

# The St. Louis Unitarian

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

## APRIL 2016 WORSHIP INFORMATION

**April 3 — "Lifting the Gates: Olympia Brown"**

**Rev. Thomas Perchlik**

**Special music by the Accustics,**

Extra music by Melissa Payton and Earl Naylor

Rev. Olympia Brown was the first woman to be fully Ordained to lead churches in North America. She was a Universalist and was a significant leader in getting women the vote. How might her life inspire us in the work of lifting gates, freeing people and souls?

**April 10— "April Showers: Celebration Sunday"**

**Rev. Thomas Perchlik**

**Special Music: First U Choir sings**

selections from the Missa Breva

Today we all gather together for worship and a brunch. We will uplift and celebrate the abundant life-giving power at the heart of our congregation. We will consider what it means to be both the April showers and May flowers of our faith.

**April 17— "More than a Minyan"**

**Rev. Thomas Perchlik**

Special Music by Yohanna Park-Haynes

A "minyan" is the minimum of Jews needed to hold public worship. What more is a church or synagogue? What is our purpose that helps us to do more than gather? Is ending poverty the social power, need, and responsibility that makes us more than a minyan?

**April 24—"Gospel Mass: Choral Music Sunday"**

**Rev. Thomas Perchlik**

This Sunday, the First U Choir, under director of Dr. Joel Knapp will perform. Nearly 40 years ago the Saint Louis composer Robert Ray wrote the *Gospel Mass*, setting the words of the Catholic Church to the musical language of African American gospel. Dr. Ray said, "The move from Latin to English created new opportunities... to experience the sense of joy and celebration" in true worship.

April 10  
**Church**

Get  
together

**Coming Soon:  
Ministerial  
Evaluation**



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**Fellowship  
Dinner**

**April 23**



**FAIR  
TRADE  
COFFEE  
SALES**

**APRIL 3, 17**

## MINISTER'S COLUMN

The other day, about 5 in the morning, I heard a robin singing energetically. A few weeks back I heard a thousand blackbirds rousing one another to journey north. For much of the day, sounds of birds echo through the trees as harbingers of spring arriving.

In Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, The Duke in the forest says, "And this, our life exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything. I would not change it." Centuries before, the psalmist wrote "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands... They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, words to the ends of the world." Perhaps you have seen the T-shirt saying, "Pray ceaselessly, and if necessary, use words."

We Unitarian Universalists are generally cautious of religious language, avoiding the thin piety of words, never assuming their meaning. We fear habits that may "bind the mind to narrow thought and lifeless creed." However, at the same time, we love words and know their power to open the mind to new vistas and greater truth.

So, when we flock together on Sundays, or in small groups, we encourage each other to speak more clearly both with our lives and with our words as well. We also encourage thoughtful, educated and respectful use of religious language in the culture around us. As spring arises, so may our spirit and voices rise for Love and Justice, greater tolerance and human dignity.



—Yours in Peace,  
Thomas



## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS:** 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. April's designated collections are Gateway Greening (April 3, 2016) and Prison Performing Arts (April 17, 2016).



**Gateway Greening** educates and empowers people to improve their communities through gardening and urban agriculture. Their City Seeds Urban Farm is an urban agriculture initiative providing job training and therapeutic horticulture to homeless and underserved individuals. First Church's Green Sanctuary Greenleaf Garden is one of 200 community gardens supported by Gateway Greening. Refer to their website <http://www.gatewaygreening.org> for more information. This recipient was nominated by church member Connie Goss.



**Prison Performing Arts** is a multi-discipline literacy and performing arts program that serves incarcerated adults and children. The mission is to serve prisoners in Missouri by providing a play class and writing class each semester. The members also present alumni performances that provide community for the prisoners after incarceration. Refer to website <http://www.prisonartsstl.org> for more information. This recipient was nominated by church member Paula Hanssen .

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY!

Join us to explore "The Who in the New Era."

Our three keynote presenters will share their thoughts on how Unitarian Universalism could be exactly what current religious explorers want from faith communities.

