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June 2020

Words on the Wind

by The Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

I can scarcely believe we are entering June and summer in Wisconsin. It will be quite a different kind of summer, with the crowded street fairs and festivals that usually mark Milwaukee summer being unsafe during a pandemic. First Church will be online only through the summer as well—see page 5 article for more information. We will each need to mourn the loss of the beloved bits of the norm in our own way.

June will still bring beauty, green, sun, and flowers, though. We'll also each need to find our own paths to joy this June. We might try to let the waking natural world beckon our shy spirits forth into its unfolding. Our theme for June is "Play." Play is a spiritual practice, even, and perhaps especially, in a pandemic. It is not irreverent to experience the pleasure of life in the face of death. Indeed, this has always been life's call. Death is laced into life for all mortals, though sometimes with a heavier hand than others. At times of grief and mourning, it is ever more important to count our blessings, practice gratitude, and remember pleasure. Life contains both beauty and mourning, and connecting with love can help us deal with loss.

This month, I hope you explore the gifts play could bring you and your loved ones. How can you nurture joy in your soul even as you honor grief? What does it look like to make time and space for play? How can play help you heal? May you find bits of joy, pleasure, and play this June, and use them to care for your heart.

MONTHLY THEME

What does it mean to be a people of

PLAY?

SUNDAY SERVICE

TWO SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

LIVE ON YOUTUBE

JUNE 7

"Making Time for Play"

The Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

The Rev. Dena McPhetres

Tristan Strelitzer, Choral Director

Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson, Director of Religious Education

Nick Hayes, Worship Associate

Flower Communion

Play is healing, transformative, and relational. Still, to make time for play is counter-cultural. How can we honor the spiritual need for play without feeling guilty? How can we make time for play in our lives without it becoming another To Do on the list? Join us for this Sunday in which we explore making time for play, and practice playing through an alternative to our annual Flower Communion Ritual, where we share the flowers we "bring" to the service in a photo montage, and you choose one to ritually "take home" with you. Remember to bring a flower to sit beside your livestream video, and the First Church [coloring page](#), or paper and drawing utensils for the ritual!

Send Us Your Photos of Flowers for Flower Communion!

During the Sunday June 7 Flower Communion worship service, we will share your photos of the flowers you are virtually "bringing" to church. Please send original photos of the flowers you want to share with our community to Rev. Jennifer at jennifer.nordstrom@uumilwaukee.org by June 2. We will use your photos to create a beautiful photo montage that will play during our livestreamed Flower Communion ritual! By emailing your original photos to us, you are giving us permission to livestream them during the June 7 worship service, and to leave them up on our YouTube worship service recording thereafter.

SUMMER SERVICES

ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M. ONLY

LIVE ON YOUTUBE

JUNE 14

“Reducing the Play Deficit”

The Rev. Dena McPhetres
Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director
Dale Skaggs, Worship Associate

When and where is play encouraged in your circles of community? When and where is play discouraged? What are we missing when we don't play? Play is often spontaneous, but also takes practice. Writers, artists and musicians say that the void is not a creative space. So, how do we put parameters on play that paradoxically free us to play more, and reduce our chronic play deficit?

JUNE 21

“Sacred Complexity”

Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson, Director of Religious Education
Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director

We are woven together in ways seen and unseen. Our transcendentalist ancestors taught that the divine is infused in all of nature. What can the Earth teach us about the connections that bind our world intricately together? Together we explore how our Unitarian Universalist faith helps us tend to the sacred connections that hold us all.

JUNE 28

“Building a Play Ethic”

The Rev. Dena McPhetres
Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director
Natalie Quinton, Worship Associate

Play is serious stuff. There is much value that comes from playing: joy, laughter, connection, creativity, innovation, learning, skill-building, cooperation, rejuvenation, new neural connections, discovery of possibilities, vulnerability, trust, ease, and well-being. Who wouldn't want more of that! Perhaps we need to build a play ethic as strong as our work ethic in order to sanction the practice and value of play.

Dena's Digressions

by The Rev. Dena McPhetres

Summer is upon us and we are so ready to be out and about playing under the warm sun! I'm looking forward to increasing the number of raised beds in my backyard to grow more vegetables. I'm also adding more pollinator-friendly native plants in the flower gardens, including digging up a 25 foot bed of densely and deeply rooted invasive plants. It seems never ending, this digging project. I have to remind myself to look skyward and take breaks—go for walks, watch the birds, and sing whatever song is in my head. Similar to what I need to do during the seemingly never-ending pandemic.

