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Worship, Summer RE and Nursery 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

SEPTMEBER WORSHIP INFORMATION

September 7 "Love is the River: Water Ceremony"

Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Special music by First U Choir and Earl Naylor!

In this service we pour together water that comes from any place that has been sacred to us in past months: a local garden, a distant beach, a river from around the world. The sermon today explores how through all of these flows the great river of love.

September 14 "Sweet Seed, Bitter Seed"

Rose Schwab

Rose Schwab will be preaching about our unfortunate habit of wishing we didn't have to do things we don't want to do, *even when* we know we ought to. She will also be introducing herself to the congregation. In the first sermon of this new church year, she will be exploring the nature of change when a minister moves from one community to another.

September 20 7:30PM- Vespers

Tonight's worship will be led by members of our Metaphysical Covenant Group.

September 21 "Eliot's Grandchild"

Rev. Thomas Perchlik

As the International Eliot Society gathers in Saint Louis to explore the poetry of T. S. Eliot, we remember that Thomas Stearns was the grandson of Rev. William Greenleaf Eliot, founder of our congregation.

September 28 "Neither Angels Nor Demons"

Rev. Thomas Perchlik

For the first five hundred years of Christianity, and for the first hundred years of the U.S.A., Universalism was a most dominant theology. Was it the action of angels or demons that took universalism from common discourse, and why should we care?

Please remember to collect a small amount of water from your summer travels to be included in our Water Ceremony Service on Sept. 7



Wonderful Wednesdays Sept. 17

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MINISTER'S COLUMN

What does it mean to be a welcoming congregation? Does it mean to offer coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings, or giving a friendly greeting to visitors, or encouraging people to join in our congregational life?

Hospitality is about sharing what we have with others. *Radical Hospitality* is meeting people's needs, asking "How can I make you more comfortable?" and then embodying the spirit of inclusion. To practice radical hospitality is to meet specific needs. For example, The *Welcoming Congregation Initiative* in our church is an attempt to focus our general desire to be welcoming and inclusive specifically to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex people in our community. Likewise, the *Green Sanctuary program* is an attempt to welcome all living things into the circle of our community, for this Earth is their home too.

Thus, I was very happy to hear of support for application by the International Institute of Saint Louis, to welcome and house refugee children while their legal status is sorted out. Children suffer because a storm of international crime and broken immigration systems shred their homes. Saint Louis should be a

hospitable place that offers, at the least, temporary shelter from that storm.

Sometimes hospitality has its challenges. For example, we have recently encouraged one another to refrain from giving money to panhandlers while on church property. This recommendation is, in part, to help the church

be more safe and welcoming for everyone. But it also means that we need to give more specific kindness and respect to these people. We must do what we can to help them find what they need. We must continue to support those agencies that will nurture long-lasting well-being in their lives. We must sort people from categories and treat them as individuals.



We are not the perfectly hospitable community. Instead, we are seeking beloved community together because as we say, "The Search is the Answer." I am very happy to be seeking radical hospitality together with y'all.

Peace, *Thomas*

THE CANVASS CORNER

Dreaming our Vision



Many of you have asked how the results of the canvass campaign this year affected our finances.

Through your generosity we raised more in pledge income than we have in the last five years.

However, we did fall short of reaching our ambitious

Canvass goal of \$525,000 (of a \$624,000 total budget goal). We raised \$475,000 or 90% or our goal.

To achieve our dream vision, the Canvass Campaign had requested increases in staffing expenses, reductions in our endowment fund drawdown, coverage to bridge the shortfall in the Lewis Intern Ministry funding, and overall increases in program expenses due to inflation. Some adjustments had to be made and new ideas generated on how to fill in the gaps.

The Board and Finance committee prepared and approved a revised budget. Here are some highlights:

Balanced Budget: We created a budget that did not significantly reduce our overall expenditures compared with the previous fiscal year.