There will be many great workshops and outstanding worship services led by ministers from across the region. For complete information and a link to register, please visit our website:

<https://www.midamericauua.org/events/regional-assembly>



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**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

## Coming Soon: Ministerial Evaluation

**UU Minister Robert T. Latham defines “ministry” as, “anything a congregation does in pursuit of its religious mission to its own membership and the wider community.”** This is a great definition that holds us all accountable for the work of our church. In this definition, everyone who acts to somehow promote or enhance the work of First UU is ministering to someone. As the UUA publication, *Assessing Our Leadership*, notes, “Anything so fundamental needs to be assessed regularly and carefully so that the members of a congregation may ensure that they are doing the job they think they are, deepening their understanding of ministry, developing resources for supporting their mission, and setting goals for carrying out that work more effectively.”

**With this in mind, we are preparing a ministerial evaluation, to take place in the coming months with a report to be presented at the Annual Meeting in May.** The evaluation will evaluate our church’s ministry in recent years. A team of people are being recruited and trained to gather information. If the Ministerial Evaluation Team asks you a few questions please plan to participate. You may also contact them for an interview through the church office 314-631-0595 x23, or [office@firstuustlouis.org](mailto:office@firstuustlouis.org)

## Fellowship of the Church

Please join the Feasts and Festivals Committee and the Program Council in the celebration of our life together in this covenantal faith community at 6:00 p.m. on Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme of this year’s Fellowship Dinner is à la Tolkien: “The Fellowship of the Church.” We will be recognizing all sorts of people who help make this church a special and beloved part of our lives, from long-term members, to committee chairs, and those brand new to the journey. Questing will be involved as well.

There are costs associated with any event, but this year there will be multiple ways to help defray those costs besides the \$25 reservation. Those volunteering to help before, during or after the event itself or before the event in food preparation will receive substantial discounts on the event cost. Details of all the volunteer opportunities will be available at the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall.

Sign-ups for attending the event and volunteer opportunities will begin after the service on Sun. March 27 and continue through Sun. April 17. Even if you are not able to attend the April 23<sup>rd</sup> event we hope you will find a way to be part of the event, because you are an inextricable part of “The Fellowship of the Church.”

—Margaret Weck

## WOMEN'S ALLIANCE



**April 12, Tuesday, 11 a.m.** Business Meeting.

Noon Lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Bring your own sandwich or salad; coffee and dessert provided  
1 p.m. Library or Clark Room.

Gwenne Hickman presents the program on "The Azores: Crossroads of the Atlantic from the Age of Discovery to Now."

**April 26, Tuesday, 12 Noon** Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own sandwich or salad. Dessert is provided  
1 p.m. Library Interactive presentation by Tom Archer on a Short Story, title to be announced.

Interested women are invited, no reservation needed.

Visitors are welcome to the Lunch period and to the talk. No reservations are needed. Please see or contact the Alliance President, Pam Gempel, for further information.



## FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALES

**April 3 and April 17**

Remember that we now accept *credit and debit cards* as payment through PayPal, in addition to cash and checks. All Fair Trade products sold at First Church support small-scale farmers and their local cooperatives in the authentic Fair Trade model. Thank you for being a part of this. It matters.

## Church Directory



***Last chance!!! Please make sure your contact information is updated with the church office or contact Dan Livengood, our Membership Coordinator.***

## Toward Justice

The Toward Justice Group that was formed in the wake of the Ferguson events. The group meets to study and discuss racial justice actions in which we can participate and reform issues for which we will advocate. We provide study and action opportunities for the congregation. The group is a member of the Don't Shoot Coalition. We also attend various education events that are offered in the metropolitan area. **If you would like to receive the new Toward Justice Information Newsletter** (which lists many educational events happening in the St Louis Region) please inform Lynn Hunt or sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

Special thanks to group members **Cathy Rauch** and **Susan Lammert** who recently attended the ACLU sponsored lobby day in Jefferson City promoting the Fair and Impartial Policing Bill.

### **Upcoming Event: Anti-Racism Workshop with Chris Crass at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Columbia, MO April 9<sup>th</sup> (10:00am - 2:00pm)**

Join with other UUs for this community-wide workshop focusing on the critical need for collective action against racism with activist and author Chris Crass. Chris is the author of "Towards Collective Liberation: anti-racist organizing, feminist praxis and movement building strategy." He is also a nationally recognized activist and speaker on this matter. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in carpooling to this event or to receive more information.