Due to the continuing moral imperative to keep our community safe from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we will hold summer services online only for the entire summer. I hope you will join us for online worship each Sunday this summer at 9:00 a.m. only, beginning June 14. Bring your coffee and breakfast to the computer. When worship is over, there is still a long summer day to enjoy outdoors!

We have a great line-up of member-led services, including a couple of our home-grown seminarians, and a sermon from Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson, our gifted Director of Religious Education. Here are the teasers:

Paul Geenen “Learning from Milwaukee's Bronzeville”

Omega Burckhardt “After the Pilgrimage”

Beth Monhollen “What We Owe the World”

Amy Wilbourne “Caring Bridge for a Caring Recovery”

Jeff Percy “And Then I Come Home: Sustaining Our Commitment to Social Justice”

Keep your eye on the *Chanticleer* newsletter, Ennouncements and Facebook posts to find out when these brave folks will be preaching. See you online!

Yours,
Dena



The Community that Plays Together Stays Together!

by Lynne Jacoby

Membership Development Coordinator

I don't know about you, but every time I get an email from a member I haven't seen since the shutdown, or a phone call, or a new face pops up on my Zoom screen, I'm like "oh, it's Christina! or George! or Chris! or...." You get the idea.

It's the faces and names I do not work with regularly who I miss, without even realizing it until I am reminded of them. My teams and groups have been meeting online, but the people I've worked with previously, or chatted with occasionally, or may not know very well at all - except because of their big smiling hellos on Sundays, these people I am really missing.

I also miss the sense our congregation's many familiar faces gives me of being part of a community larger than I can know, but with whom I share common values. A sense of belonging to something larger and broader than my own days and concerns.

If you too are missing this, or are restless, or just would like to help the Membership Team create spaces our newer, less connected members and friends can come to meet more of us - please drop-in! Any week!

Two weekly drop-in, casual opportunities to hang-out together:

- Coffee Hour every Sunday after service (when the Zoom room gets too crowded we open up smaller breakout rooms).
- Thursday nights, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., is Team Trivia (every other Thursdays or opposite Thursdays). Short Video Share and Chat (think Ted Talk type videos with small groups chatting about after).

Pop-in any week. Save this link for both!

<https://zoom.us/j/3109225327>

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Note: Looking for help hosting Thursday Nights and Summer Vacation Coffee Hours. Also looking for good 20 minute or so videos our community might be interested in. If you can help, send me an email, lynne.jacoby@uumilwaukee.org.

Splinters from the Board

by Jane Peterson

Board of Trustees

The April 28 meeting was conducted via videoconferencing. The consent agenda items, including approval of minutes, slate of GA delegates, Nominating Committee and new Board of Trustee members, and the resignation of Facilities Assistant Gary Rebholz were approved.

Rev. Jennifer highlighted the successful effort by Jean Johnson and others to secure a \$118,000 CARES Act loan, to be used for eight weeks of payroll and utilities during the pandemic. The loan will be forgiven if all reporting requirements are met. Trustees appreciated the positive effect this will have on the budget year. Rev. Jennifer also mentioned a new text-to-give option for weekly offerings and a COVID-19 candle to be lit for loved ones who have died. She reported that Scott Henry and Cesar Cornier delivered face masks to the Milwaukee County Jail and attracted media coverage.

Noreen Gilbertsen shared the third quarter financial report. Income and expenditures were within the current budget. The projected income net of operations for the remainder of the year, including the CARES Act loan, is about -\$75,000. The Board approved the report and found it in compliance with Monitoring Limitations 4.4 and 4.5. Noreen suggested the Board keep the upcoming budget flat, as it is difficult to predict income in the current financial climate. The Board members discussed re-evaluating in December or January.

The Board discussed its relationship with paid staff and volunteers and found it to be in compliance with Limitation 4.2.

Mark Bishop updated the Board on planning for the Annual Meeting, which will take place via videoconferencing on May 17. A team is working on technology and logistics for the meeting. Mark said the agenda is similar to previous years, with the addition of a vote on the ordination of Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson as Minister of Religious Education. The Board will meet briefly after the First Church annual meeting to elect officers and welcome new board members.

Rev. Jennifer reported that First Church will not pursue the installation of solar panels at this time, due to the probability of litigation to appeal a decision of Wisconsin Energy. She added that there have been over 700 views of recent worship services.

