-your-own lunch. Dessert and beverages will be served. It seems appropriate in this season to speak of gratitude, what we are grateful for, how we express it, and what we hope others will appreciate. Come and be part of this congenial group. Everyone is welcome!

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UU CHRISTIANS Thursday, November 5,
7:00 -8:30 p.m., Rev. Gadon will lead our monthly UU
Christian group, sharing communion and studying the
Christian scriptures from a liberal perspective.

FIRST FRIDAY AT FIRST U PRESENTS:
“THE OWLTALKER TRIO” Friday, November 6, at 7:00
p.m. Rev. Gadon will lead our next “alterna-service” in
Brunner Chapel. We feature local artists and poets,
exploring spiritual themes. This month, we will
feature “Owltalker Trio”, with the amazing Scott
Davidson (whom we heard in worship October 18) with
more percussion and a Native American flutist. Rev.
Gadon will preach on “Letting Go.”

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT,
NANCY PINSON:** My daily spiritual practice
involves a nice long walk with time to contemplate. I
hope you will take the time to read my new blog from
time to time - I expect to update it about once a week,
usually on Sundays. Here's the link:
<http://walkingspiritualpractice.blogspot.com/>.
In Faith, Nancy

**WORKSHOP: “GROWING FIRST UNITARIAN
CHURCH ONE CONNECTION AT A TIME”**
How do churches grow? What would it mean for First
Unitarian Church to grow? These are important
questions that members and leaders alike are asking
themselves. In this morning workshop, Rev. Josh
Snyder will explore what growth looks like and how to
manage it. He will be drawing upon literature from the
UUA and the Alban Institute, the church’s unique
situation, and his own experience in leading growing
congregations. This workshop is free to everybody.
Come join us in the Parish Hall, **Saturday, November
7, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL
PHYLLIS WYNN MEMORIAL CONCERT --
November 8, 7:30 p.m.** we will again host The
Annual Phyllis Wynn Memorial Concert featuring The
Wister Quartet, this year with special guest Cellist
Yumi Kendall. Music by Schubert and Bocceherini.
Tickets available at the door, \$10

SOCIAL DEVIANCE FILM SERIES
This month: “The Elephant Man.” 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14. Join Rev. Barbara and Dr.
Alan Horowitz, professor of sociology at University of
Delaware, to watch this classic film and discuss its
meaning in relationship to our Unitarian Universalist
belief in tolerance. Donation \$5.

**WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION WITH THE BOARD -
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 6:30-8:30 P.M. IN PARISH HALL**
COME join in the fun and bring the family. We'll play
some games and share findings from the Long Range
Planning Committee. More details to follow in the
November Quest. If you need childcare, please RSVP to
the church office, 302-478-2384 to let us know how
many children to expect.

NEWCOMER CLASSES
If you are a newcomer to our church, we welcome you
and hope you will consider making this your church
home. But before making that decision to join, we
encourage you to attend a series of classes which will
acquaint you with our faith, our traditions, and our
expectations.

Our next Journey toward Membership class
series will begin after the worship service on **Sunday
morning, November 15th**, with a class entitled
“Exactly Who Are We? The Concept of Free Religion
and Personal Theology.” This class, facilitated by
Membership Coordinator Susan Madison, is geared
especially to newcomers and to those seeking to learn
more about our free faith. Susan will specifically
address the concepts of religious authority,
institutional freedom, and covenantal living.

The remaining three class sessions will be
combined and held on **Saturday, Nov 21st, from 9:30
a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** At this workshop we will discuss
with the ministers our history as a denomination, the
concept of shared ministry, and the meaning of
membership. In addition, Rev. Gadon will conduct a
tour of the church highlighting some of its history. At
the end of the morning, an opportunity will be
provided for you to sign the Membership Book and
officially join the church!

Registration for the series may be made at the
Welcome Table on Sunday mornings or by emailing
Susan directly at susan@firstuuwilm.org. We hope you
will join us to meet other newcomers and ask questions
about our “uncommon denomination.”

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASIER WITH BOOSTER
CARDS!** Did you know the church earns money on the
booster cards we sell at coffee hour? You can use them
to purchase gifts and groceries for the holidays and
support the church at the same time! We carry a
variety of stores in addition to grocery stores, including
Starbucks, Williams Sonoma, CVS, Walgreens and
others. We can also do special orders. Just fill out the
special order form at coffee hour and include payment.
The church office will process the order. Many
different stores are available. **Get your special orders
in by no later than November 17th, for pick up in
December.**

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