Endowment Fund: We demonstrated our fiscal responsibility by maintaining the principal of the endowment fund by restricting the drawdown to 5%.

Fundraising: We plan to increase our income through more fundraising.

Lewis Intern Ministry: We will be able to cover the shortfall from our Intern Fund.

Staffing: We were unable to make all of the increases planned, but did make some small adjustments.

Building/Program Expenses: We made some reductions to our Building and Program expenses.

While we fell a little short of our dreams, the good news is that First Unitarian of St. Louis remains a strong and vibrant church and community. We continue, through our mission and values, to seek our vision.

If you would like more information on the details of our 2014-2015 budget, please visit the Stewardship/Development Table in Fellowship Hall this fall.

--2014-2015 Canvass Chairperson
Larry Dusenbery

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:

As a way of putting our faith into action, we as a church periodically designate collections to a worthy non-profit or church program. The Special Collections approved for the 2014-2015 church year are as follows: Metro UU SJ Chairs/M-SLICE Kensington Neighborhood Partnership, Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, First UU Sandwich Making, Gateway 180: Homelessness Reversed, Prison Performing Arts, Holy Ground Collaborative, SouthSide Early Childhood Center, 100 Neediest Cases, Robert Ford Haitian Foundation, Discovering Options, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Gateway 180 First UU Project, Partner Church Committee, Giant Steps, Pathways to Independence, St. Martha's Hall, Immigrant and Refugee Women's Program, Girls Incorporated of St. Louis, Payback, Inc., Nurses for Newborns, Places for People, Voices for Children, Interfaith Partnership, Gateway Greening, and Community Action Endowment Fund.

Designated collection donations should be placed in the collection basket. If you write a check, it should be payable to First Unitarian with a notation of "designated collection" on the memo line. The designated collections for September are Metro UU SJ Chairs/M-SLICE Kensington Neighborhood Partnership and Gateway 180 Homelessness Reversed.



The Metro Unitarian Universalist Social Justice (UU SJ) Chairs [which includes First Unitarian of St. Louis, First Unitarian of Alton, IL, and Emerson UU

Chapel in Ellisville], in partnership with M-SLICE & Romona Taylor Williams, and in coordination with the CWE Holy Ground Collaborative, have been, this last year, engaging in a racial justice project in the Kensington Neighborhood, which is two blocks north of Delmar. The Metro UU SJ Chairs have been supporting M-SLICE in their efforts to encourage the neighborhood residents to take a more active involvement in the upkeep of their mutual property by assisting them with cleanup projects involving brush & branch cutting, garbage removal, and tree and flower planting. So far there have been two workdays - May 31 (80 volunteers) and August 2 (35 volunteers). There are plans for more workdays this autumn and next spring. *This recipient was nominated by church member Donald Jeffries.*



Gateway 180 is focused on ending homelessness in St. Louis and serves primarily St. Louis City and County families with children under 11 years of age, and single females. It is a prime partner in the City of St. Louis' effort to end

homelessness for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Annually, more than 1400 individuals receive services from Gateway.

Gateway advocates a rapid re-housing

approach and offers case management and support services to ensure that its clients are successful in both securing and maintaining housing placements. It encourages individuals interested in learning more about its services to register for one of its quarterly community luncheons. *This recipient was nominated by church member Rosemary Lawton.*

GRANT PROPOSALS SOUGHT



In 1985 First Unitarian Church's Community Action Endowment Fund was started with a \$1000 contribution. The income from the Fund is used to support agencies doing direct service and social action

projects in the community.

The Fund Committee will make its 26th annual awards this year. These will be moderate grants; the total amount available is approximately \$3,600.

Applications should state the organization's name, address, telephone number, and contact person as well as a brief description of what the group does and who it serves. They should include the size of the staff, paid and volunteer, how long the organization has been in existence, the amount requested, and the purpose for which the money is desired.

