

# The St. Louis Unitarian

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Worship, RE and Nursery 10:00 a.m.

## JANUARY 2015 WORSHIP INFORMATION

### January 4-“Does the Spirit do Jazz?”

This is our annual Jazz Sunday with special music from Rick Haydon and his Spontaneous Quartet. Rose Schwab will share her reflections on the nature of UU spirituality and music.

### January 11- “Can You Feel It?”

With music from the First U Choir. Reverend Perchlik will speak on the theology of Friedrich Schleiermacher, the varieties of spiritual experience and the feeling that something new is happening in our church today.

### January 18- “Satyagraha - Truth Power”

Rev. Thomas Perchlik

On Civil Rights Sunday we will discuss the power of truth. What does it mean to speak your pain? Is that empowering, or wallowing in sorrow? Does the truth make us free, or trap us in the past? And what, really, is the truth?

### Wednesday, January 21 Vespers “Let It Go”

Rev. Thomas Perchlik

### January 25- “I Speak for the Founders”

Music by First U Choir.

This Church had its spiritual founding in late January, 1835. What would our founders say about our congregation today? Would they inspire us or castigate us? Would they be dismayed or amazed at what we are and what we can become?



Mid  
Winter  
Meeting

January 31

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The Church Office  
will be closed on  
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FAIR TRADE  
COFFEE SALES

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## MINISTER'S COLUMN

As much as I enjoy the Solstice and Christmas season, I like January better. Howard Thurman, theologian and civil rights activist made the meaning of January clear, in his poem "The Work of Christmas".

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.

My path to this work began at my birth. I was named for two political heroes of my father: the American, Thomas Jefferson, and the Czech, Tomas Masaryk. By the time I was in High School, my personal heroes were men who fused spirituality with progressive change: the Mahatma Gandhi, and the preacher and organizer, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Inspired by them, since 1990, I have marked the day before MLK day as *Civil Rights Sunday*. This Sunday is a day to celebrate all who have struggled for justice, including our Unitarian martyrs who have died in the struggle, from Deva to Selma. Thus Doctor King Day becomes a day "on" instead of a "day off".

Not all of us can be activists in the streets. As the Reverend Mark Morrison-Reed put it,

"The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all... Once felt, it inspires us to act for justice..." So, some are teachers, or doctors, or adoptive parents, or global travelers who unveil these bonds. Others of us choose to live ordinary lives in ways that make our world more compassionate. And, in order to help each of us in this work, we are offering a region-wide workshop on Intercultural Competency, on January 23-24. Anyone who wishes to increase their abilities in reaching over social barriers, respecting differences and creating a just community should attend this workshop. See page 9 of the newsletter, the sign up table in Fellowship Hall and watch the Yellow Pages for more information about this event. I look forward to sharing the work of Christmas with you.

Peace, Thomas



# CHURCH PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Changes, changes and changes...2014 was a year of many changes for our congregation and yet the one overwhelming and awesome practice that does not change is the continuing generosity of our members and friends. Generosity is a piece of the legacy of First Unitarian that can be traced to the roots beginning with William

Greenleaf

Elliot. He once

said to his

congregation, *"The*

*past has much for*

*which we may be*

*reasonably grateful,*

*but the future must*

*and will have better*

*things in store."* In the

spirit of William

Greenleaf Eliot, our generosity in 2015

promises growth and development,

reconnecting and revisiting, and unknown

opportunities for making a positive impact to

our continuing mission.

The start of a new year usually invokes resolutions. Studies have shown that resolutions rarely last into March of the New Year without being wholly committed to a behavioral change. Have you thought about your resolutions for 2015? Let me offer just a few suggestions for your consideration:

Give of your presence at Sunday service at least twice a month (fulfill

Reverend Thomas's first wish)

Sponsor a FUNdraiser for the General

Fund, emphasis on the FUN (Reverend

Thomas's wish #2)

Commit to step-up and serve in a leadership capacity (Reverend Thomas's wish #3, in the Membership mission; there are several other opportunities available, and many coming up very soon)

These are just a few opportunities to make and fulfill resolutions that will improve the lives of so many and positively contribute to our continuing mission.

Will you add any to your list?

**Save  
the  
Date**



Right around the corner are several exciting and enjoyable events that fill our calendar well into the early summer. These are all in addition to our

usual services, and offer

opportunities to meet and enjoy the company of many members and friends we may not have met yet. Please make note of the following and **SAVE THE DATES:**

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> Stone Soup Family Event. Watch for upcoming details

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Multi-cultural Competencies workshop. Watch for details; all encouraged to attend.