Minutes of the Board meetings can be found on the church website. Board members welcome your comments. Contact information for Board members is found in the Directory.



A Landscape Redesign Honoring Bettie Zillman

by Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

Our beloved Bettie Zillman left First Church an incredibly generous bequest of \$276,000 at the beginning of our 2019-2020 church year. Bettie was a member of First Church for 40 years, and left many friends and loved ones here after her death on March 8, 2019. Bettie was 94 years old, and fiercely independent, proud, and dignified. She loved this congregation dearly, and though she never married or had children, her friends were her family. At First Church, she was an usher and a member of the Order of Service and Chanticleer assembly crew.

As Bettie's legacy gift to First Church will help the community she loved flourish and grow, we are honoring her love for beauty, art, architecture, and gardening by dedicating the First Church landscaping redesign in her honor.

On June 1, landscapers will begin the carefully planned landscape redesign by Johnson's Nursery on the north and west sides of the church building. The new landscape will be the face of our vibrant and caring church, and help guide people toward our Astor Street entrances. It will include two small feature trees: a serviceberry tree by the corner, with a refined texture to its foliage, a lovely orange color in fall, and white flowers and berries the birds love in spring; and a small Japanese Maple Crimson Queen in the nook by the bell tower, with low branches and red lacy leaves. I can just see Bettie in her red coat loving these trees. We will place a sculpture of an acorn with a plaque honoring her memory near the serviceberry tree. We will also remember Bettie in worship during our June 7 Flower Communion service.

Long after Bettie has left us, the seeds she planted at First Church will continue to grow and bloom—especially with all the pollinating perennials in her landscape redesign, including anise hyssop, Black-eyed Susan, Catmint, and Salvia flowers. I hope Bettie's generosity inspires all of us to invest in our own legacies at First Church. If you are interested in giving a legacy gift to First Church, please contact Lisa Koneazny of the First Church Heritage Society at lmkonez@ameritech.net.

IN MEMORIAM

Katherine P. Marrs

1928~2020

Katherine P. Marrs (Kate), remarkable woman, mother and friend, died May 2, 2020. She was born on October 26, 1928 in Evanston, IL.

Kate had a zest for life that she carried with her whether she was striving for healing racism, swimming in her beloved Pine Lake, race walking, listening to jazz and drinking espresso, or making her daughter's favorite crescent rolls.

Kate is survived by family, friends, and a community who will miss her appreciation of diversity and her ability to make a difference in the lives of people wherever she went. Kate's family hopes to host a celebration of her life in the fall.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to your favorite animal shelter; the Madison Institute for Healing Racism, c/o Tehmina Islam, 2809 Commercial Ave, Madison, WI 53704, OR United Nations Association-Greater Milwaukee, PO Box 511638, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Tracy Keller and Dennis Derby welcomed their son **John Hayes Derby** into the world on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Baby John is doing well, as are his older sisters Elizabeth and Katherine, and their parents. Congratulations!

Our thoughts are with **Ken Solis** who had outpatient surgery on May 14.

Our healing thoughts are with **Nancy Spransy** whose brother-in-law **David Thayer** died April 2 in Wauwatosa of congestive heart failure.

Our heartfelt condolences are with **Kristen McNally** whose younger brother **Michael Jerome Kapustka** unexpectedly died at home in Nebraska on April 15.

We send our comforting thoughts to **Cheri Taylor** and her family, on the deaths of her great uncle **Lewis Howard**, who died from COVID-19 on March 26 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and her great aunt **Genevieve Reff**, who died from COVID-19 on April 3 in New Orleans, Louisiana. May your family be held in love.

"All in the Family" announces members with births, adoptions, surgeries, deaths of family members, significant illness, an honor or award to celebrate. We invite you to submit to "All in the Family" by using the Chanticleer submission form.



Farewell My Friends

by Cesar Cornier
Social Justice Coordinator

As many of you know I am currently serving as First Church's Social Justice Coordinator through the Public Allies program. Public Allies is an organization that helps develop leaders in the city by working on capacity building throughout various community organizations and social justice programs. My journey with First Church started in September, and it's been a truly life changing experience ever since! My service is coming to an end as I graduate from the Public Allies on July 10th. I will be answering emails until July 8th so please feel free to contact me during this time. I will be away from First Church until 2021 to visit.