Applications are due 18 Sept. 2014. Send them to: Community Action Endowment Fund, First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, 5007 Waterman Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

For further information call Renni Shuter at 314-795-3271

IT'S MOVIE TIME.

Sign up for *UU Essentials: The Movie Discussion Group*. It works like a book club; we see movies on our own time. Then, we meet once a month for a variety of beverages, a coupling of upscale snacks or lowbrow desserts and discuss. UU chatter is often enlightened and always fun.



See the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Amy Genova.

CHURCH PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Changes, changes and changes. Recently it's been brought home to our community just how fragile life is and how quickly things change. The events that brought St. Louis into the national spotlight are most tragic in nature. There is a viral cry of what can be done to prevent these events in the future. It is very important to move forward by continually being educated on the changing faces of our marginalized brothers and sisters; determine what level to be involved in actively changing the landscape; and maintain compassion in communicating with others at all levels of engagement. Through our community involvement initiatives we are engaging in meaningful efforts to change the landscape both physically and philosophically. Many of our members and friends, as well as members of other congregations, are 'walking the talk' of compassionately caring for our community, our neighborhood, and working toward realizing real and honest change. First Church has a legacy of being important to St. Louis, and through the efforts of our Social Justice/Responsibility/Outreach work that legacy is being extended. This work is funded through the annual budget, special collections, dedicated gifts, and collaborative work with UU area churches and interfaith congregations.

In addition to extending this legacy through the pledge income you generate, we are able to operate an enviable physical plant; provide education and spiritual enrichment for our congregation and the community; employ a highly skilled and capable staff; and continue to meet our fiscal responsibilities while not

engaging in unharnessed spending. The recent Canvass and budgeting process was particularly interesting and educational. How revenues are generated and how they are dispersed was always a mystery. Now being more informed and educated, although by no means an expert, gives a greater appreciation on how important making a pledge is and how equally important it is to fulfill it. Our Canvass Chair, Larry Dusenbery, has provided a summary of the recent Canvass. Please be sure to read the article. If there are any questions feel free to reach out to Larry or me and we'll be happy to discuss them. Working with the Canvass Committee this year was fun, interesting and very rewarding. If you are interested in a partial year involvement in a vital component of the congregation, consider the Canvass. Newcomers are welcome!

The most important governance change for the coming year will be presented at the Special Congregational Meeting to be scheduled in October. The date/time is not finalized but you can pencil in the following for planning purposes: Saturday, October 11 or Sunday, October 12. Also, watch your mailbox early in September for an official notification. Previously we promised specific dates for meetings/discussions on the proposed changes. These are:

Meetings	September 14 at 10:15 a.m. September 28 at 10:15 a.m.
Answer Table	Fellowship Hall after each service on September 7, 21, and October 5

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Please make every effort to avail yourself of the opportunities to be informed and educated prior to the Special Congregational Meeting. The more informed we are prior to October 11 or 12, the more likely we will experience a quick and seamless transition.

--Diane Fawcett, President

MEMBERS CORNER!



ROAD TO MEMBERSHIP

Anyone who wishes to join our congregation a member may sign the membership book, the last Sunday of each month shortly after service.

The minister or a board officer (President, President Elect, Secretary or Treasurer) will meet you on the Sanctuary Chancel.

We welcome you to our religious community.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE SCHEDULE

September 9, 2014

We start the Alliance church year at 12:00 with our annual potluck at the home of Renni Shuter. Plan to bring an appetizer, a main dish, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert. If you have any questions or need directions, please call Renni.

September 23, 2014

12:00 meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch--- coffee, tea and dessert provided
1:00 program: Ron Glossop, "A Report on 6 Visits to China"
Dues of \$30 for 2014/15 are due now.
Treasurer Judy Till is ready to receive your checks. Hope you can JOIN us.
All are welcome to these and other Alliance programs.

