

The Torch

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Torch and Publication Changes

We've become aware of a communication gap for many congregants, so beginning with the August 7, 2017 issue (the next issue!) we will be going back to producing a mailed paper version of The Torch as well as continuing the online/email version. This version of The Torch will be published once per month - usually on the first Monday of the month, with a submission deadline a minimum of one week prior to publication. This full issue of the Torch will publish the usual columns, upcoming services, church-related articles, and all the usual announcements and photos as has been done in the past.

In addition to the monthly Torch, there will be a "Torch Online Supplemental" published via email/online only. This nearly weekly supplemental will include updated announcements, upcoming services and shorter, more time-sensitive pieces.

Production deadlines for these publications can be found in the Torch Submissions box on this page: <http://www.slccu.org/news/the-torch> or a paper version of this document can be picked up in the office.

To be added to the mailed paper version list for The Torch, please email Jenni at torch@slccu.org with your name and mailing address including zip code or call her at 801-582-8687 ext. 202.

Updated Summer Forum Schedule

Sundays at 10:00 am through August 20th; Childcare provided for young children

July 16 - Thomas Moyer – “Attempting the Impossible: Changing Minds on Climate Change” *Strategies used by the Citizens Climate Lobby to move climate deniers.*

July 23 - Utah Refugees: “Stories of Resilience” *A panel of refugees share their experiences of making lives in Utah*

July 30 - Pat Shea – “Religious Liberty” *First*

Amendment Attorney, past candidate for U.S. Congress and Governor in Utah

August 6 – Elliot Francis and William McMahon, M.D. - “Adults on the Autism Spectrum: Accepting Neurodiversity” *An autistic and a UofU psychiatrist discuss self-help and support strategies for adults on the spectrum.*

August 13 – Rep. Patrice Arent and Rep. Dan McCay -- “Ideology and Lawmaking: How Policymaking Gets Done” *A dialogue between elected members of the Utah State Legislature with contrasting views.*

August 20 – Pat Bagley - “Why are we laughing? Political Cartooning and Current Events” *Award winning political cartoonist for The Salt Lake Tribune shares his perceptions*

Looking Ahead

Summer Forum continues each Sunday at 10 am through August 20, 2017. Meditation group meets 15 minutes after the service in the parlor.

August 27th: Worship services resume with one service only at 10 am. Childcare will be provided.

September 3rd: Worship service; one service only at 10 am.

September 10th: Ingathering Sunday; regular worship service schedule resumes with services at 9:00 and 11:00 am; Religious Education classes for children and youth resume at the 11:00 am service only.

September 17th: Our annual Activities Fair happens after each service - a great way to find out how to be more involved and connected at First Unitarian Church.

Refugee Resettlement Committee: The Pedal Project

-submitted by Andrea Globokar

The Pedal Project is a collaboration between First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City Refugee Resettlement Committee and the International Rescue Committee (IRC).

The purpose of the Pedal Project is to provide free, gently used bicycles, new helmets, lights and bicycle locks to newly arriving refugee families in Salt Lake City. It is estimated that between 50-75 families will be resettled by IRC between July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. Gently used bicycles are tuned up for free by First UU Church volunteers. Each newly arriving family will receive one adult bicycle, a new helmet, lock and light. Children's bicycles will also be provided to families

The program was created because:

1. Bicycles are a familiar and comfortable form of transportation for refugees that is economical, immediately useful and highly appreciated. A bicycle can be shared among many members of a single family.
2. Bicycles provide cost free independence.
3. Previous experience providing bicycles to refugee families has brought resounding joy to all ages.
4. This program is a way to expand our welcome to refugees and integrate them into the community.
5. Bicycles are free transportation to work and school for adults.
6. Current programs offering used bicycles can not meet refugee needs.

Donated bicycles are picked up by members of the Refugee Resettlement Committee who will provide a tax donation receipt.

Contact Andrea Globokar, Project Coordinator at 801-518-7461 or anglobe@comcast.net to:

1. Donate a bicycle; and

2. Volunteer to tune up donated bicycles; and
3. Make a donation to be used for the purchase of new tune up materials, helmets, locks and lights.

Thank you First Unitarian

Dear Rev. Tom Goldsmith and the congregation of the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake,

Thank you again for the opportunity to facilitate and engage in the workshop "Danger of a Single Story". I enjoyed connecting with each of you and appreciate learning and growing towards furthering social justice and inclusion awareness. Together we can impact the world!

With solidarity,
Dr. Wazir Suni Jefferson

Rev. Harold Straughn's New Book

-submitted by Harold Straughn

I am pleased to announce the arrival of my new book: ANECDOTES THAT TRANSFORM:...Little Stories That Changed My Life Without My Knowing It.

You will see many familiar names, places, and ideas that you cherish, including a chapter about my life and ministry with you at First Unitarian Church.

For more information about Hardcover, Softcover, and Online editions, click here: <http://www.blurb.com/user/HKStraughn>

In addition to ordering from my publisher, I plan to be available after Summer Forum services and on into the fall.

If you decide to purchase my book, I would greatly appreciate your writing a brief review and sending it to me so I can encourage others. Feel free to share this invitation with all your friends, both in First Church and beyond!

In the Spotlight - Meet Kira Kilmer

I recently took the plunge and signed The Book after being a peripheral member of the UU community since 2006. Typically slow to action!

A refugee from the East Coast, Connecticut-born and raised, North Stamford to be precise, graduate of Wellesley College, with a twenty-year career in book, studio and corporate design, I migrated to Salt Lake on a whim, thinking it would be one winter of skiing. I'm still here, 33 years later.

The First Unitarian Church has become my philosophical and ethical home, bringing new inspiration to my life many times, just as the mountains, deserts and rivers have brought new landscapes and adventures. Upstairs neighbors in my Cambridge, Massachusetts condo asked for my unit and I have been an East Liberty Park homeowner since then.

While helping my widowed mother back in New Hampshire I traded the design and 60 hours a week on the computer for a Masters of Education and have spent the last 17 years working with children, a wonderful enlightening experience, as I do not have children of my own.

I have helped out with the UU Religious Education program, the Coming of Age group, the Jazz Vespers, and occasionally Laurie Robinson with the 9 o'clock greeting. June 2018 I promise myself to retire and continue with my fine arts painting and bird volunteering. An extended museum tour of Spain is on the list, plus a vague search for a country place, LEED certified home/organic community. Any fellow travelers out there? Come to dinner to talk.

Upcoming Torch Publication Dates

- **August 7, 2017 issue** Submission deadline Monday, July 31st by 9 am
- **September 4, 2017 issue** Submission deadline Monday, August 28th by 9 am

Order of Service and Torch Online Supplemental submission deadlines will be each Thursday (with some exceptions) beginning August 24th at 9 am. For more information regarding publication submission deadlines, please go to <http://www.slccu.org/news/the-torch> and click on the Submission deadlines document link in the right hand column on the page. You may also pick up a publication schedule in the office or request a publication schedule via email by emailing your request to: torch@slccu.org.