



UPCOMING SUNDAYS

MAY 1, 2016
9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Religious Education at 11 am only
“Statements of Faith”
-Coming of Age Youth

MAY 8, 2016
9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Religious Education at 11 am only
Mother’s Day
“Women Protesters”
**-Rev. Tom Goldsmith and our
Chancel Choir**

MAY 15TH, 2016
9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Religious Education at 11 am only
**“Does the Liberal Church
Hold Meaning for Today
and Tomorrow?”**
-Rev. Tom Goldsmith
**Congregational Meeting
follows at 12:30**

All Aboard!

-submitted by Henry Whiteside, Pledge Drive Committee

I find value and community in First Unitarian but I haven't pledged because:

- I'm not really a member
- I'm a _____ and can't give that much.
- I'm not sure what my financial situation will be next year.
- I won't be here the whole church year.
- The pledge drive is already over, isn't it?
- I can't find the form.
- What if my financial situation changes?

Well, good news! Pledges from members and friends are equally welcome, no pledge is too small, the form is nice, but a call, email or visit to the church office will do it, and a pledge is a good faith guess of what you will be able to give in the 2016-17 church year, not a contract. And if Dialing for Dollars does reach you, you can always adjust your pledge.

But seriously, folks, First Unitarian runs a very lean budget. Our small, dedicated staff supports everything the church does, from the pulpit to the many volunteers who go out into the community. We need every pledge, large or small, firm or tentative. Please step up and join your pew-mates who have already pledged. You'll be glad you did. Really.

First Unitarian Church Annual Meeting Agenda

- Call meeting to order
- Review of governance process
- Strategic Plan focus
- Election of new Nominating Committee members
- Election of new Board of Trustees members
- Operations Report
- Ministry
- Programs
- Financials
- Approve 2016-17 church year budget
- Closing

**Annual
Congregational
Meeting
May 15, 2016
12:30 pm**

Congregational Briefs

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Events to be listed should occur after May 17th to ensure timeliness.

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Meditation Group Changes

We will be meeting on Sundays in the Parlor at 12:15. We will not meet on May 1st, May 15th or June 5th. We will end near the end of the church year. Final date to be determined.

Spring Highway Cleanup

Please set aside a couple of hours on Saturday morning, May 21, to keep Utah beautiful by joining our group of volunteers to remove litter along a 4-mile stretch of State Road 65 extending from Mountain Dell towards East Canyon. Remember, you get to keep any treasures you find (\$,\$\$\$,\$\$\$-?). Meet at THE church at 9:00 AM to carpool, or at 9:30 AM at the Parleys Canyon UDOT maintenance facility adjacent to the Mountain Dell golf course. The state requires that participants be eleven years of age or older.....BUT, there is no upper limit. Bring gloves and a positive attitude. We should be finished by 11:30 AM. For any questions, or to sign up, please contact Frank Steffey at 801-277-2509.

Anybody interested in taking over the leadership of this beneficial activity should contact Frank Steffey. This will be the last rodeo unless some volunteer steps forward to take this over. This may mark the end of a 15-year tradition.

Wellness Ministry?

First Unitarian Church is gauging interest in establishing a Wellness Ministry. If you would like to be part of the conversation and/or you'd like to be part of a community--based effort to address wellness and chronic health issues, please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Sunita Shankaran at sunita771@gmail.com. There are also fliers at the Welcome Table for University of Utah sponsored wellness workshops beginning the week of April 18. These workshops are *free and open to the public*. Contact healthcare.utah.edu/livingwell or livingwell@hsd.utah.edu for more information.

First Church Info Sessions

Interested in learning more about First Church and Unitarian Universalism? Want to meet other newcomers? Check out our twice-monthly First Church Information Sessions. Generally held the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, this month's sessions are:

- May 1st - meet Rev. Matthew at the piano after each service and he'll lead you to the Parlor, no RSVP needed.
- May 19th - 7:00-9:00 p.m. - meet Revs. Tom and Matthew in room 208. Snacks and childcare provided. RSVP to Rev. Matthew at clminister@slcuu.org

Refugee Resettlement Committee

Mothers' Day is coming up. Start planning now. Breakfast in bed is passé. Flowers are ho-hum. Take her to R.C. Willey instead and let her choose new furniture. R.C. Willey delivers the new stuff. The Refugee

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In the Life

It's happened twice now...two Sundays in a row.