THE OP-SHOP

The Opportunity Shop Wants to Thank You
- Personally

The Opportunity shop is grateful for all the donations, but would like to acknowledge all donors. Please leave a note and contact information when dropping off items. In addition to allowing us to thank you, being in contact with the donor helps us to market our merchandise.

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

LYNN HUNT,
CREDENTIALLED RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR

Where the mind is without fear and the head
is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into
fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of
truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms
towards perfection;
 Where the clear stream of reason has not
 lost its way into the dreary desert sand of
 dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by thee into
ever-widening thought and action –
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let
my country awake.

Rabindranath Tagore

I shared this poem last in my September 2103
column. A full year later its power and call,
in the light of recent events, has grown im-
measurably.

The odd juxtaposition of two deaths in
August, Michael Brown and Robin Williams,
made poignantly clear the importance of
Unitarian Universalism and Faith Develop-
ment in our lives. Our unshakeable value,
that all people are imbued with worth and
dignity, was tragically challenged with the
death of Michael Brown. A young man on
the cusp of life whose life was ended in what
appears to be the overreach of “narrow do-
mestic walls” calls to us to “stretch [our] arms
towards perfection’ and not lose his life to

“the dreary desert of dead habit.” He de-
mands that we recognize that justice, equity
and compassion for all is the work that is
required when all have worth and dignity.

Michael Brown was anonymous to us until
he died. Robin Williams quite the opposite.
A larger than life celebrity who had brought
cheer and thoughtfulness to so many for so
many years. A person who one would have
pointed to as a “mind is without fear and the
head is held high.” A beloved person. A
beloved person who in his death reminds us
that no matter how many people may adore
you, inner-life itself can be a challenge and
overwhelming. He reminds us that
compassion is not something we merely
bestow on the other, but it is something we
live for ourselves as well.

These two seemingly unrelated deaths
demonstrate the mutuality of life and why we
come and why we bring our children to
church. Care of self and care of others is
what we strive to nourish as the first nature
in ourselves and our children. Story, song,
gardening, art, listening, talking, classes,
action, worship and reflection all come
together to sustain health in ourselves and
our wider community. We come together in
church to do this in community – support and
action is a group activity and church is the
only institution that is thoroughly devoted to
this work in a multi-generational setting.
You make it happen – you do the supporting
and healing in our lives and in our greater
world.

Plan to embark on such a journey of
stretching our arms towards perfection. A
lofty journey for sure, but one that is
essential.

With Peace – Lynn Hunt

Dates to Remember

August 31st – Child Care Only (no RE classes)

September 7th – Ingathering, Water Ceremony and Pancake Breakfast –

Remember to bring your water for the water ceremony held at both services. Religious Education Classes will meet for the first time at the 9:15 and 11:00 service times (middle school and youth group meet at 10:00am). Plan to enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast between services and support the Boston Trip fundraising efforts of the 7th & 8th grade class.



Adult & Family Faith Development in August

Wonderful Wednesday September 17th – 5:30pm till 8:30pm

Plan to join our once a month mid-week gathering for fun, connection and learning. Schedule for the evening:
5:30 – 6:45 – Come anytime during this time-frame to purchase a simple meal.
6:00-7:00 – Mom’s Covenant Group
7:00 – 7:20 – Vesper Service led by **ERDE (Earth Reverence Dedicants Extradinaire)** recognizing the beginning of Autumn.



7:30 – 9:00PM – Programming Options:

Tibetan Singing Bowl Meditation with

Mark Biehl: Mark returns to share with us the deeply spiritual practice of meditation with singing bowls.

Celebrate the change in seasons and the coming of autumn with a deeply relaxing and enlightening experience. This live performance can be very helpful in reducing stress and anxiety, while increasing the body’s energy and sense of well-being.

Lessons from the Camino de Santiago with Deborah Richie

Deborah will share with us her experiences hiking this historic pilgrimage route to the shrine of Apostle St. James the Great in Spain. This journey has been taken by many as a spiritual retreat. She will share what the trip meant to her and give some practical suggestions on how to undertake this trip yourself.

