



First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*nurture. engage. inspire.*

**THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**  
**NOVEMBER 1**  
10:00 a.m.  
Livestream Only

**“They Are With Us Still”**  
The Rev. Dena McPhetres  
Tristan Strelitzer, Choral Director  
Jeff Pearcy, Worship Associate  
**PASTORAL CARE RECOGNITION**

Healing ourselves heals the future and reconciles us to the past. Grief is the normal human response to loss. Ignoring our grief is not a healthy long-term strategy. We'll explore grieving as a healing process that engages our minds, hearts, spirits, and bodies. Today we will remember loved ones we have lost through a simple ritual. You are invited to create a sacred space at home, perhaps with a lovely piece of fabric, a vase of flowers, a candle, and photos of those you have lost. We will also lift up our pastoral care ministry, which is one of the important ways our community helps heal each other.

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**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR AT 11:00.** Once you enter the Zoom meeting, Lynne will coordinate smaller groups of five or six for conversation. Members, guests, visitors are all welcome! Bring your own coffee. [Link to Join HERE.](#)

**SANCTUARY REFLECTIONS AT 11:00.** Feel moved by the Sunday worship service? Want to spend time reflecting with others? Come to Sanctuary Reflections every Sunday. We reflect on three questions and share our experiences with each other. Joyful, enriching, connecting. Just drop in. Join on Zoom [HERE.](#)



**SUNDAY MORNING FORUM AT 11:10 A.M.**

“Zao: To Live, To Breathe, To Be Among the Living,” presented by the Rev. Jonah Overton (they/them), Lead Pastor Zao MKE Church.

Rev. Overton is the founding pastor of Zao MKE Church. As a young, queer, trans (genderqueer) clergy person, Jonah has been called into ministry to build the church as queer space and organize communities and churches towards justice and liberation. Zao MKE Church is a new and growing church plant on Milwaukee's East Side, with a diverse

leadership team that is majority queer, trans, POC, and/or under the age of 40. Zao is Jesus Rooted, Justice Centered, and Radically Inclusive, and committed to radical urban ministry among progressive Millennials. Zao is active in many efforts towards liberation, including the Movement for Black Lives. On Zoom & YouTube Live [HERE.](#)

# FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**POST-ELECTION REFLECTION GATHERING.** Gather online, Wed. Nov. 4 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. with the First Church Community to reflect on the Nov. 3 election. We do not know what will happen in this election, and we may not even know the results by the evening of Nov. 4, but we do know community makes sharing times of joy and challenge better. The evening will begin with a reading and short reflection from your ministers, followed by small group break outs where you can share your thoughts and feelings and reflect with other First Church folks. A youth break out space will be available. Online Zoom link: <https://form.jotform.com/203015041550942> or dial by phone +1 312 626 6799 with the Meeting ID: 836 4047 7562 and Passcode: 924532592.

**WHERE TO FIND YOUR MINISTERS ELECTION DAY AND WEEK.** On election day and the days after, you may want to find one of your ministers. Rev. Jennifer, Senior Minister, will lead our public ministry, witnessing and protecting the voting process on election day, and leading public witness in the streets in the days after. Rev. Dena, Associate Minister and lead on pastoral care ministry, will hold the pastoral space for the congregation and coordinate the Post-Election Gathering online the evening of November 4. Rev. Kimberlee, Minister of Religious Education, will care for our children, youth, and families. Remember, you can always reach the ministers on our emergency pastoral care line at 414-216-3113.

**DEFEND DEMOCRACY.** Our UU principles value democracy, which is under threat. At best, this election cycle will be chaotic, and at worst, we may see an undemocratic power grab — a coup. We can come together as a faith community to protect democracy. To learn more about First Church's new Defend Democracy team contact Kathy Rivera by email at [lewrivera2013@icloud.com](mailto:lewrivera2013@icloud.com). To process your feelings about threats to democracy with a Pastoral Care Associate, email [fuspastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:fuspastoralcare@gmail.com).

**ZAO MKE CHURCH IS THE NOVEMBER SHARE THE PLATE RECIPIENT.** Zao MKE Church specifically seeks to serve and welcome LGBTQIA Christians who have been hurt or feel neglected and rejected by the church. "The call for justice issued by the gospel of Jesus Christ is for the purpose of reconciling all things into wholeness with God. To that end, we seek to build a radically inclusive community and world, wherein all people are valued in the fullness of who God has made them to be — affirmed, celebrated, and loved. We explicitly affirm the life, value, and worth of LGBTQIA people, and the Movement for Black Lives." [Donate to Zao here.](#)

**TIME CHANGE THIS SUNDAY MORNING.** Remember to set your clock back one hour Sunday, November 1. The time change begins at 2:00 a.m., Central Time.