As the Social Justice Coordinator, some of my duties included supporting the Social Justice Council and its partner organizations. I also worked on the Anti-Racism Team at First Church and helped coordinate the Beloved Conversations opening retreat, a curriculum designed to talk about race in a healthy and progressive way. Other projects I've been a part of at First Church include creating a partner relief fund document to support the greater community during this time as well as the mask project with Scot Henry. With the congregation's help and community partnerships, over 2,200 masks have been distributed in the greater community including 900 to people who are incarcerated.

When I look back at the progress made throughout the year, what I will appreciate the most is the relationships that I've built with many of you. Initially, I did not know how I would be received among the congregation and coming from a different background there was a sense of uncertainty. However, those assumptions quickly faded by seeing how supportive people were, and how being from a different culture was actually beneficial in building an inclusive community.

Whether it be a conversation during Coffee Hour or working directly with me on social justice projects, I genuinely appreciate the connections that have been made and will carry them in my heart moving forward. I am proud of all the work that has been done towards social justice and look forward to hearing about the amazing things First Church continues to do!

May we all continue to fight for healing and change in this world.

First Church Will Follow Science, Public Health Recommendations

by Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister &
Mark Bender, Congregation President

There are many conflicting and confusing messages about how to respond to the continuing COVID-19 public health crisis. We are basing our First Church decisions about when to return to the building, in-person operations, and worship on public health recommendations, science, and the locally-specific Wisconsin Badger Bounce Back plan, which you can find on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02653a.pdf>.

We realize Wisconsin is in a state of legal flux right now, and there is conflicting advice on what to do. At First Church, human life, health, and wellness remain our highest priority, and we are making choices based on keeping our members, friends, and the community safe and well. We will move more cautiously because of this priority, which is in line with our Unitarian Universalist principles and First Church values. Additionally, our congregation's demographics include a larger than average number of people at higher risk.

The Badger Bounce Back (BBB) plan includes three phases to move from "Safer at Home" to unrestricted business as usual. To enter phase one, and each subsequent phase, Wisconsin must pass certain tests ("Gating Criteria") and have accomplished certain requirements ("Core Responsibilities"). According to the plan, Wisconsin public health officials will re-evaluate phase two and three Criteria and Responsibilities once we're into phase one. While the Wisconsin legislature and Governor negotiate to determine how and if to follow it, First Church will use the plan as a blueprint for decision-making.

First Church will meet online-only through the summer, as it is unlikely this BBB plan criteria will be met quickly, and it would be challenging to change our First Church processes in the middle of the summer.

We will re-evaluate the situation in the fall, based on science and public health recommendations. While we cannot predict the future, we want our members to be prepared that it may not be safe to meet in person for worship until there is a vaccine for COVID-19. All evidence points to this being a long-term situation. Further, in the BBB plan, groups of over 50 will not be able to safely meet until phase three. Our Sunday morning worship and activities qualify as a large group, and will not be able to meet safely until the latest stage of the plan.

On Thursday, May 14, the Unitarian Universalist Association shared a message from UUA President, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, recommending congregations prepare to hold worship online through May of 2021. At First Church, we will be thrilled if we can safely meet in person before then, but we just don't know yet.

As the scientific community learns more and communicates new understandings, we will adapt and respond to that information as it comes. With reason and love as our guides, we will keep you informed.



A Geography of Grace An Invitation to Explore Your Inner Landscape

by Diane Horne, Beth Monhollen, & Dale Skaggs

Coming in September 2020, A Geography of Grace is a new adult spiritual development offering which will invite you to explore your inner geography, to listen for your inner teacher, and hear the wisdom of your own spirit.

Just as many of us are removed from contact with the natural world through urban living or busy lives, we also live distanced from our inner nature. These two landscapes have much in common and inform each other. The natural world desperately needs people who appreciate it, have reverence for it, listen to it, preserve, and restore it. With the same urgency, our inner lives need this kind of attunement and nurture.

Using the circle of trust approach developed through The Center for Courage and Renewal (based on the work of Dr. Parker J. Palmer), this small group program utilizes “third things” – poetry, stories, music, and art – to map a journey of metaphor, symbol, and intuition, opening new vistas in our inner landscape.

In addition to the focus on geography, the other theme for this program is grace. The Latin word for grace is the same as the word for gratitude: grata or gratia, which means “a given gift.” This program is meant to help us gain (or regain) contact with our best selves, with those innate gifts we hope to offer the world.