Credo Group

September 11 & 18, October 2, 16, 30, and November 13 – 7:00pm-8:30pm

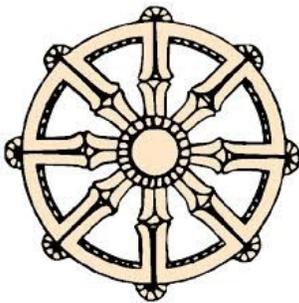
Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Over five sessions (following the introductory session) people joining the Credo Group will study with Rev. Thomas Perchlik five basic questions of theology: What am I? How can I know what is true and good? What is in charge? What is the meaning of death? How should I live? Each big question has four or five sub-questions such as; what have I experienced of God, what great lesson have I learned, what is the soul, or what is the role of the church in all this?

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This group (pronounced cray-do) requires written work to be brought to each session. Class space is limited – please look for the

sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall and contact the Rev. Perchlik for more information.



First Unitarian Church of St Louis Buddhist Group

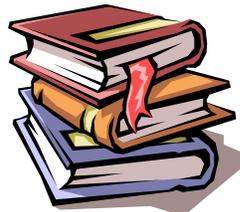
Are you interested in joining a group within our

congregation to deepen understanding of Buddhist ideas and practice? The group will meet regularly under the guidance of Reverend Thomas and seek to integrate Buddhist ideas and practice into our spiritual life Unitarian Universalists. This discussion group will be using the book *Buddhist Voices in Unitarian Universalism* which can be purchased through the UUA bookstore on-line. If you need to borrow a copy of the book please contact Lynn Hunt. The first meeting of the group is Sept. 2nd at 7:00pm (regular meetings will be the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of the month). If interested, please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Covenant Groups

In Covenant Groups people come together in a circle of trust, in covenant, to be in right relation with one another with respect and care. We cultivate deep listening as each person takes a turn in a kind of sacred space to express what stirs in them about the topic

of the session. The careful listening enriches the lively back and forth interchange that follows. Some groups have specific themes and others are general in nature. This is a wonderful way to further your connections with others in the congregation. If you would like more information about joining a group you can: sign up in Fellowship Hall, contact **William Allen**, Covenant Group Coordinator, at covenant-groups@firstuustlouis.org or call the Faith Development Office (314-361-0595 ext 25).



Great Books Discussion

The Great Books Foundation is a non-profit educational organization whose mission is to advance

the critical, reflective thinking and social and civic engagement of readers of all ages through Shared Inquiry discussion of works and ideas of enduring value. Our Great Books discussion group meets on the 4th Sunday of the month from 1-3pm at the Cafe' Ventana (3919 West Pine - intersection of West Pine and Vandeventer). Discussions are Facilitated by **Margaret Weck** and **Mike Nolan**. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall for more information or call Religious Educator Lynn Hunt. (314-361-0595 ext. 25).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FITNESS: BODY, MIND AND SOUL....

QIGONG OFFERED AT FIRST UU

- **Qigong** combines mindful, gentle, physical postures and movements with meditation, breath-work, sounds (mantra) and self-massage techniques to revitalize your Vital Life Force energies and to enhance physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing.
- **Qigong** techniques help to dissolve accumulated stress and fatigue, increase energy, and strengthen the immune system
- Accumulated daily practice of **Qigong** movements and meditation build up a storehouse of Qi energy and also lead to enhanced concentration, improved mental focus, and greater intuitive functioning.



*Hour long Qigong classes on Tuesdays
at 2pm in Hope Chapel.*

These are pay-as-you-can classes.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Join us each first and third Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Clark Room. For information contact Stan Veyhl at (314) 863-3229 or sveyhl@earthlink.net.



HOMECOMING POTLUCK

Homecoming Potluck 2014.

Please plan on joining us on Sat. Sept. 6, 2014 for the first all-church fellowship event of the new church year. This is a pot-luck dinner.