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> Mid-winter Meeting. Watch for upcoming details

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> Trivia Night.

Watch for upcoming details; put your team together now.

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> Generosity Sunday.

Watch and listen for more details; this is a **MOST IMPORTANT DATE**

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Partner Church Dinner. Watch for upcoming details;

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## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

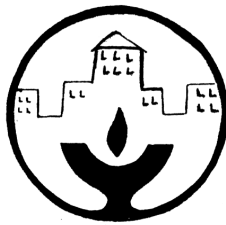
### DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY:

As a way of putting our faith into action, we as a church periodically dedicate one of our collections to a worthy non-profit or church program. Our designated collections for January will be on January 4 (recipient to be determined) and January 18 for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).



The UUSC has been supporting human rights and social justice projects all around the world for seventy years. Through a combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people in times of humanitarian crisis. The website is <http://www.uusc.org>. *This recipient was nominated by church member Kimberly Perry.*

## JANUARY 18, 2015- COMMUNITY ACTION ENDOWMENT FUND (CAEF) PARTY



For almost 30 years, the First Unitarian Church has supported local direct service and social action projects through its Community Action Endowment Fund. CAEF was founded and passionately led by long time Church member Reni Shuter who died in the fall of 2014.

The CAEF Committee has unanimously agreed to continue the program whereby organizations are invited annually to submit proposals, and typically 8 to 10 of the applicants are honored with a small grant and a chance to describe their program at the church. The CAEF grants for 2014 will be announced from the pulpit on Sunday January 18, 2015. Winners of this year's awards will be recognized during the service and invited to tell their story during the coffee hour.

The annual fund raiser (which has traditionally been an Advent dinner) will also be held on January 18, 2015 at the house of Laura Zacher, 2610 Tennessee Avenue in St. Louis. (Tennessee is a north-south street between Sydney and Magnolia, about three blocks east of Tower Grove Park on the near south side of the city.) This will be an opportunity to eat, drink and celebrate the CAEF and remember Renni. Sign-ups for the dinner (which will begin at 5:30 p.m.) are taking place in Fellowship Hall.

We hope that you will participate, thereby promoting continued growth of the CAEF.

--Margaret Weck,  
Chair, Community Action Endowment Fund.

## PARTNER CHURCH NEWS

The Partner Church Annual Bake Sale was held Sunday, December 7th. With the generous purchases and contributions of the congregation, we succeeded in raising money needed for our sister church in the Transylvania region of Romania. This year the PC committee sent funds for restoration of the rectory bell tower and to winterize the minister's vehicle.

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## Thank You!

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Special thanks go out to the Women's Alliance for their continuing support towards the Partner Church Scholarship Fund. The Fund ensures that studious children of the Czokfalva congregation are able to attend a high school near their community.

—Laura Filbert Zacher

## GENERATING GENEROSITY

Because of your financial support of First Unitarian...

- ♦ A nervous child can take refuge in Miss Augie's lap while her parents attend services
- ♦ Staff, interns and lay leaders help connect us with our neighbors on social justice projects such as the Kensington Neighborhood cleanup and Reading Buddies
- ♦ A local chapter of the Baden-Powell association (a more inclusive version of scouting) has a place to meet

## 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**

## FULL GLASS CAMPAIGN



### **Women's Alliance Offers a \$5,000 Challenge Grant to the Full Glass Campaign**

The Women's Alliance will match donations to the Full Glass Campaign to complete the restoration of our sanctuary windows. Any gift given by January 31, 2015 will be matched by the Alliance up to a total of \$5,000. That is 125 glass panes at \$40.00 each.

The Full Glass Campaign is the continuation of a fund raising effort begun last year by a few lead givers. They see restoring the windows as our opportunity to care for the building we have inherited and strengthen our commitment to future generations of Unitarian Universalists. Because of their generosity we are beginning our campaign with our glass half full. We have raised half the necessary funds and completed half the work. With \$40.00 more per pane of glass we will have the project completely funded. Please give generously and watch your donation double. Donations may be made by PayPal on the church web site or by placing a check in the Full Glass donation box in Fellowship Hall. All donors will be honored on the full glass honor role.

—Sarah Dashner

## MID-WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POT-LUCK DINNER



The Annual Mid-Winter Congregational Dinner is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 31, 2015 from 5:30 -8:30 p.m.. The meeting is preceded by a pot-luck dinner. Suggested dishes by last name (each dish should serve 8-10 people):

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



Child care is available, and children are served from the pot-luck although they will eat upstairs. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be followed by entertainment at 8:00 and clean-up begins at 8:30 p.m.