Enrollment in A Geography of Grace is a maximum of 14 participants, and we’ll meet monthly for eight sessions of two and a half hours each. Be on the lookout for more information on this program over the next few months.

Looking for New Theme Circle Facilitators

by The Rev. Dena McPhetres

Theme Circles are designed to support and deepen the spiritual journey of participants in community with each other and in connection with our church’s monthly worship themes. Next church year will be our third year with this ministry and we are looking for new facilitators.

Theme Circle participants and facilitators say that the spiritual exercises, readings, reflection and sharing has significantly affected their personal lives and experience of Sunday services. They feel closer to each other and the congregation through sharing how a theme like Belonging, Attention, Awe, Integrity and Resilience resonates and brings meaning to their life.

We’d like to add more circles next fall to give more people access to this wonderful opportunity. To do that, we’ll need more facilitators. Please consider whether you feel called to this ministry of creating a trusting space for reflection and exploration in a small group of your peers. Theme Circles are even effective online and we will help you learn how to be a host on Zoom!

More information and an application form can be found [here](#). Application deadline is June 15. The required two-session Facilitator training with Rev. Dena will be in early August.



Photo by Dale Skaggs, First Church Member



Make Time for Play

by Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Director of Religious Education

I have inherited an often-annoying trait from my ancestors, a deeply embedded sense of optimism. It seems to run on my mother's side of the family. I can trace it to my great grandmother Jacoba, who I was fortunate to know. She was widowed while pregnant, with four, soon to be five young boys in Patterson, New Jersey during the depression. Yet all the family stories from that time are not about scarcity or struggle but ingenuity and faith. My mother has it too, a reluctance to linger in loss or negatively. This is how I know it is annoying, many times I reached out to her with my lament, woe is me and heard in reply a version of, "it could be worse" or "you better make the best of it."

This is all to say, I do not want to annoy you and I certainly do not want to lessen the suffering being experienced in this unprecedented time. It is just my nature, in my bones to blow sunshiny thoughts even if the world is unraveling. I have learned to keep it to myself, to wait for appropriate times to express "the bright side of life" and our monthly theme of play feels like an invitation to explore what is good, even fun about this time of loss and isolation.

As an art teacher I learned that inspiration emerges faster from a challenge than an open-ended assignment. "Draw anything you want" is so vacuous it is hard to focus but, "express your emotions using only circles" is a generative cue for the imagination. In an article titled [Creativity at Home in the Time of Pandemic](#) from *Psychology Today*, I recently read Newton formulated his theory of gravity and Shakespeare wrote King Lear while quarantined during the plague. Similarly, the confines of this pandemic have sparked ingenious ways of celebrating, connecting, and helping the world despite the COVID-19 confinements.

A creative explosion of human play is bursting out of our homes with birthday party parades, family dances on TikTok, and home mask making; all are new ways to show community care and affirmations. Religious philosopher Henry Wieman reminds us to pay attention to our life experiences when searching for divine. He suggests that we experience the sacred while participating in the process of creative interchange. That seems right to me. When I witness the creative impulse happening in humanity it sparks joy and hope in me.

So I invite you to be makers and creators this month; find ways to play without hesitation and explore what beckons your curiosity and inventiveness.

Creativity that arises now during this pandemic have the power to shape the future.

Be Blessed,
Kimberlee

Hymns for Our Future

by Anne Heaton
Singer-Songwriter & Facilitator

This Spring, The UU Youth Group participated in a project called Hymns for Our Future. In it, they explored what words of praise they have in their hearts and minds. The youth met weekly for six weeks with singer-songwriter and musician Anne Heaton and during their time together, they explored creativity, empathy, and compassion-based songwriting, their own spiritual beliefs, and where these beliefs overlap among them. Then they wrote a collaborative hymn for the May 17 UU service.

In weeks 1 and 2, the youth worked on free writing and generating lyrics based on person prompts about freedom and what it's been like being home during the pandemic. The youth also learned about song structure, melody, and a simple chord progression. In weeks 3 and 4, the youth explored writing songs from different points of view; from the point of view of the personality, the point of view of one's inner wisdom, and the point of view of someone else.

In the final weeks, the youth explored their personal connection to the divine. The youth chose to answer one or more of the following questions: What does spirituality mean to you? What do you praise or feel grateful for? What is God or the Divine to you (if anything)? What is something that moves your heart or spirit that you are grateful for? What is mystery? What does the interconnectedness of all things mean to you? What is your deepest belief? Through reflecting upon these questions, kindness came up and the youth decided to write a song about its focusing power and how it helps to put the world back together.