Infant care is provided but there is no separate programming for children.

Dish suggestions by last names:

- A-C dessert
- D-G main dish
- H-L appetizer
- M-P vegetarian main dish
- Q-V salad
- W-Z dessert

Each dish should feed 6-8 people.
More details to follow closer to the event.

--Feasts and Festivals Committee

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL DONATIONS:

- The church, through our Sunday designated collections, collected \$455.00 for Habitat for Humanity and \$524.00 for Pathways to Independence

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM AUGUST 2014

—Let us keep in our minds all in our church who live and struggle to heal from illness and surgery, and let us remember all who have family members who are ill.

—Please remember **Connie Goss** who has recently been diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer, and is undergoing treatment.

—**Marietta Hunsche** remains in Sunrise of Des Peres gaining strength. She welcomes visitors and cards.

—All positive thoughts and prayers are welcomed by **Tiffany Sewell's** mother, Cheryl D'Harlingue, who has learned that her cancer has not spread far.

--Our condolences go out to **Jim Stoien** concerning the news of his sister, J Dianne Ritter of Brentwood, who died Monday, July 14, 2014 at the age of 69 years. Services were held Friday, July 25, 2014.

—It is with sadness we mark the passing of Vincent Bruns, father of church member **Mark Bruns**, on August 12. Please keep Mark, his wife Janet Oriatti, and their children in your thoughts.

—Congratulations to **Viveca and Graham Lane** on the birth of their second son, **Felix** who is now a month old. The whole family, including new big brother **Griffin**, are doing well.

—Special thanks to **Chris Fawcett and the Men's Group** for painting the classrooms under the Chapel. They are now much spiffier!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Your church office is looking for a volunteer to come in on Fridays to assemble and fold the Order of Service and Yellow Pages. This opportunity would be great for one or several individuals. The job takes about an hour or so...*depending on how many volunteers we would get and the length of the publication.*

The time is pretty flexible, between 10AM and 2PM.

Please call or email Mary Ward in the church office for more information. Thank you!



USHERS NEEDED

We need volunteer ushers for the 10:00 services for the duration of the Summer. Please call the office 314-361-0595 ext. 21 or email office@firstuustlouis.org if you can help out. Sign-up sheets are also available in Fellowship Hall.



DO YOU SHOP ON-LINE?

When making your on-line purchases be sure to log on to GoodSearch.com. Each search earns money for First Unitarian Church.



Simply go to the GoodSearch website, log-on and input “First Unitarian Church of St. Louis” into the field that asks for what group you want to support. It’s that easy.

It’s a free and easy way to raise money for our church and get some of your shopping finished.

Each month, GoodSearch sends the church a check!



Don’t forget to use your eScrip card when shopping at Schnucks. The church receives a percentage each time you shop. Don’t have an eScrip Card? Stop by the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall and pick up yours this Sunday. Simply register on-line and you are ready to earn money for First Unitarian Church.

WHEN VIOLIN PLAYERS AND CARDINALS FANS ARE IN CONCERT: PLAY BALL!



What happens when our First UU friend, **Yoanna Park-Haynes**, known by us in part for her skill with violin (amongst her many talents) donates four very nice box tickets to the Cardinal-Brewers game for a fundraising raffle?

Our congregation went to bat, raising \$573 in raffle money for a drawing for the tickets. At that point there may have been a bit of divine intervention because the winner was our own **Jim Stoien**, the most avid Cardinal fan in town. All of us know Jim for his gifts of candy and his favorite call, “Play ball”. I gather Bob Reszinski and others have signed on to get Jim safely to the game and back. Thanks to Kate Polokonis and husband Tom for running the raffle in this our first successful mini-fundraiser of the 2014-2015 church year.

Play Ball!

