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Monthly Theme

*What does it mean
to be a people of*

Pluralism

Inside News

by *The Chanticleer* Editors

Our church community is growing and May is filled with activities and news.

Meet our new RE & Membership Assistant Fiona. (p. 7)

Summer RE Program, sign up now. (p. 8)

Pridefest, ways to get involved. (p. 11)

Meet the Endowment Trustees & Endowment Q&A Sessions. (pp. 14-15)

MAY 19 SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Religious Education (RE) Sunday **One Service Only!**

Celebrate with our RE children. (p. 6)

11:00 a.m. Potluck in Coffee Hour

Consider bringing a food item to share with everyone after our one service at 10:00 a.m. Sweet treats and savory snacks are most welcome for everyone participating in this big day at First Church. Sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848A4A923AAFC1-49142821-coffee>

Noon: Annual Congregational Meeting

Learn more and prep for the annual meeting: check our church [website page](#) for candidate bios, the agenda, list of eligible voters, annual report, and more, as these become available. Notice of meeting. (p. 13)

Share the Plate May

by Lynde Uihlein
Share the Plate Team Member



World Central Kitchen is the choice of our Religious Education program to be the Share the Plate recipient for the month of May.

WCK is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. It was founded by Jose Andr es with a simple idea to send cooks to feed people in emergency situations.

“Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that you are not alone, someone is thinking about you, and someone cares. WCK’s work is guided by our belief that food is a universal human right. Both in the communities we serve and in our daily workspace, we uphold and rely on our values to direct us toward fulfilling our shared purpose.”

The loss of volunteers due to the war in Gaza is familiar to us, and the need to support this profoundly charitable group is apparent. Learn more at <https://wck.org>

Donate to this STP Partner



Words on the Wind

by Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

Dear First Church Members and Friends,

This May, we will explore our Unitarian Universalist value of “Pluralism.” People do not need to think alike to love alike, and there is space in our congregations for a diversity of beliefs bound in community by a covenant of care.

We engage our value of pluralism through the practice of democracy—each person having a voice and vote, in the congregation and in the world! On May 19, we’ll have our First Church annual meeting where we review the business of the church and practice democracy as a congregation. We’ll hear from the Endowment Fund Task Force about the endowment trust and what happens now, along with our usual business.

May is also the month we’ll choose our final First Church delegates to our national Unitarian Universalist Association’s annual gathering: General Assembly (GA). GA will take place June 20 – 23, and will be completely virtual, so it is accessible to everyone! This year, our faith will

take an historic vote on a revision of our shared Unitarian Universalist values and principles, one of which is pluralism. If you want to learn more, or take part, connect with me or Bruce Wiggins, chair of our Denominational Affairs team. Let’s put pluralism into practice!

With love,
Jennifer
Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister



Kimberlee's Contemplations

by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson



This May is full of transitions in Religious Education. We say goodbye to RE Assistant Kaitlin Barron whose positivity, warmth and work ethic has helped the RE program be successful this year. She and Alex are off on a Texan adventure to be with family and travel. Kaitlin's last day will be May 12.

Additionally, after a decade of dedication, love and tender care, Deb Solis, our Youth and OWL Coordinator, is retiring. Deb's tireless efforts before, during and after the pandemic have been a blessing to our youth and families. Deb's willingness to help in any way she can has been beyond measure; her role and responsibilities have shifted with the church's needs during the past few years. Regardless of what the task at hand is, Deb always approaches it with enthusiasm and grace. We will be celebrating Deb on RE Sunday, May 19 and her last day as staff will be June 2. Deb is a member of First Church and will step away from the congregation until December of 2024 to allow for healthy boundary space before returning as a member.