I can't find the word to describe it, so let me just explain it to you and see what you'd call it.

Some Sundays I have the rare privilege of "floating."

What I mean by this is that I have no commitment that requires me to stay in one place for the duration of a worship service. I may begin by greeting folks in Eliot Hall, continue by checking in with a junior high or high school classroom, have a side conversation or two in a hallway. Usually I spend some time in the "overflow" section in Eliot Hall, where the service is playing on the screen and people are drinking coffee, staffing their tables in wait for coffee hour, watching the worship service, holding their children, etc.

It was one of those "floating" Sundays that it happened.

The worship service was about Environmentalism and Reconnecting to Hope. Several speakers shared their perspectives and convictions with passion and eloquence.

Eliot Hall had an unusual assortment of tables for environmentally related causes and organizations.

I witnessed our guest artists - storytellers that week - working with elementary-aged kids. They brainstormed favorite stories and then identified the components of stories and began practicing telling them and acting them out.

I got a brief glimpse of our Coming of Age youth - 7th and 8th graders. They were practicing public speaking with a congregational leader, some using the words of the Gettysburg Address. Practice for giving their faith statements on May 1. They were talking about what it felt like to speak in front of their peers...and how it feels different when the words are your own.

I also got to listen in on the High Schoolers, 9th-12th graders. They were engaged in an exercise about privilege, unpacking the

Rev. Matthew Cockrum

meanings and implications of it...exploring dynamics around winners and losers, competition for resources, following rules.



At one point in the Sunday
In the midst of all of this
I simply sat down
In the stairway
I felt enveloped by it
By this community
And humbled
By the awareness
Of what it was up to

Of what you were up to
What it was creating
What you were creating
Forming
Shaping
Guiding

This community
You
Are shaping folks
To see the stories in the world around them
To name the stories
To speak the stories
To shape the stories
To challenge the stories
To make them more just, more loving, more equitable...more hopeful.

This, my friends, is "The Work" I reference when I sign off, "Here's to The Work!"

And that's what I see
Sometimes
When I'm "floating"

What do you see?
What do you call it?

Here's to The Work!

Peace, Faith & Passion,
Matthew

Religious Education News

Our Mission

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

Your involvement with Religious Education at First Church is welcome and truly appreciated. As this year winds down it is our hope that you will consider volunteering next year in any number of ways:

- Serving on the "RE" Council (quarterly meetings)
- Participating throughout the year in service learning and/or special projects
- Teaching/assisting on Sunday mornings

- Welcoming newcomers on Sunday mornings
- Teaching OWL
- Sharing fellowship during Family Fun Nights the first Monday of each month
- Providing snacks
- RE Teachers are needed for the next year. We are now gearing up to put things in place for the fall and would be most grateful for the assistance of teachers at both the elementary and upper-grade levels.

If you are interested in volunteering for either set of grade levels and would like more information, please contact either Nancy Moos at reassist@slcuu.org or Julie Miller at dre@slcuu.org. Keep in mind that we cannot run these valuable programs without your help!

Coffee Hour Needs You!

I would sign up to make coffee but....

I don't know how the coffee machine works.

New volunteers work with experienced coffee makers until they are comfortable with all the coffee procedures.

I don't know how much time is involved.

Generally, coffee makers arrive 45 minutes before the first service and half an hour before the second service. Clean up takes approximately half an hour.

I don't want to make a long term commitment.

Volunteers may sign up for as many coffee hours as they wish for as long as they wish. Some people enjoy it and sign up to make coffee once a month, month after month while others volunteer here and there. The schedule is on-line and volunteers are able to see available dates and schedule themselves. All are welcome to see if coffee hour is something they would like to try.

I am grumpy and don't like people.

Neither do we but we find we are more cheerful after the first dozen or so people in line smile at us and thank us for our work.

I don't know how to sign up.

Contact Pauline Higgins at paulinelh@msn.com or 801-631-9010 or Marion Johnson at greg.marion@yahoo.com or 801-859-5098

Please do contact us. We have an urgent need for volunteers/trainees for the rest of the church year and summer forum.