All members and friends are welcome to attend the congregational meeting even if they do not participate in the pot-luck meal beforehand. The actual meeting agenda will be published in other media closer to the date of the event. We hope to see you there!





## ROAD TO MEMBERSHIP



Anyone who wishes to join our congregation as a member may sign the membership book on the last Sunday of each month shortly after the 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*



*New Members Are Joining*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**PHILLIP GREENE**  
3030 St. Vincent Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63104

## WOMEN'S ALLIANCE JANUARY 2015

### January 13

11:00: Meet in the library for the monthly business meeting

12:00: Meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert provided

1:00: Our program is a meeting with Diane Fawcett, Church President. Join us to hear Diane's thoughts on the church and leadership issues.

### January 27

12:00: Meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert provided

1:00: We'll meet in the library for a program, "The Amazon", presented by Judi Crouch.

*All are welcome to these and other Alliance programs.*

**D**id you know that Women's Alliance, thanks to gift funds that have been invested (plus our modest dues) is able to not only give a scholarship every year but also donates to the church operating budget (2014/15, \$2,000), to church staff during the holidays, and to various not-for-profits (2014/15, \$1,450, e.g. Planned Parenthood, South Side Early Learning).

# LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

LYNN HUNT,  
CREDENTIALLED RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR

## **Lifespan Faith Development**

Happy 2015 to All! May this year bring happiness, good health, a renewed energy for creating a better world and contentment your way. I hope all of you will energize your commitment to Religious Education and Faith Development in a meaningful manner. That might mean taking a class, participating in a workshop, leading a Wonderful Wednesday session or teaching in the RE program. There are many ways to participate in our program – look at some of these programs and find the one that speaks to you!

Children's and youth Religious Education programming is all moving to 10:00 a.m. Children who attended at 11:00 a.m. will join the 9:15am age groupings. We will continue to hold Chapel once a month (usually the first Sunday) and children will continue to participate in the beginning of the worship services on Chapel Sundays. After a month of this model we will assess and make any necessary adjustments due to class sizes, etc. **Please note: Hope Choir will meet at 9:15am in C2.**

## **For Children and Youth**



**Stone Soup Family  
Event**  
**Religious Education  
Committee Event**  
**January 10, 2015**  
**5:00pm**

Bring your whole family to hear the magical tale of how a pot of soup was made from a single stone. Enjoy a meal of delicious soup and watch the puppet show created by member **Steve Smidowicz**.

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall or call Lynn Hunt. Cost is \$5.00 per family (payable at the door). Bring a dessert to share and a canned good for the food pantry collection.

**Hope Choir Open House**  
**January 11, 2015 – 11:15am,**  
**Classroom C2**



This is an opportunity for parents and children to meet choir director, Sprite, and learn more about our children's choir. Find out about the regular activities of the choir, songs they will be learning in the Spring and when they will be performing. All are invited!

**Why Do Bad Things Happen: The Movie**  
**Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -- 11:15 a.m.,**  
**Clark Room**

Created by our very own 6th grade RE class 'Why Do Bad Things Happen: The Movie' premieres this morning. Rated G - all ages welcome! Join us to celebrate the students' hard work and prepare to be enlightened!





## **For All**



### **Trivia Night** **Boston Trip Fundraiser** **February 7, 2015**



Come test your knowledge of the obscure and have a great time while you support the Coming of Age Class trip to Boston. After completing the Coming of Age year, the class takes a trip to Boston to visit sites important to the development of American Unitarianism. The trip is funded through parent contributions, the operating budget of the church and fundraising by the parents and youth. This fundraiser is a great way to have a good time with friends and support this integral program of the Religious Education program. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall (\$120 for a table of 8 or \$15 for an individual ticket).

*A good time will be had by all!*

## **For Adults and Youth**

### **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. If you would like more information about joining a group you can: sign up in Fellowship Hall, call the Faith Development Office (314-361-0595 ext 25) or send a message through the website (<http://www.firstuustlouis.org/engaging/covenant-groups>).

### ***Save the Date – Covenant Group Potluck and Mixer – February 21<sup>st</sup>***

***A chance to meet other people involved in Covenant Groups and/or come and find out about the Covenant Group Experience.***

### **Book Discussion – Darkening the Doorways** **by Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed**

**January 11, 2015 (11:15) -- Clark Room –  
Facilitated by Margaret Weck**

The new First Unitarian Toward Justice group is reading *Darkening the Doorways* by Mark Morrison-Reed and invites the whole congregation to join us. This book is a collection of the life stories and achievements of African-American Unitarian Universalists and their struggles and triumphs in our faith tradition. The book is available in our library and from the UUA Bookstore.