Amidst all the goodbyes there is good news to share as well. In April, I was granted full fellowship as a Unitarian Universalist minister, marking the end of the credentialing process for ministry. This process entails years of being evaluated by multiple parties, as individuals and

as teams, my professors, peers and supervisors in chaplaincy training, teaching pastors, multiple UU formation committees, the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, and my supervisor and the MRE Committee of this congregation for three years, along with meeting with a mentor monthly for three years. Being granted full fellowship means I have met the UUA's high standards and expectations for ministers. And with the completion of this extensive evaluation I am eligible to pursue roles only allowed to ministers in full fellowship. It also means I have done good work and have the skills and knowledge to continue my own formation.

This is all possible due to the incredible support and dedication of my MRE Committee on the Ministry Team: Thea Watters, John Fitak, Bizzy Schultz and Rollie Hansen, my supervisor Rev. Dena McPhetres, my mentor, Rev. Dr. Linda Olsen Pebbles, and my family. Their guidance, patience, and time has been critical in this long process. Finally, I am ever grateful to everyone at First Church who ordained me and have continued to place their trust in me while giving me a place to serve and care for the world. You are each a blessing!

In faith,
Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Minister of Religious Education

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

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You Are a Piece of the Truth

Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director
Liz Irwin Moore, Worship Associate
[Click for info about this service](#)

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All Kinds of Mothers and Not

Rev. Dena McPhetres

Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director
Nancy Spransy, Worship Associate
[Click for info about this service](#)

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Religious Education Sunday

Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson

Tristan Strelitzer, Choral Director
Members of the RE Community
[Click for info about this service](#)

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Potluck - bring sweet treats & savory snacks
12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

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On Fascism and Pizza

Steve Sieck

Karen Beaumont, Guest Organist
Trudy Watt, Worship Associate
[Click for info about this service](#)

Sunday services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



RE Sunday May 19 ♦ One service only at 10:00 a.m.! **Members of the RE Community**

Join us in our annual ritual of celebrating our children, youth, volunteers, and families this Religious Education Sunday. We gather to listen to our RE community and share stories and insights from their faith formation at First Church with some creative twists! We will also honor the many caregivers within our faith community as we rejoice in our children's accomplishments.

This is a multi-generational worship, there will be no religious education classes this Sunday. The nursery and pre-school will be open.

"Love is My Religion" Friends & Family Singers

All are welcome to learn, rehearse and sing the chorus of "Love is My Religion" on RE Sunday May 19 at 10 a.m. only. Singers Grades 1 to adult are invited to join the Family & Friends Singers in rehearsal April 28, May 5 and 12 from 10:15 -10:30 a.m in the Young Room. Rehearsals begin at the end of RE with one of our music staff leading our singers. On May 19, we will rehearse in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. sharp, so please be in the building and be ready to sing! If you and/or your child(ren) would like to take part, please email Tristan (tristan.strelitzer@uumilwaukee.org) so that we can know who to expect. All are welcome!



Flower Ceremony June 2 Sunday Services

The first Sunday in June is the Unitarian Flower Ceremony, which began in the Unitarian congregation in Prague, Czechoslovakia in June 1923. Please bring a fresh flower from your yard, neighborhood or random roadside to contribute to our community bouquet. We will each receive a different flower to bring home! Our delight in the uniqueness of each flower and the beautiful bouquet of community is a special kind of happiness.

Child Dedication

by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Minister of Religious Education