### **Visiting Minister Needs Help!!!**

Hello: I'm a past UU lay minister living in N. California, coming to St Louis this summer to work as a volunteer for NARAL (Natl Abortion Rights League) and Planned Parenthood --- and needing housing and a car to help make it happen. If you can offer any help with either of those two items, it'd be most gratefully appreciated. I'll be in St Louis from mid-June to Labor Day.

You can learn a little more about me, if you'd like, at [http://mendouu.mcn.org/rc\\_bio.html](http://mendouu.mcn.org/rc_bio.html) There's a link there to my "spiritual essays" if you'd like to get to know me further.

If you know of any housing possibilities (a room with you, an apartment, whatever) hopefully not too far from the Forest Park area, where NARAL is located - and/or know of a car I could use for the summer (or any part of it) - please contact me at 707-964-1722 or [rick@mcn.org](mailto:rick@mcn.org). I'm happy covering any rent, car insurance costs, etc.

I'm greatly looking forward to being a part of your congregation this summer and meeting you-all. With thanks for your any help you might offer...

—Rick Childs, Mendocino, CA

# LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

LYNN HUNT,  
CREDENTIALLED RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR

‘The Butterfly Jar’

We had a jar with a butterfly.  
We opened the lid and it flew to the sky.  
And there are things inside my head  
Waiting to be thought or said;  
Dreams and jokes and wonderings are  
Locked inside, like a butterfly jar.’  
But then, when you are here with me,  
I can open the lid and set them free.

By Jeff Moss

The late Jeff Moss was the original head-writer for ‘Sesame Street.’ He had a varied career that included writing poetry for children. He felt that writing for children was no different than writing for adults – people of all ages experience the same emotions, you just use different words to reach different ages. He expressed that his main goals in his work for children was to entertain them (make them happy), teach them a little bit and leave them a little bit better off. His goals and the imagery he presents in his poem ‘The Butterfly Jar’ perfectly express what teaching in the Religious Education program is like! Adults and children spend time together to share dreams and jokes, learn some things and everyone comes away a little bit better off.

This is why teaching in the Religious Education program is one of the greatest gifts we can give to our children and youth, our church and our community at large.

Do you:

- ✦ Want to be a part of the vitality of our Church?
- ✦ Want to contribute to the development of Unitarian Universalism?
- ✦ Want to learn and grow in your own faith development?
- ✦ Want to get to know the youngest members of our community?
- ✦ Want to help minds grow without fear?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, then it is time for you to be a Religious Education teacher!

**Sign-Up Beginning April 17th for  
Summer RE of this Year and  
Fall/Spring of the 2016/2017 Year**

## **Summer RE:**

Summer RE emphasizes our connection to the Earth and involves outdoor activities and working in the gardens. The class is a multi-age group for elementary children (pre-school has a separate program). The program is fun and relaxed. This year, each lesson will feature an activity around our gardens: Teddy Bear, Stone Soup, Rainbow, Bible Lands, Senses, Unitarian Universalist Gardeners, and Native American inspired Three Sisters Garden. The program will include Wisdom Tales from around the world and use some of the Unitarian Universalist Tapestry of Faith Curriculum – *World of Wonder*. No need to be a master gardener to lead the class! There will be plenty of help. (Summer RE session runs from June 19 thru August 28 with no meeting on July 3)

### **Fall and Spring (2016/2017)**

Our curriculum emphasizes the growing capabilities and responsibilities of the children and youth. They explore our religious heritage and the wisdom of all religious peoples to glean the lessons that speak to us as Unitarian Universalists in today's world. The curricula come from a variety of UU curriculum writers. In addition each class helps with the gardens and social justice projects like Sandwich Making.

Please look at the Teacher Sign-Up information table in Fellowship Hall for samples of curricula and open teaching slots. If you have any questions contact Lynn Hunt.

*Looking forward to your participation in the Religious Education Program!*

### **Up Coming Religious Education Programs for Children and Families**

#### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt! – Sunday, March 27th (after service)**

Eggs are an ancient reminder of life coming from something that looks cold and barren. Colorful eggs are the perfect way to welcome the new life and growth of spring. Children will gather in the Hope Chapel foyer after the **Easter Sunday service (March 27th)** to hunt for eggs on the Kingshighway lawn. Children are asked to find 3 eggs and then wait till everyone has that number before looking for more. Please note – there are not regular RE classes on that morning, but there will be activities for the children in the Chapel.

