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Religious Education

Mary Kroener-Ekstrand, Director of Religious Education

Dear All,

As we head into the last few weeks of summer, it is time to start thinking about our programs for fall. I will be back in the office on Tuesday, August 19th and would be glad to hear from you! See below a few special notes about what is coming up.

Best,
Mary



Volunteer Needs:

I still have need of a few more RE teachers especially for PreK-K and elementary aged kids at 9am. There are also some scattered openings for volunteers at 11 am. Please let me know if you would be interested in filling one of these openings.

I would love to hear from you if you would like to offer a program in Adult Religious Education.

Schedule:

- **Saturday August 23** - Volunteer Training for Teachers - 10-2pm
- **Sunday August 24** - One Service at 10 am - We will have childcare for our little ones and supervised outdoor play and activities for school aged children. We need some parent or teen volunteer helpers to supervise, so let Mary know if you would like to help. This is the first Sunday that Mary will be at church...
- **Sunday, August 31** - One Service at 10 am - Childcare for our little ones and supervised playground activities for school aged kids. Helpers needed...
- **Sunday, September 7** - Ingathering Sunday, Two services - 9am and 11am, Our regular RE Sunday School classes will resume when we switch from our summer schedule back to two services (9am and 11am) on our Ingathering Sunday. On this day, we hope that children of all ages will gather on the front lawn to meet their teachers and peers. We will parade in to the Sanctuary en masse to the joyous song of our wonderful Chancel Choir. After a brief time of full community worship, the young people and their teachers will exit the Sanctuary together for our first "official" class meetings of the new church year.



Photos from Church Camping

Trip Sunday Service -

submitted by Rick Gregory



Environmental Ministry News

-submitted by Joan M. Gregory, Co-Coordinator,
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Triple R: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

(It's a SWAP!) Saturday, September 13, 2014, 10 am - 2 pm Eliot Hall, First Unitarian Church

Purpose: Share what we have with each other, our neighboring community, families being resettled in Salt Lake City by the International Rescue Committee and with others in need. Reduce waste, recycle what you don't need, reuse what others don't need, share your abundance with the community.

How this works:

- bring what you don't need (working items only like clothing, jewelry, books, music, videos, school supplies, kitchen & household items, linens, working electronics, toys & games - NO large items please) & put them on a table
- take what you need from what others have brought;

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Congregational Briefs

First Unitarian Church Tables at Equality Utah Allies Dinner

Be part of the celebration on September 26 at the Salt Palace! Reserve a seat at the First Unitarian Church of SLC tables to celebrate the monumental leaps in justice for equality during 2014. Until July 16, tickets are \$125/per person. After July 16, they are \$150/per person. Last year we had 5 tables. Let's make it 6 and show our support for justice and equality for all. The keynote speaker will be the critically acclaimed actress Laverne Cox, star of the series "Orange is the New Black". She is the first trans woman of color to have a leading role in a mainstream television series and to host her own TV show.

Registration procedures have changed this year. To reserve your seat at the First Unitarian Church of SLC Tables:

1. Go to alliesdinner.org to make your reservation.
2. On the right hand side of the screen, click on PURCHASE TICKETS.
3. Fill in your personal information.
4. Under "Donation Amount" click OTHER enter \$125 your ticket purchased before 7/16. After 7/16, click \$150.
5. In the rectangular box under where you entered your e-mail, enter your table captain as "ANDREA GLOBOKAR".
6. In September, all tickets for the First Unitarian Church of SLC tables will be given to me for distribution. At that time I will notify you when and where to pick up your tickets.

Given the wonderful events of this year, with Utah leading the way toward marriage equality nationwide, this is an event not to be missed! Contact Andrea Globokar, anglobe@comcast.net or 801-518-7461, with questions.

Open Minds Book Group

The group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The UU Book Club will continue to meet during June, July and August in Room 208 at the Church on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Please email E'lisabeth Carroll at ndotgw@gmail.com if you are interested in attending the Summer Book Club meetings.

Singing Circle: International Folksongs

We're singing through the Summer! Here's a chance to learn some delightful songs and harmonies in a playful, welcoming atmosphere. This gathering is for all levels of singers - from shy shower singers to confident vocalists! Adults and young people 15 years and up. Teens must be focused and accompanied by a responsible participating adult. When: 4th Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Contact: Stacey at voicecoachSLC@gmail.com.

Summer UU Lunch Bunch

A family-friendly group for anyone and everyone who would like to get together for lunch and chat with like-minded people. Meet at the Restaurant on Sundays at noon. For more information contact Sonia Carnell at 801-904-3709 or lunchbunch@slcuu.org.

- August 10th: Wild Grape Bistro (481 East South Temple)
- August 17th: Cafe Molise (55 West 100 South)

2014 First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City – Annual Congregational Survey

Dear Members and Friends of First Church:

Welcome to the first Annual Congregational Survey. This survey is intended to provide critical information for the Board of Trustees and the Executive Team. We will use the results to evaluate our progress, evaluate our stated Ends and identify areas in which we need to dedicate additional time and resources in the coming years. This is different from the single-question survey you received in the Order of Service back in February.

As you will see, the survey is organized into three short sections corresponding to each of our three identified Ends, or goals. We are interested in your perceptions of how the Church is doing in these vital areas that project who we want to become as a church community.

Your opinion counts! Our goal is to hear from everyone, either through this printed version or through the electronic version you received in your email. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes. Please take this small amount of time to provide feedback and invest in the future of First Unitarian Church. Surveys can be returned to collection baskets at the church beginning August 24th.