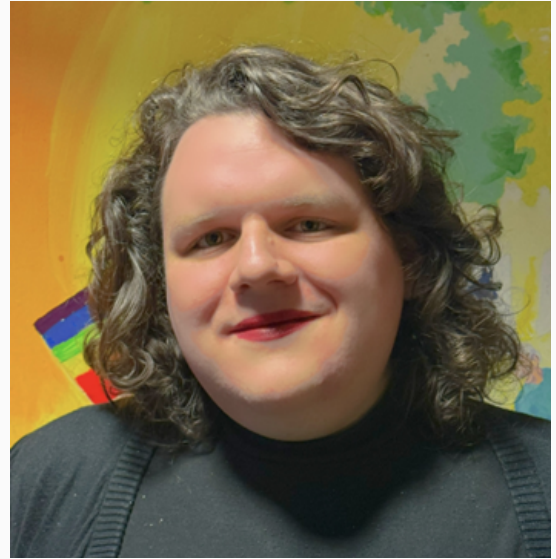
This year we have been blessed with many new families joining First Church. All member families with children who have not yet been dedicated at First Church are invited to participate on May 12, a Dedication of Parents and Children during our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. The Child Dedication Ceremony is a time for celebrating the birth or adoption of a child in a ceremony of naming and dedication. It is a time for welcoming our children into the world, into the family and into the church community. It is a time for acknowledging that each child's life is sacred and holds that truth in the light of our faith.

This simple ceremony is related to the Christian "baptism" or "christening," though the meanings we attach to it are significantly different, read our UU [Child Dedication Brochure](#) for a full description.

The ceremony is a public declaration by the parents to dedicate themselves to faithfully nurture and support their children. The congregation recognizes your child's original blessing, and we dedicate ourselves to nurturing your child and you. Because of the promises our congregation makes to the family during the ceremony, child dedications are available only to members of the church.

If you are interested in having your child dedicated on May 12, fill out this [online form](#) by Sunday, May 6 or email Rev. Kimberlee at Kimberlee.carlson@uumilwaukee.org.

Welcome Fiona Higgins



We are delighted to welcome Fiona Higgins to the RE staff team, as our new RE & Membership Assistant. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Fiona has studied both theater and sociology. She's an avid reader, often carrying a book or two on her when she's out. A hobbyist writer, she enjoys science fiction and mysteries. She's excited to get to know everyone and is willing to swap coffee tips to find a perfect cup.

Fiona will be at the RE Table most Sundays, checking-in our children, youth, and RE volunteers as well as helping in the various classrooms. Fiona will also be helping maintain our membership and guest information.



Summer Plans in Religious Education

by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Minister of Religious Education

Dive into a summer of inspiration and growth at our Religious Education program for children! Join us as we embark on a journey of learning and fun, with opportunities to share your hobbies, talents, crafts, or topics with our eager young learners. Our program, centered around the Faith Formation Station Room, will also offer special sessions by community members, making it a truly enriching experience. Let's come together as a congregation to nurture young minds and foster connections between adults and children. Reach out to Rev. Kimberlee at kimberlee.carlson@uumilwaukee.org to be a part of this exciting initiative. Let's make this summer a season of creativity, learning, and community building!

Summer Schedule is online here at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848A4A923AAFC1-48935370-religious_

These volunteer roles are needed each Sunday this summer:

RE Summer Volunteer: Supervise and play with children in the Faith Formation Room or help with special session.

RE Volunteer Leader: Propose an activity or workshop idea for our children, work with Rev. Kimberlee to shape a feature workshop. Write Rev. Kimberlee to propose your idea!

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Preschool-Early Childhood Helper: Assisting in the Preschool with Mariah Groshek volunteers for the 10 a.m. Sunday service.

Nursery-Early Childhood Helper: Assisting in the Nursery with Cecelia Groshek, volunteers for the 10 a.m. Sunday service.

In the summer, Religious Education programs for children over 5 years of age begin at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. During our offertory hymn the Children, Youth participants and RE Volunteers will depart for the RE program, beginning in the Leenhouts Common Room and then moving to the lower level. For children under five, the Nursery and Preschool will be open from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.



In Memoriam

Daniel (Dan) O'Keefe

March 13, 1949 – April 4, 2024

Daniel (Dan) James O'Keefe died peacefully on Thursday, April 4, 2024, with his beloved wife, Jane, and nieces beside him. Dan had been ill with pulmonary fibrosis and his health turned unexpectedly quickly. Dan was 75 years old and a member of our congregation since 2020.