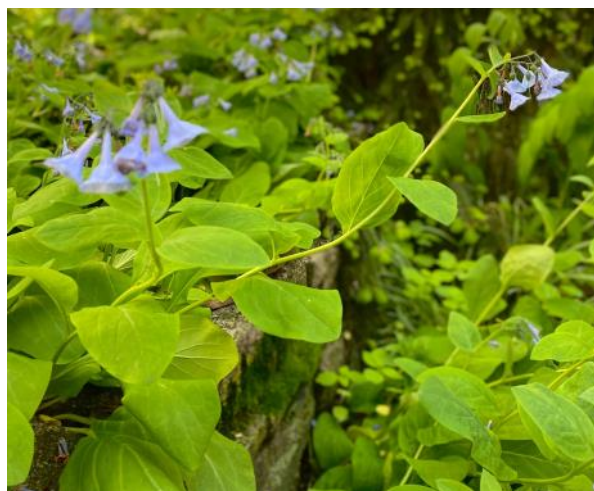
They took turns singing original melodies to their own lyrics over a chord progression and in this way, the music was born. More than one of the students remarked about how they were surprised at how easy it was to collaborate with one another and alternately step up and step back when others shared ideas. They really did such a great job!



Youth Group and COVID-19 Pandemic

by Deb Solis
Youth Program Coordinator

During our summer months, we offer our youth the opportunity to keep connected during this time of isolation as they move forward on their faith development journey through youth ministry via video conferencing on Zoom on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. ALL registered youth in grades 8-12 and youth advisors are invited to participate by Join our Zoom Youth Group Meeting at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/144571773>, Youth Group Meeting ID: 144-571-773, or call in and join us! +1-(646) 558-8656.



“Get Ready for Flower Communion”
photos from the First Church courtyard by Shari Wright

Looking Forward to 2020-21 Religious Education

by Lillian Schley
Religious Education Assistant

It's time to register your family for Religious Education (RE) in the 2020-21 church year. First Church members can register at <https://bit.ly/UJREmembers> and non-members at <https://bit.ly/UJREnonmembers>. Make sure to sign up before August 1 for an early-bird discount. If your family could use a full or partial fee-waiver, feel free to contact Kimberlee Carlson at kimberlee.carlson@uumilwaukee.org to set one up. We never turn a family away!

One thing that has stayed the same in RE: we need volunteers to make our programs happen! Our children still need caring adults in their lives, and we know that those relationships help them thrive and stay connected to their faith. This summer, we will be working on innovative ways to make religious education happen! If you can help us out, please consider signing on as an RE classroom volunteer for the 2020-21 church year. Choose from various age groups and options including teaching or assisting through our easy online sign-up at <https://bit.ly/UJREvolunteers>.





Virtual Coffee on Zoom!

Community, Conversation & Connection
Summer Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Join Membership Coordinator Lynne Jacoby online for a Zoom Coffee Hour. Once you enter, Lynne will coordinate smaller groups of five or six for conversation. Members, guests, and visitors are all welcome! Bring your own coffee.

Link to Join Sunday <https://zoom.us/j/3109225327>, Password: uumke
Call +1 312 626 6799 and enter the Meeting ID 310 922 5327 when prompted.

Virtual Poetry Contemplation

Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.
Continuing throughout the summer

“Listen, respond and rest with” the words of selected poets and in the company of others in our community. Based on the Monastic practice of Lectio Divina, the focus of this practice is our individual responses to the words. Come listen for what resonates and illuminates. Members, guests and visitors are welcome to join this open, weekly, drop-in practice.

Ongoing Meeting Link <https://zoom.us/j/138116309>
Call +1 312 626 6799 with ID 138 116 309
Password to enter the meeting: **Poetry**
Questions? Email lynne.jacoby@uumilwaukee.org

Join Us Any Thursday Evening!

7:15-8:30 p.m.
Continuing throughout the summer



See your First church friends and meet new ones in smaller breakout room opportunities every Thursday evening.

- 2nd and 4th Thursday Nights, 7:15-8:30 p.m. - Team Trivia (as in you'll be working with a small team so you don't have to know it all!!)
- Short Video Share and Chat (think “Ted Talk” type videos with a chance to share thoughts after in smaller groups.)

Bring your own refreshments....

Both events are drop-in, so come any Thursday. Save this link for both!
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