2014-2015 MINISTERIAL INTERN ROSE SCHWAB

Rose is a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary. While she enjoyed the hustle of New York City, she is glad to be out of that mess and back in the midwest, where she can once again afford to eat something other than oatmeal and get to work in under an hour. Her work in seminary focused around reading religious texts from the standpoint that they are clearly anti-poverty and anti-oppression texts. She wed this academic work with anti-poverty community organizing in New York city by helping build a nation-wide network of people working to end poverty. She firmly believes that all life is sacred, and that poverty is a symptom of an unhealthy system that makes precious life so difficult, when life ought to be celebrated as a treasure. She believes that a large part of being human is telling one's story, so she did a master's thesis on storytelling, and led storytelling workshops at her seminary and in the congregation she served.

She worked for three years in this congregation, where she did all manner of things, the scariest of which was preach from a black wooden pulpit that was 40 feet of the ground.

She hopes to bring all of her skills here, to our congregation. She will be involved with the Holy Ground Collaborative, preach and plan services, work with Ramona and M-SLICE to get involved with the community, lead storytelling groups, and much more. She is deeply happy to be serving this congregation, and has only high hopes for her time here.

RECYCLING



Don't forget...the church belongs to a recycling program with **Quill**, our office supply company. The church receives rebates for recycling ink jet cartridges. So far this fiscal year, the church has received \$200.00 in "Quill Cash" to use towards the purchase of office supplies.

Please note, we also recycle used batteries and cell phones.

All recycle bins are found in the copy area of the church office.



**DON'T FORGET
TO LIKE US,
FOLLOW US
AND CHECK-IN
ON
FACEBOOK**

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Please keep in mind that the calendar is updated daily and does not show outside rentals. Refer to the Web Site calendar for up-to-date information.

Monday, September 1

9:00 a.m. - T. S. Eliot Society (CH)

Tuesday, September 2

2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)

Wednesday, September 3 Church Office Closed

Thursday, September 4

5:00 p.m. - Facilities Meeting (C1)

Saturday, September 6

6:00 p.m. - Homecoming Potluck

Sunday, September 7

9:15 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m. - Fair Trade Coffee
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
11:15 a.m. - Knitting Ministry (C8)
12:30 p.m. - Writing Group (C1)
1:00 p.m. - Emily-Jeremy Covenant Group (CLK)

Tuesday, September 9

11:00 a.m. - Women's Alliance
2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)
6:30 p.m. - Policy Board (C1)
7:30 p.m. - AcUustics (CR)

Wednesday, Sept. 10 Church Office Closed

6:30 p.m. - Feasts and Festivals (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Intern Committee (C1)

Saturday, September 13

9:00 a.m. - CRC (All Rooms)
12:00 p.m. - Partner Church Committee
Members Picnic (Innsbrook)

Sunday, September 14 ...Newsletter Deadline

9:15 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
10:15 a.m. - Bylaws Task Force (CLK)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)

Tuesday, September 16

2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)
6:30 p.m. - Library Committee (L)

Wednesday, September 17 Church Office Closed

5:30 p.m. - Wonderful Wednesday

Saturday, September 20

9:00 a.m. - CRC (All Rooms)
5:30 p.m. - Youth Group Planning Session (FH, C8)

Sunday, September 21

9:15 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m. - Fair Trade Coffee
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:30 p.m. - Covenant Group (C7, C8)
12:30 p.m. - Planning Meeting for Trip
to Transylvania (CLK)

Tuesday, September 23

9:30 a.m. - Newsletter Folding (C1)
12:00 a.m. - Women's Alliance
2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)
6:30 p.m. - Church Council (C1)

Wednesday, September 24 Church Office Closed

7:30 p.m. - Covenant Group (L)

Saturday, September 27

9:00 a.m. - CRC (All Rooms)

Sunday, September 28

9:15 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m. - Youth Group Parents Meeting (CH)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:30 p.m. - Covenant Facilitator's Meeting (C8)

Tuesday, September 30

2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)

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