Dan found God in nature, and he loved the world through doing acts of service. He was a passionate community builder and social justice advocate who served with the United Nations Association, Peace Action, and Get Out the Vote. Cards are welcome at this time, and a memorial service will be held in the future. We lit the Candle of Life for Dan's passing during worship on April 14.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations give to:

Project RETURN

2821 Vel R Phillips Ave, Suite 223

Milwaukee, WI 53212

<https://www.projectreturnmilwaukee.org/>

All in the Family

Life is hard sometimes. We experience sickness, job loss, broken hearts, and broken bodies. We want to support you through those difficult times.

Our deep condolences are with **George Bledsoe**, whose sister Phyllis died in Tennessee on March 17. May you and your family find peace and healing.

Our heartfelt condolences are with **Pam Wilkie**, whose older brother died on March 17, after a long journey with cancer. May you and your family be held in loving memories.

Pastoral Care Resources

If you would like to talk to a Pastoral Care Associate for a listening presence, please contact PCA Coordinator Lynn Connolly at fuspastoralcare@gmail.com or 414-573-9823. 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, or contactless meal delivery, contact Liz Irwin Moore, Pastoral Care Provider Coordinator at: fuspcprovider@gmail.com.

For personal financial assistance, please contact Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom at jennifer.nordstrom@uumilwaukee.org.

“Earth-Friendly Eating” Program May 20

by Bruce Wiggins
Co-Chair Earth Justice

Co-sponsored by the First Unitarian Society Earth Justice Ministry and the Sierra Club Great Waters Group on May 20 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at church.

First Church members Terry and Bruce Wiggins will present and lead discussion on how our food choices and food system affect or aggravate climate change, and vice versa -- how climate change is affecting our food. They will explore how and why personal changes are necessary, along with some suggested changes. They will also explore why our food system needs big changes – the what and why. For example, why buying organic is not the solution many think it is.

Bruce and Terry have experience with various food and justice organizations for many years. They are gardeners, cooks and eaters plus lifetime Sierra Club members. Bruce was co-chair of a work group for the City's Climate and Equity Plan, which addresses food equity along with food waste.

Register at Sierra Club website at
<https://bit.ly/May2024Program>
Cost: Free

You Crushed It Postcard Writers!

by Terry Wiggins
Co-Chair Earth Justice Ministry

The first two Sundays of postcard writing went so well! Although it was Earth Justice Ministry's plan to lead postcard writing all 4 Sundays of April, it looks like we'll probably be finished on Earth Day Sunday, April 21, writing all 1000 postcards in our possession. Keep up the good work. It's so important that we will have done our part to activate registered voters to get out and express their voice on election day.

We may turn our fourth Sunday into a day of just putting the stamps we've been able to purchase onto cards we've written, while encouraging continued donations for more 53 cent postcard stamps. Then, this first group of postcards will be mailed on July 23, in advance of the Wisconsin August partisan primary election. We will likely be doing another round of writing for the November election, targeting a new list of Wisconsin registered voters.

We thank everybody for their participation and patience with the process. We know it's hard for most UUs to be given a prescribed script and follow it, though we did a pretty good job.

Get Blessed at Pridefest!

by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Minister of Religious Education

Blessed at Pridefest is a powerful street ministry that First Church co-sponsors each year in Milwaukee. Interfaith organizations create a blessing booth and clergy offer personalized blessing to Pridefest participants using our blessing menu and are given a "Blessed at Pridefest" sticker. Clergy and lay volunteers work together to explain, help introduce, and guide people to participate in the blessing booth. The blessing booth also features a photo backdrop with props and a Rainbow Ribbon Blessing Gate, a collaborative art project. People are invited to write a blessing on a ribbon and tie it to the Rainbow Ribbon Blessing Gate for the blessings to be shared as they are blown by the wind throughout the Summerfest grounds.