Thank you,

The Board of Trustees and Executive Team

2014 First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City – Annual Congregational Survey

Introduction

Mission Statement: First Unitarian Church nurtures and challenges the spiritual and intellectual journey for all generations, and actively engages in building a progressive and just world.

Through pursuit of the Church Mission and cognizant of the Church's moral ownership—all those who engage on behalf of the Church's Mission—the Board of Trustees strives to achieve three ends related to who we are within, among, and beyond. This survey is designed to help us evaluate our progress towards these ends and to give direction to our work for the coming church year.

Instructions

Please tell us the degree to which you agree or disagree with each statement presented for each section below by checking the appropriate box next to each statement. Your responses should reflect your experience and perceptions of First Church at the current time.

A. Within: Everyone who comes to First Unitarian Church will experience joyous celebration, spiritual growth, a search for meaning, and intellectual stimulation.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
Through my involvement with First Church, I experience:					
1. a rich and diverse worship life that nurtures, challenges and inspires me;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. compassionate pastoral care in times of joy, sorrow and transition;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. spiritual and theological growth through both personal and family-centered religious practices;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. lifelong opportunities for growth, learning, engagement and celebration.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments: _____

B. Among: The congregants of First Unitarian Church create a supportive, caring, accepting, celebratory community where everyone feels valued.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
As a member or friend of First Church, I am:					
5. welcomed and connected with others across age, race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, politics, and education;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. generous with my time, talents, and resources;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. involved in the ministries and programs of the Church (e.g., Caring Network, Environmental Ministry, Small Group Ministry, Religious Education, Choir, etc.);	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. comfortable in the building and grounds in terms of aesthetics, use of space, sustainability, presentation to the larger community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments: _____

C. Beyond: First Unitarian Church opens possibilities for everyone to respond to the prophetic call to create a just and equitable world.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
I find the church to be:					
9. a visible leader and partner for social justice issues in the Salt Lake Valley which provides ample opportunities for members and friends to actively promote social justice;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. an advocate in the public arena for liberal religious values in response to prejudice, injustice, and oppression;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. a full and active participant in the larger Unitarian Universalist community;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. a community that acts and invests in environmentally responsible and sustainable ways.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments: _____

I am a member___ friend ___ of First Unitarian Church

I have been attending First Church for ___ years

I consider my gender to be: Female___ Male___ Other___ Prefer not to disclose___

My age group is: under 30___ 30-49___ 50-64___ 65 or above___

Thank you!

Environmental Ministry News

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- no money is exchanged, it's all **FREE**;
- bring only what you **don't** need, take only what you **do** need;
- what is not taken will be donated to others in need;
- the church does not have space to store donations before the swap, if you are not able to bring items on the day of the swap, consider asking a member, a friend, or a neighbor to drop items off during the swap hours;
- ALL are welcome.
- Questions? Want to help? Call Judy Lord @ 801-486-6694.



Support the 21 Arrested at PR Springs Tar Sands Mine in Utah's Book Cliffs

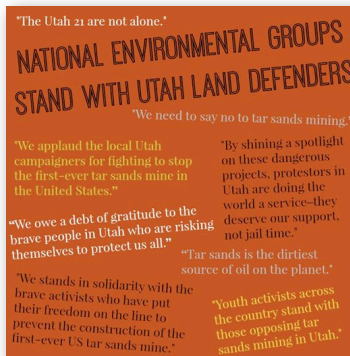
On Monday, July 21st, twenty-one people were arrested while successfully blockading US Oil Sands' tar sands mine in eastern Utah. All have now been released. **NOW they need OUR help!** These activists are in URGENT need of donations for legal support. Please **DONATE** today: <https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/donate-jail-support-for-the-utah-tar-sand-action>. While everyone has been released thanks to some amazing efforts by the legal team, folks have been charged with anything from misdemeanors to felonies, and need help in raising legal funds. Some of those arrested are from out of state and will need financial help to be able to appear in court.

Not sure why folks are so concerned about tar sands, read more: <http://www.peacefuluprising.org/action/no-tar-sands>

The blockade successfully shut down operations, which was a massive success, but fighting the charges brought against people exercising freedom of speech will play an important part in setting a precedent in a part Utah that is not accustomed to direct action or civil disobedience. You can help by making a donation [<https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/donate-jail-support-for-the-utah-tar-sand-action>], by watching the Peaceful Uprising sites [<http://www.peacefuluprising.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/peacefuluprising>] or the Utah Tar Sands Resistance sites [<http://tarsandsresist.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/utah tarsandsresistance>] for updates, and by sharing this request with your networks.

The action in the news:

- Newsweek: <http://www.newsweek.com/protesters-arrested-americas-first-tar-sands-mine-260484>
- Moab Sun: http://www.moabsunnews.com/news/article_2df22878-11d9-11e4-b9e4-001a4bcf6878.html
- Salt Lake Tribune: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/58206716-78/sands-tar-utah-oil.html.csp>



Summer Forum Concludes on August 17th

Programs begin at 10 a.m., and feature music and Q&A sessions. Conversations and refreshments continue in Eliot Hall. Child care is provided.

August 10

"How I Write" - Kathleen Cahill, award-winning playwright

August 17

**Panel on the Climate Crisis—
"There's Still Time to Make Creative and Effective Changes"**

- Hans Ehrbar, Ph.D., U of U Economics Professor on Mormon efforts to return to simple living
- Vicki Bennett, Director of the Sustainability Division for Salt Lake City, on local responses to climate change
- Brian Moench, M.D., President of Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment on climate health risks to children

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, August 24th

Rev. Goldsmith is back in the pulpit! One service only at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 31st

One service only at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 7th

Ingathering Sunday!

Welcome to a new church year. We are back to our two service schedule at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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