## **WONDERFUL** *Wednesday*

### **Wonderful Wednesday**

**January 21, 2015 – 6:00pm till 8:30pm**

Plan to join our once-a-month mid-week gathering for fun, connection and learning. Schedule for the evening:

6:00 – 6:45 – Come anytime during this time-frame to purchase a simple meal.

7:00 – 7:20 – Vesper Service –

Music, reflection and contemplation

7:30 – 8:30 – Programming

**Learn to Embroider!** – Have you ever wished you knew embroidery?

Do you embroider and would like to get together with others that do as well? Come and enjoy



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needlework this evening with church member, **Lynda Mueller Drendel**.

**Policing Today – UMSL Professor of Criminology David Klinger** will join us for discussion on current practices of use of force in police departments and ways we can improve the practice of policing. Before becoming a criminologist, Dr. Klinger worked as a patrol officer. He is often quoted in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and was recently part of a panel discussion on the Diane Rheem Show. This promises to be an informative and lively discussion.

**Intercultural Competency Workshop:  
Who Are Our Neighbors?**

**January 23 – 24, 2015 – 6:30 – 9:00 on  
Friday night and 8:30 – 5:30/7:00 – 8:30  
on Saturday**

**\$30 registration. Facilitated by Ian Evison  
and Lisa Presley, Congregational  
Life Consultants for the  
UU Mid-America Region**

During this workshop, you will learn about the Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity. The DMIS posits that we have the ability to learn how to be more interculturally competent—that we go through stages of ability and attitudes, and that we have the ability to increase our abilities. It provides tools for learning in order to advance your competency. The model is about the “differences that make a difference” in every setting—whether that be race, class, culture, gender, sexual orientation, or any other difference that might be key in our interactions. It is applicable in congregational life, but also in your work, leisure and private life—anywhere when differences in culture and outlook might differ, the tools of the DMIS can help you increase your competency.

This workshop will teach you a new framework for understanding intercultural competency, and how to enhance your own skills, as well as insights into the multiple components of conflict and how culture plays a role in that. By attending with members of your congregation, you can learn how to move this work forward in your congregation. The training builds on itself, so it is crucial to be able to attend the Friday night, Saturday daytime and Saturday evening components. There will be a pre-workshop reading assignment as well.

This workshop is offered through the UUA MidAmerica Region. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or on the church’s website or contact Lynn Hunt.

**Great Books Discussion Group  
Sunday, January 25, 2015, 1:00pm  
Great Books Discussion Group –  
*Politics* by Aristotle**



Aristotle felt that a discussion of ethics naturally leads to an understanding of politics, because politics is the “philosophy of human affairs.” Believing that public life is by far the most virtuous, in this essay Aristotle looks at the city and how people are governed and relate to one another. Join the discussion! Great Books meets on the 4th Sunday of the month from 1-3pm at the Café Ventana (3919 West Pine – intersection of West Pine and Vandeventer), and is using the collection *Great Books Reading and Discussion 2<sup>nd</sup> Series*, which can be ordered through the Great Books Foundation Site (<http://www.greatbooks.org>). **Facilitators Margaret Weck and Mike Nolan.** (Sign Up in Fellowship Hall for more information)

### Examining Whiteness

**Tuesday evenings (Jan. 13 & 20; Feb. 10 & 17 and March 10) 7:00 – 8:30pm**

**Facilitated by Lynn Hunt, Credentialed Religious Educator**

One of the ways that racism affects us is by shaping our identity (and this is true for whites and People of Color). This class, using materials prepared by the Rev. Doctor William Gardiner, is for people interested in understanding the development of whiteness and/or transforming their whiteness through understanding the complex history of white supremacy of over four hundred years in the United States, and the impact it has on us as individuals and the society as a whole.

The curriculum includes sections on:

- The History of White Supremacy in the United States
- The Emotional Lives of White People
- Racial Identity Development
- Racial Identity Journey
- White Power and Privilege
- Developing a Positive White Identity

(Text adapted from the UUA website. The materials were developed primarily for people of a white identity to become better allies with People of Color. Everyone of all ethnic identities are invited and encouraged to attend this class.)

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## 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](mailto:sveyhl@earthlink.net).