**SENDING YOU LIGHT: AN EVENING WITH MELANIE DEMORE, VOCAL ACTIVIST.** Join us online Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening with Grammy nominated artist Melanie DeMore, who will connect over Zoom from Oakland, California to share songs of love, light and justice. As she sings to, with, and for us, don't be surprised if Melanie reaches right through the screen to touch your soul. All ages welcome. First Church will split all proceeds from this event with Zao MKE Church in support of our social justice partnership, Faith in the Streets. Suggested donation is \$10/individual or \$20/household; however, all are welcome regardless of ability to pay. Register at: [bit.ly/SendingYouLight](http://bit.ly/SendingYouLight).

**CHILD DEDICATION: CELEBRATE A BIRTH OR ADOPTION ON NOVEMBER 22 .** Join us for a Dedication of Parents and Children during the 10:00 a.m. virtual service on November 22. In this ceremony, the congregation welcomes children into the world, the family, and the church community. The simple and sacred tradition is related to the Christian baptism, though the meaning we attach is significantly different. Because of the promises made by the congregation, child dedications are available only to First Church members. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, email Lillian Schley at [re.admin@uumilwaukee.org](mailto:re.admin@uumilwaukee.org) or fill out the form at <http://bit.ly/UUdedicate> by Sunday, November 11.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY DEADLINE IS HERE!** Help us see how we are doing in meeting our Ends by spending a few minutes completing the Annual Congregational Survey online. The link is: <https://uumilwaukee.org/survey>. In responding, think back to the church year we just completed, which includes moving to virtual services and activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. The deadline has been extended to November 1 because of the low response rate so far.

**FIND EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE.** Check out our website events pages [uumilwaukee.org](http://uumilwaukee.org) for several drop-in, online activities for friends and members. Click "Join Us" on the specific event page, enter your name and email address, and you will immediately receive an email with the Zoom link. It's easy and secure to click on the "Join Us" button anytime you need the link. Here are some of the events;

- **Team Trivia on Zoom** - 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:15 p.m.
- **Poetry Contemplation** - Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
- **Buddhist Study Group** - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**COVID CANDLE ON SUNDAYS.** Because of the ways our lives are touched by loss and grief during the global pandemic, we have a simple ritual during Sunday worship called the "COVID Candle" when it is needed. During this unique time, when people cannot gather with their family and community to mourn, we offer to light the COVID Candle for any death of a loved one of one of our members. If you have had a loved one die from COVID-19, or any other cause of death, and would like the COVID Candle lit in their honor during Sunday worship, please contact Rev. Dena.

### **PASTORAL CARE RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS.**

- If you would like to talk to a Pastoral Care Associate, please contact PCA Coordinator Jane Peterson at [fuspastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:fuspastoralcare@gmail.com) or 414-967-1471. If you'd like to talk to the Ministers, please call our Pastoral Care Emergency line at 414-216-3113.
- For practical help, grocery shopping and delivery, please contact Jane Dorweiler, Pastoral Care Provider Coordinator at [fuspcprovider@gmail.com](mailto:fuspcprovider@gmail.com) or 414-839-3053.
- For personal financial assistance, please contact Dena or Jennifer for the Ministers' Discretionary Fund.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please contact Rev. Dena immediately at 414-216-3113, so she can support you and our community.

## **LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[November Chanticleer Newsletter](#)

[Member Portal Information](#)

[Religious Education Information Newsletter](#)



**WATCH SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE AND SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!** You can watch Sunday Services live on Facebook or view a recorded version at any time. We will livestream this Sunday service at 10:00 a.m.

Please subscribe to our [\*\*YouTube Channel\*\*](#) and Like our [\*\*Facebook\*\*](#) page!

**SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES & ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Please use these helpful forms which will ensure receipt by the correct staff and a confirmation email to you. If you have questions about the forms, please contact Shari Wright at [shari.wright@uumilwaukee.org](mailto:shari.wright@uumilwaukee.org). Also find links to these forms on the church website under the Members tab.

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