Blessed at Pridefest this year is on Friday, June 7, 3:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 8, 12:00-9:00 p.m. Volunteer shifts are 3 hours long. Please click the link for more information and to sign up on the volunteer schedule:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AA-FAD2BA7F49-48835846-blessed>



PrideFest MKE 2024

Summerfest Grounds

Thursday, June 6 - 4 pm-12

Friday, June 7 -3 pm-12

Saturday June 8 - 12 pm-12

MKE Pride Parade

Sunday, June 9 - 2 pm

Come walk with First Church and ZAO MKE for the 2024 Pride Parade. Sign up to let us know you plan to attend [HERE](#).

Are You a SWAN?

by Barbara Collignon
SWANS Co-Chair

The SWANS (Senior Women are Naturally Social) have been around since 2009. We started as Senior Women Alone or Newly Single but found Senior Women are Naturally Social is more inclusive. Actually, any interested woman-- senior or not, single or not-- is welcome. We have a monthly outing for socializing and lunch. In March, we met at the Grohmann Museum and had lunch at Turmeric Indian Café and Bar. In April, we attended Judy Friebert's art exhibition and lunched at St John's on the Lake. Saturday, May 4, we'll visit the Milwaukee Art Museum for special exhibit. Contact Barbara Collignon at bjcollig@gmail.com to be added to the contact list and for details about May 4.

Walk and Roll Estabrook Park

by Jacki Zandi
Earth Justice Ministry Member

Saturday May 11, from 10:30 a.m.-noon. All are welcome to spring forth on our first outdoor Walk and Roll of this year at Estabrook Park located at 4400 Estabrook Parkway in Shorewood. You can park at the Beer Garden which is between Hampton Avenue and Capitol Drive. From there we will proceed on an asphalt trail to see the colors of spring and other features. We always see more when we are together. Your leader is Cheri Briscoe. Paula Anderson and Jacki Zandi are your hosts. Bring friends and family.

Last month, our Youth Group went on a fun field trip to Escape Room MKE where they successfully solved the mystery of escaping from the room in an hour!



Splinters from the Board

by Pat Geenen

President Board of Trustees

The final wording of the Trust Agreement was approved unanimously at the BOT March 2024 meeting, along with a plan to communicate details about the trust to the congregation as needed. BOT appointed endowment trustees Dave Becker, Ron Oshima, and Betty Schroeder will choose an investment firm from those approved by the Board, invest the trust money, and determine how the distributions will be handled. The next step is to have the trust certified as a tax exempt entity by the Internal Revenue Service, a process which could take as long as six months.

As the Board prepares to approve a congregational budget for next year (2024-25) the trustees took a close look at the yield from this year's operating pledges, what the congregation has pledged for next year, and the anticipated cost for staff salaries and benefits (the largest part of the budget). Currently, projections in these entities show a continued gap between income and expenses to balance the annual budget. The plan is to address this gap by applying anticipated investment income from the endowment fund as it becomes available, reducing Human Resource costs, and increasing our operating pledge base.

Further items covered in the March meeting included a statement to General Assembly delegates in support of the revised UU principles; an update on the annual congregational survey;

a report from the Anti-Racism Committee; and planning for a June board retreat. The trustees also voted unanimously to approve the slate of nominees for BOT and the Nominating Committee, to be voted on at the May 19 Congregational Meeting.

Annual Meeting May 19

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee to be held Sunday, May 19 at 12:00 p.m. This year's meeting will occur in person in our Sanctuary and will also be available simultaneously via Zoom. To receive the Zoom link, signup with your email at <https://bit.ly/FUSMAnnualMtg>

Learn about significant First Church accomplishments over the 2023-24 church year, hear from the new Endowment Trustees, and learn about our financial condition. Vote on new Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee members for next church year and use the opportunity to raise issues and ask questions.

Members are eligible to vote if they became Members of the congregation on or before 60 days prior to the meeting date and have made a financial pledge or contribution of record in the past year. A list of voting members will be posted on the website and the church bulletin board 15 days prior to the meeting.