Board Bits

It's time for our Annual Congregational Survey. "So what," you say? For the modest investment of about 10 minutes of your time, you can have an impact on the future of our church. That's what. This is one of the primary means through which your Board of Trustees learns from our congregants how well we are doing towards achieving our outcomes, or ENDS. Your responses to the survey are very valuable both to our assessment of the church year that is just ending and to our planning for the coming year. If you have not received an email inviting your participation, please stop by the Board table after May services and pick up a copy. We hope to hear from all of you!

Summer Forum 2016

A diverse and exciting new lineup of speakers awaits you for ten Sundays from June 19 through August 21.

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

Child care is provided.

June 19— Medical Marijuana:

Who Does the Ban in Utah Continue to Harm?

Christine Stenquist and Lissa Lander of TRUCE (Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education) report on the state of legalization of medical marijuana, locally and nationally, focusing on the harm being done by the ban.

June 26—The Future of Independent Journalism in Salt Lake City

Spokespersons for CITIZENS FOR TWO VOICES--Joan O'Brien, Karra Porter, and Ted McDonough—tell of their efforts to produce local ownership for the Salt Lake Tribune.

July 3—How Liberals Can Help Each Other Deal with Their White Privilege

Local leaders of the national organization SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (SURJ) describe their mission to help white liberals discover how best to support racial justice.

July 10—Showcasing African-American Performing Arts

Performers from the 365 GROUP present poetry, singing, instruments, and dance from among their more than 900 members.

July 17—Reversing the Tragic School-to-Prison Laws

Panelists from the PEOPLE NOT PRISONS Movement (Anna Brower, Jean Hill, and Andrew Riggle) update current their efforts.



July 24—Family Members from Sperm Donors

Bill Cordray describes the national movement of "donor-conceived persons" (he is one) who are seeking—and finding—their adult siblings.

July 31—Is Our Politics Experiencing a Meltdown?

Political Scientist Tim Chambliss and Journalist Paul Rolly reflect on the aftermath of the primary season and the just-concluded political conventions.

August 7—Inside the Armed Resistance to the Federal Government

Anthony Rampton of the Utah Attorney General's office describes his involvement in the April 2014 armed standoff in Nevada and the 41-day armed federal land takeover this winter in Oregon.

August 14—New Forms of Critical Thinking and the Future of Progressivism

Rev. Harold Straughn, author, minister, chaplain

August 21—Our Annual Environmental Justice Festival

Bryan and Laurel Vandenheuvel show and tell about building, and living in, their Tiny House. Other presenters will demonstrate lifestyle alternatives to enhance the environment.

Environmental Ministry News

More Recycling

Environmental Ministry has added another stream of waste to its recycling fundraiser: hair care, skin care, and cosmetic product packaging. What is accepted? Hair care packaging including such items as shampoo caps, conditioner caps, hair gel tubes, hair spray triggers, and hair paste caps, skin care packaging such as lip balm tubes and caps, soap dispensers and tubes, body was caps, lotion dispensers and caps. Cosmetic packaging such as lip balm tubes, eye shadow cases, bronzer cases, foundation packaging, powder cases, eyeliner cases, eye shadow tubes, concealer tubes and sticks, and lip liner pencils. Most of these items are not recyclable through our municipal waste recycling programs and each item is worth 2¢ to First Unitarian Church. Bring them to the Environmental Ministry table on Sunday mornings and keep all these little things out of the landfill!

Know Your Rights and Legal Observer Training – Showing Up for Racial Justice; Wasatch Rising Tide; Environmental Ministry and ARC (The Anti-Racism Committee) of First Unitarian Church Sun, May 1st, 1-4PM, Location: Eliot Hall

Join us to learn/ practice some of the most important and useful skills to feel competent and confident taking action in your community! The Civil Liberties Defense Center is coming all the way out from Eugene OR to help give us Utahns their best know-how! If you have ever wanted to know how you could be more useful at a protest in your community, a rally in your neighborhood or an action on public lands, the time is NOW to join with friends and family to "level-up" your sweet skills!!! Schedule: 1:00PM -2:30PM Know Your Rights Training; 2:45PM-4:00PM Legal Observer Training. Contact: Lauren Wood, lwood1988@gmail.com.