## HANGING OF THE GREENS



A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Hanging of the Greens so special. From the background preparation to the actual event itself it takes a lot of hands to run an event as complicated as the Hanging of the Greens smoothly. THANK YOU! volunteers: Ella Allen, Andrea Berin, Reena Chesla, Jeremy Colton, Anna Drendel, Lynda Mueller-Drendel, Sean Fitzsimmons, Owen, Meredith, Betsy, and George Grimm-Howell, Sloan Marion, Danny Milam, Chloe Moorman, Ben Rosensweig, Zachary Skow, Max Smidowicz, David & Juliana Vitoff. We regret that some names were inadvertently left off our first thank you list. We appreciate everyone who helped make the event a fun time for all the participants.

*Your Feasts & Festivals Committee  
(Victoria Bonvento, Sara Collier, Jane Hoekelman, James Laing,  
Carolyn Nolan, Margaret Weck)*

# FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH TOWARD JUSTICE

*Toward Justice* is the new name of the AntiRacism/AntiOppression/Multicultural group that formed at the church after the death of Michael Brown. The group has been very active participating in marches, witnessing events and educating ourselves about various issues around racism and oppression. In addition, the group has written a mission/vision/goal statement (see below). The group is currently engaged in learning the history of Ferguson by reading the article: "The Making of Ferguson" [www.epi.org/publication/making-ferguson/](http://www.epi.org/publication/making-ferguson/). After we further understand the issues, we plan to advocate for reforms that will make our community more just to the Ferguson Commission. We are also learning about the history of our faith community by reading *Darkening the Doorways* by Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed. Other educational opportunities that relate to our mission are a Wonderful Wednesday presentation by Criminology Professor, Dr. David Klinger, the Intercultural Workshop put on in conjunction with the UU Mid-America Region and the Examining Whiteness class. (see Adult Education column for more details) The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. All are invited to participate. If you would like to be on the email list or Facebook group to receive information about community events, etc. please contact Lynn Hunt. We hope you can find a way to participate in this important expression of our faith.

## MISSION AND GOALS OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN TOWARD JUSTICE PROJECT

We Unitarian Universalists of First Unitarian Church of St. Louis feel it is our spiritual and moral obligation to work to end human suffering that is caused by privilege and racial injustice. Working to heal a culture of ongoing human and economic degradation is necessary for the mutual survival and benefit of all. As a religious people we are committed to compassion and justice. We will 'Stand on the Side of Love' as a congregation and accept personal responsibility for racial injustice.

We promise to educate ourselves, the congregation and the community about systems of oppression, to recognize and make known oppression, and work to dismantle such systems through:

Service, Education, Witnessing,  
Advocacy and Community Organizing

To be as effective as possible we will link with other community groups. While our primary focus is to act locally, we understand that all oppression is linked and, therefore, support such efforts nationally and globally as well.

We understand that this work can be uncomfortable. We encourage and invite all to join us as we endeavor to live out our religious lives (based on our current understanding) expressed in these words by Theodore Parker:

Be ours a religion which like sunshine;  
goes everywhere; its temple, all space;  
its shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth;  
its ritual, works of love;  
its profession of faith, divine living

## DO YOU SHOP ON-LINE?



When making your on-line purchases be sure to log on to GoodSearch.com. Search for your items through Good Search, each search earns money for First Unitarian Church. So far this Fiscal Year, the church has earned \$42.35. The potential is SO MUCH higher...cost to you...ZERO!

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.

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always good music.  
Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fellowship Dinner. Watch  
for upcoming details; we  
honor long-time members and friends.  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Music Sunday

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and elections. Watch for upcoming details  
It's easy to see that being a part of the First Unitarian community offers so much more than just an hour on a Sunday morning. Please consider resolving to give the gift of yourself in attendance, participation and service. Continuing to generate the legacy of generosity, which we are proud of, is so easy when shared among so many.

*Happy New Year!*  
—Diane Fawcett

## ON-LINE NEWSLETTER

The **St. Louis Unitarian** is now available on-line. Check out our website home page.



## NEWSLETTER FOLDING

Come and join our newsletter folding group on Tuesday, January 20 at 9:30 a.m. as we ready the newsletter for bulk mail. This is a wonderful way to meet church members or reconnect with those you already know.