**defCON5 – Peace Time Readiness is Coming to First Unitarian!** Our Youth Group is hosting (April 8 - 10) the high school conference for youth groups in the southern area of our district and would love to have your help! Volunteers are needed to be overnight chaperons and to help with meal preparation. Visit the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall -- this is a great way to support and get to know the youth of this and other churches.

Hope you can participate!

### **Up Coming Religious Education Programs 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>).

### **New LGBT Group Forming**

A new Covenant Group is forming under the leadership of **Meghan Garvey** and **Alicia Lloyd** for those interested in joining a LGBT group. Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in joining the group or want more information.

### **Covenant Group Potluck Mixer – Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Gather at 5:00pm)**

Have you wanted to find out about the Covenant Group experience? Are you in a Covenant Group and would like to get to know members of other groups? Sign-up for the Covenant Group Potluck Mixer!

This is opportunity for people to experience a Covenant Group and for existing group members to get together. After the potluck meal everyone will be divided into groups and explore the topic of ‘Deep Listening.’ Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall and be sure to indicate what dish you will bring!

### **Liberal Understanding of the Bible**

**March 31, April 7- 28 & May 5  
(7:00pm – Clark Room)**

**Facilitated by Rev. Perchlik**

What is the Bible? How did it come to be? How can I understand and use it? In contrast to those who think they know what “the Bible says” a liberal understanding approaches the Bible as a living document, always changing even when the words are set. In six sessions (March 31-May 5) Reverend Thomas will lead an exploration of scriptures from the Torah, through the Nevi’im, the Ketivum, the Gospels, the Epistles and Revelations. The primary resource for the class is Reverend John Buehrens’ book, *Understanding the Bible: an Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals*. Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall.

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**Save the Dates!**  
**Toward Justice Book Discussion  
Group will be reading and dis-  
cussing ‘Just Mercy’ June 1, 9  
& 16. Watch for details!**

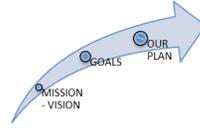
**Great Books Discussion Group**  
***The Persian Wars -- selections***  
**from the writings of Herodotus**  
**Sunday, April 24th, 12:30pm**

The *Histories* of Herodotus is now considered the founding work of history in Western literature. Written in the 450s BC *The Histories* serves as a record of the ancient traditions, politics, geography, and clashes of various cultures that were known in Western Asia, Northern Africa and Greece at that time. Although not a fully impartial record, it remains one of the West's most important sources regarding these affairs.

“Moreover, it established the genre and study of history in the Western world, despite the existence of historical records and chronicles beforehand.” (Wikipedia)

Join the Discussion! Great Books meets on the 4th Sunday of the month from 12:30-2pm at United Provisions in the Loop (6241 Delmar – **please note that this is a new location**), and is using the collection *Great Books Reading and Discussion Program second volume of the Third Series*, which can be ordered through the Great Books Foundation Site (<http://www.greatbooks.org>). **Facilitator Mike Nolan.**

Sign Up in Fellowship Hall for more information.



## **GROWING OUR FUTURE...**

### **Long Range Planning at First Unitarian**

#### **An Update:**

Goals/Objectives for long range planning are being discussed and reviewed for approval by the Policy Board and Church Council. Once approved the next step is to share with you and begin the process of creating plans to achieve these goals.

In the words attributed to painter Pablo Picasso:

*“Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success.”*

**STAY TUNED.....**

– Larry Dusenbery

## RECYCLING



Don't forget....the church belongs to a recycling

program with **Quill**, our office supply company. The church receives rebates for recycling inkjet cartridges. 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**

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

## 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. 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 one this Sunday. Simply register on-line and you are ready to earn money for First Unitarian Church.

## ROAD TO MEMBERSHIP

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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, Church Council Chair, Secretary or Treasurer) will meet you on the Sanctuary chancel.

*We welcome you to our religious community*

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

### THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL DONATIONS:

- A total of \$440.00 was donated to Designated Collections on February 28 for Vision for Children at Risk. A total of \$400.00 was donated to Designated Collections on March 13 for Partner Church.



## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM FEBRUARY 2015

Let us keep in our minds all who live with grief or joy this day, those who are healing from illness or surgery and those who have family members who are ill.

— It is with deep sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of long time member **Robert Murphy**. He had been struggling with cancer. Arrangements are pending.

—Congratulations for **Ms. Augie Underwood** on the birth of her grandson, Amory Jermaine Henderson (7lbs 9oz, 20 1/4 inches) on February 26. **Ms. Andrienne** is enjoying all the perks of motherhood.

—We share **Jeanne and Bob Franklin's** concern for Bob's nephew whose cancer has returned. Bob's nephew underwent surgery on Thursday, March 3 and is now recovering.

—Congratulations to **Christine 'Tails' & George Sessen** (our super Sandwich Making coordinators) on the birth of their new daughter, **Marlowe Lynn**. Marlowe was born on March 3rd and is welcomed into this world by two big sisters, **Paisley** and **Zelda**.

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

A simple line drawing of a sun with rays, positioned below the text.

# 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.

## Saturday, April 2

- 9:30 a.m. - CRC (All Rooms)
- 5:00 p.m. - Covenant Group Mixer (FH, L, C7, C8)

## Sunday, April 3

### **Designated Collection: Gateway Greening**

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 11:00 a.m. - Trinity Hot Lunch Prep (K)
- 11:15 a.m. - New to First U Covenant Group, C8
- 11:30 a.m. - Writing Group (CLK)
- 7:00 p.m. - Toastmasters (CLK)

## Tuesday, April 5

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

## Wednesday, April 6

- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 7

- 7:00 a.m. - The New Jim Crow Book Discussion (L)
- 5:00 p.m. - Facilities Meeting (C1)
- 7:00 p.m. - Liberal Perspectives on the Bible (CLK)

## Friday, April 8—10

- District Youth Conference (All rooms)

## Sunday, April 10

### **Canvass Sunday, Newsletter Deadline**

- 9:00 a.m. - Sandwich Making for the Homeless
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 11:30 a.m. - Knitting Ministry (C7)
- 11:30 a.m. - Canvass Meeting (C1)

## Tuesday, April 12

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

## Wednesday, April 13

- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 14

- 7:00 p.m. - Liberal Perspectives on the Bible (CLK)

## Saturday, April 16

- 9:30 a.m. - CRC (All Rooms)

## Sunday, April 17

### **Designated Collection: Prison Performing Arts, Fair Trade Coffee**

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 11:30 a.m. - Emily-Jeremy Colton Covenant Gr. (C7)
- 11:30 a.m. - Kelley/Veyhl Covenant Group (C8)
- 11:30 a.m. - Feinberg Covenant Group (DR)
- 11:30 a.m. - Care and Concern Meeting (CLK)
- 11:30 a.m. - Partner Church Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Toastmasters (CLK)

## Tuesday, April 19

- 10:00 a.m. - Newsletter Folding (C1)
- 2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)
- 6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee (C1)
- 7:00 p.m. - MWM Men's Group (CLK)
- 7:00 p.m. - Library Committee

## Wednesday, April 20

- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 21

- 7:00 p.m. - Liberal Perspectives on the Bible (CLK)
- 7:00 p.m. - Toward Justice (C1)

## Saturday, April 23

- Fellowship Dinner

## Sunday, April 24

- 9:00 a.m. - Sandwich Making for the Homeless
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 11:30 a.m. - Canvass Meeting (C1)
- 12:30 p.m. - Great Books Discussion (Offsite)

## Tuesday, April 26

- 12:00 p.m. - Women's Alliance
- 2:00 p.m. - Qigong Class (CH)
- 6:30 p.m. - Church Council (C1)
- 7:00 p.m. - Buddhist Book Discussion (CH)

## Wednesday, April 27

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

## Friday, April 29

- 6:00 p.m. - Young Adult Vespers and Fellowship (CH)

## Saturday, April 30

- 9:30 a.m. - CRC (All Rooms)

For updates to the church calendar visit [firstuustlouis.org](http://firstuustlouis.org)

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Saturday & Sunday Closed