Climate Coalition – Facing the Climate Crisis & Taking Action. Declaring a Global Warming State of Emergency. Association for the Tree of Life **Fri, May 6th, 7PM, Location: Eliot Hall**

The ecological bottleneck we face and the Climate Crisis we are already experiencing are

both terrifying and overwhelming. Particularly since so little that is effective has been forthcoming for a very long time. When we face the scope, scale and urgency of these unprecedented crises, simultaneously intertwined with the necessity of addressing Environmental and Climate Justice, how can we find hope and encouragement? The Association for the Tree of Life (ATL) takes seriously the global warming emergency and is working to implement effective responses that meet the scope, scale, and urgency of the crisis. ATL is leading the call and catalyzing the broad-based media, educational, and grassroots campaigns that can result in an Emergency Climate Mobilization to produce net zero US carbon emissions within a decade. Expect at the end of the Program to understand where and how to locate legitimate and active hope related to these critical emergencies. Expect to see plausible ways and means that scale responses can be mustered and how you and your group can participate. Environmental and Climate Justice will be a framing part of the discussion. Come with your questions and comments, for a lively conversation. Contact: Joan Gregory, joamzg@gmail.com

Nature Sings: Spirit of Our National Parks. Songs, photos & stories by Art Lee, Arts and Nature **Fri, Jun 3rd, 7PM, Location: Eliot Hall**

Grab a seat in front of Art Lee and the big screen, for an inspiring live concert and multimedia tour of our western National Parks. Art's songs and stories come from his adventures as a nature photographer mixed with a little history, science and philosophy. Don't miss this opportunity to experience nature's beauty, wonder and awe through the heart of an artist. With 20 years as a nature photographer and 10 years as a singer-songwriter, Art Lee has photographed all the National Parks of the western United States, and composed over 50 related songs. Nature Sings is his series of CDs/DVDs/shows. He manages a nonprofit, www.Arts-and-Nature.org, through which he sings in schools to educate about nature through the arts.

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1 Regular Sunday schedule (see below) First Church Info Session (pg. 2)	2 Family Fun Night 6 pm (contact families@slcuu.org for more info)	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	5 Young Adult Group in Haven 7:30 pm	6 Env. Min. program 7 pm (pg. 6)	7
8 Regular Sunday schedule (see below)	9 Torch Submissions Due 10 am	10 Women's Sacred Circle 5:30 pm in Haven	11 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	12	13	14 Janet Minden Memorial 1pm
15 Sunday services (see below) Congregational Meeting	16	17	18 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	19 First Church Info Session (pg. 2)	20	21 Spring Highway Clean Up (pg. 2)
22 Regular Sunday schedule (see below) Requiem Sunday	23 Torch Submissions Due 10 am	24	25 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	26 Open Minds Book Group 7 pm (pg. 8)	27	28

Regular Sunday Schedule

- Sunday services at 9 am and 11 am; Religious Education Classes at the 11:00 am service only (see page one for sermon titles)
- Coffee Hour follows each Sunday service in Eliot Hall
- UU Lunch Bunch meets at select restaurants at 1:00 pm (see page 8 for schedule)

Looking Ahead: We are moving to one Sunday services at 10:00 am beginning May 29th. Last day of regular church service is June 12th, followed by our annual picnic. Summer Forum begins June 19th.

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Resettlement Committee (RRC) retrieves and recycles the old furniture to moms from Iraq, Sudan, Syria—struggling to make a new life for their families in Utah. Call RRC's Mothers' Day Consultant Joe Dubray at (904) 527-9773.

Open Minds Book Group

The Open Minds Book Group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 in the Haven Room at the church. The book for May 26 is "Three Farmers on Their Way to a Dance," by Richard Powers. All are welcome.

Dinner and Dialogue

Please take a minute to sign up at the Welcome Table for a future Dinner and Dialogue, either as a host or guest. Hosts set the date, menu and number of guests they can accommodate, and guests contribute by

bringing a dish to share. It's a great way to get acquainted with other like-minded people in our church. Questions?? Contact Darlene Thayne at 801-455-6553 or suppers@slcuu.org.

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 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Sonia Carnell at (801) 262-1151 or lunchbunch@slcuu.org.

- May 1: Even Stevens (414 East 200 South)
- May 8: Provisions (3364 South 2300 East)
- May 15: No Lunch Bunch. Please attend our annual congregational meeting following services. The youth will be selling sandwiches in Eliot Hall.