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

### THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL DONATIONS:

- Last month, the church, through its Sunday designated collections, collected \$988.62 for the Trinity Hot Lunch Program and \$835.00 for South Side Early Childhood center.
- Donations are coming in for the Full Glass Campaign. (See page 6 for details)
- The Community Action Endowment Fund continues to receive donations in memory of Renni Shuter.
- Memorial gifts were received in memory of Caroline Arnold, Tom Hungerford, Renni Shuter and Gerald Little.
- An anonymous donation was made to the Caring Fund.
- The church office received a generous donation of paper from Richard Kniep.

## HOURLY STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS



On behalf of the hourly staff and contract employees, I would like to thank the congregation for its extreme generosity this Christmas. We collected over \$3000.00 for our dedicated part-time staff. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

—Mary Ward

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM DECEMBER 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 or who have passed away.

--James (Buck) Anthony Bosnick, Jr., father of **Jim Bosnick** passed away last month.

--**Tom Hungerford** passed away early this month. A memorial service was held on December 19.

—We send our condolences to **Dave Crawford** and family. Dave's father passed away close to Thanksgiving.

--Please keep **Jamie Ryan** in your thoughts and prayers. Jamie is coping with several very serious health issues.

--**Caroline Hunsche Arnold**, step-daughter of Marietta Hunsche, passed away on November 29.

--**Marietta Hunsche**, the longest standing member of our church, is seriously ill and is under special nursing care at Sunrise of Des Peres. Marietta would love to receive cards. Contact the church office for address.

—The **office staff** is very grateful to all of the little “elves” who brought gifts. Thanks so much to RE, Landscaping, Young Adults, and other anonymous gift givers.

--**Amanda Kracen's** grandmother passed away in mid-December. A funeral was held in the Chicago area.



# 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.

## **Sunday, January 4**

### **Designated Collection: TBD**

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 11:15 a.m. - 7th & 8th Grade Parent Meeting (CH)
- 11:30 a.m. - Care and Concerns Meeting (CLK)
- 11:30 p.m. - Knitting Ministry (C8)
- 11:30 p.m. - Writing Group (C1)
- 12:00 p.m. - Covenant Group (CLK)
- 7:00 p.m. - Toastmasters (CLK)

## **Tuesday, January 6**

- 2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. - First UU Buddhist Group (CH)

## **Wednesday, January 7 Church Office Closed**

- 7:00 p.m. - Toward Justice (CLK)
- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, January 8**

- 6:00 p.m. - Canvass Team Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - Feasts & Festivals Comm. (FH)

## **Saturday, January 10**

- 5:00 p.m. - Stone Soup Family Event (FH)

## **Sunday, January 11 Newsletter Deadline / Bake Sale**

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 11:15 a.m. - Darkening the Doorways (CLK)
- 11:15 a.m. - Hope Choir Open House (C2)

## **Tuesday, January 13**

- 11:00 a.m. - Women's Alliance
- 2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)
- 6:30 p.m. - Policy Board (C1)
- 7:00 p.m. - Examining Whiteness Class (CLK)
- 7:00 p.m. - First UU Buddhist Group (CH)

## **Wednesday, January 14 Church Office Closed**

- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Saturday, January 17**

- 9:00 a.m. - Moppet Swap (CH)

## **Sunday, January 18**

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- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 10:00 a.m. - CAEF Grant Recognition
- 10:00 a.m. - Fair Trade Coffee Sales (FH)
- 11:15 a.m. - Why Do Bad Things Happen (CLK)
- 1:30 p.m. - Worship Lab (Hope Chapel)
- 11:30 p.m. - Covenant Group (C7,C8)
- 6:00 p.m. - CAEF Dinner, Off Site
- 7:00 p.m. - Toastmasters (CLK)

## **Monday, January 7 Church Office Closed**

MLK Holiday

## **Tuesday, January 20**

- 9:30 a.m. - Newsletter Fold (C1)
- 6:00 p.m. - IT Task Force (CLK)
- 6:30 p.m. - Library Committee
- 7:00 p.m. - Examining Whiteness Class (CLK)
- 7:00 p.m. - First UU Buddhist Group (CH)

## **Wednesday, January 21 Church Office Closed**

- 5:30 p.m. - Wonderful Wednesday
- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, January 23**

- 5:00 p.m. - Multicultural Competencies (CH)

## **Saturday, January 24**

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

## **Sunday, January 25**

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 1:00 p.m. - Great Books Discussion (Café Ventana)

## **Tuesday, January 27**

- 12:00 p.m. - Women's Alliance
- 6:30 p.m. - Church Council (C1)
- 7:00 p.m. - First UU Buddhist Group (CH)

## **Wednesday, January 28 Church Office Closed**

- 6:00 p.m. - Long Range Planning Committee (C1)
- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

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