

*There is a crack, a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in. ~Leonard Cohen, "Anthem"*

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Call to Community
Come In
The call to worship from White Bear UU Church,
Mahtomedi, MN*
- ♦ Prelude & Candles of Community
Building Bridges
words: The women of Greenham Common
music: English Quaker Round
- ♦ Chalice Lighting
from the writings of
Sara Moores Campbell
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation
*Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law.
This is our great covenant to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in freedom and to help one another.*
- ♦ A Preface
Shannon (Jack) Bolderjack*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought
*from the archives of 1st Universalist Church in
Gloucester MA, circa 1799*
by John Murray, the first minister
- ♦ Song
Dear Alcohol
composed and performed by Dax

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Reading
Thought for the Day, August 23, 2023
from the Hazelden Betty Ford Center

♦ Practices

A Reading

If You Are Reading This

UU pamphlet *Addiction & Your Faith Community*

Stillness for a Time

Musical response - 1037

We Begin Again in Love

♦ Reading

Am I an Addict

by Narcotics Anonymous

♦ Song ~ 295

Sing Out Praises for the Journey

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

♦ Discourse

The Twelve Steps, My Story

by Sherilyn B.*

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

♦ Giving

Let There Be an Offering

by Brandoch L. Lovely*

♦ Song - 1053

How Could Anyone

performed by the Sacramento Gay Men's Choir

♦ Parting Thought

from the pen of Forrest Church*

♦ Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,

The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.

These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

♦ Postlude

Me and Bobbie McGee

by Kris Kristofferson | singing: Janis Joplin

PROGRAM NOTES

This morning we welcome to the free pulpit one of our own members, Sherilyn B, a daughter, a sister, a wife and a mother. She survived her childhood, being a Girl Scout Leader, a son's cancer, and her own alcoholism to stand before us today as a the multicolored haired, tye-dyed old hippie grandma and "Gigi" we have all come to love. Sherilyn B lives her life today knowing she wouldn't be here without help from 1 Higher Power, 12 steps and a lot of old drunks.

The LGBTQAI+ Welcoming Congregation committee meets today following Conversations & Calories.

Also meeting today is the Committee on Ministry. Speak with Carolyn, Jim, or Elbert if you wish to meet.



The New Worship Survey awaits your response. It is available on the church websites home page. It is also on the home screen of our church app, just tap on the orange clip board logo with the green arrow. The deadline is Sept. 10th.

On Tuesday the *Chair Yoga* group meets in the chapel at 10 am for an hour of low impact exercises and the *Spiritual Self Help Group/Book Club* gathers at 6:30 pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

Deadline for the September newsletter was last night. If you forgot, please send your stuff to news@redriveruu.org no later than tomorrow or no one will see it.

News flash. Last Wednesday an armed man who killed his dog at Fort Worth All Peoples UU church threatened 'further carnage.' The article in yesterday's *Ft Worth Star-Telegram* is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

WELCOME GUESTS

We are Unitarian Universalists. We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are people from many backgrounds who have different beliefs, but shared values.

Grounded in more than two hundred years of thoughtful, spiritual communities, we are people of many generations, ethnicities, genders and sexualities, and spiritual backgrounds. People engaged in making the world a better place. People focusing on what really matters – love, justice, integrity, and hope.

We are a lay-led congregation. Lay-led congregations have no minister which means members of the congregation manage the various aspects of our church life. Unitarian Universalism has a proud tradition of lay-led churches.

We Unitarian Universalists have different beliefs, but shared values. We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may also be agnostic, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, humanist, Jewish, Muslim, pagan, atheist, believers in God, and those who just let the great mystery be. The diversity of beliefs you'll find in our church community is one of our strengths – we're always learning how to see the world from a different perspective.

Learn more about us at your leisure by downloading our mobile app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the App Store (or use the QR code on the back panel.)

This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.



WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- ◆ Worship Associates: *Shanna (Jack) Bolerjack*,
- ◆ Guest Speaker: *Sherilyn B.*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team 4*

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, and the
Transcendentalist Movement

now through October 22

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

Ending Poverty

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

We live in the wealthiest nation on earth, yet we have the highest poverty rate among advanced democracies. What is behind the perpetuation of American poverty, and what can be done to end it?

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

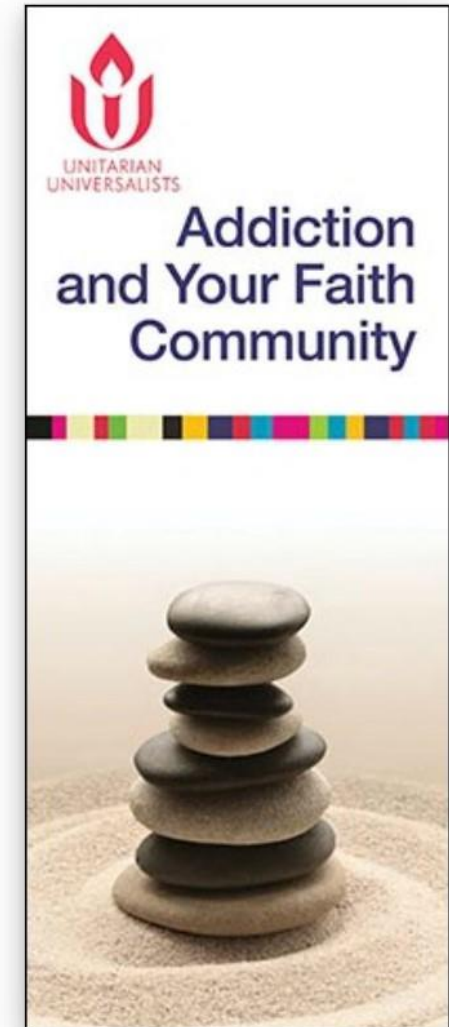
Good Times Team #1 will be providing refreshments.

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THE MORNING PROGRAM SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023



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