Endowment Fund Q&A Sessions in May

by David Becker
Endowment Trustee

Do you have questions about the new Endowment being set up following the successful Forge Our Future campaign?

Four Q&A sessions have been scheduled to provide an update on the Endowment and answer any questions. Sign up for the online dates to receive the Zoom information at <https://bit.ly/UUFOFQandA>.

- Sunday, May 5 – in person in the Parlor following each service (10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and noon – 1 p.m.)
- Wednesday, May 8 via Zoom from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 9 via Zoom from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Congregants are invited to submit any questions in advance. You can find a box for written questions at the Member Services Table in the Common Room from April 21 to May 4. Questions can also be submitted by email to David Becker (dbecker443@gmail.com).

Questions or comments can also be directed to one of the newly-appointed Endowment Trustees (Dave Becker, Ron Oshima, Betty Schroeder) or a member of the Endowment Fund Task Force (George Bledsoe, Tom Briscoe, Elizabeth Lentini, Kathy Rivera).



Support the Endowment Fund!

Goal: \$3,000,000
As of April 24, 2024
Dollars pledged: \$2,819,433
Fulfilled Amount: \$1,473,247



It's never too late to pledge!

Pledge to our principal-protected endowment fund with the online pledge form with this QR code.



Meet Your Endowment Trustees

We are grateful for the expertise and service the three Board-appointed inaugural Trustees bring to the new Endowment.

Dave Becker



Dave joined First Church in 1992 and has served on numerous committees including Stewardship, Investments, Social Justice, Nominating, Ministerial Search, Committee on Ministry, Strategic Planning, and most recently as co-chair of the Endowment Fund Task Force. Dave is a graduate of the UU Midwest Leadership School, served on the Board of Trustees, and as President of the congregation from 1997-99.

Dave, his wife Yinbo, and nine-year-old son Teddy enjoy hiking, nature, and traveling together. Dave is an electrical engineer by training and worked for 32 years at GE Healthcare in diagnostic ultrasound product development. After recently retiring from GE Healthcare Dave now enjoys more time with family and volunteering at the Schlitz Audabon Center.

Ron Oshima joined First Church in 2010. He is currently on the Finance Team (7 years) and the Endowment Fund Task Force. He has served on the Anti-Racism Team and the Beloved Conversations Team. Ron has an MBA from the University of Chicago and spent 25 years in banking where one stop included developing investment products. He is retiring in April from the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, which introduced him to non-profit management. Ron lives in Whitefish Bay with his wife Kari. In retirement, Ron looks forward to traveling and more time for aikido, sailing, swimming, hiking, reading, and cooking.

Ron Oshima



Betty Schroeder



Betty Schroeder has been a member of First Church since 2002. Her involvement at church includes the Finance Committee and being Treasurer for several years in addition to being a past President of the Board of Trustees. Currently, she ushers at the 9:00 service. Betty is a CPA/MBA and spent 35+ years working in finance and banking, focusing primarily on financial modeling in the banking industry. She is now retired and lives in Riverwest with her husband Pat. Retirement includes biking, pickleball and working part time at the Whitefish Bay Library.



Buddhist Study Group

Wednesday, May 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m.
At Church

Join us as we meet to share our thoughts and interpretations of Buddhist teachings and ideas. Then we meditate as a group for a short while and have fellowship. Contact is Mark Miller at gatheringwaterssangha@gmail.com.

Book Discussion Group

Sunday, May 5
[Join Us Online Here](#)

Join us as we discuss May's read, *Through the Language Glass: Why the world looks different in other languages*, by Guy Deutscher. Contact Barbra Lancelot for more information at uubarbra@gmail.com.

Chancel Choir

Every Thursday, 7:15 -9:00 pm
At Church

Sing with us on Thursdays as we prepare to perform for Sunday services. Open to all singers high school age and up (no previous experience or audition required). Contact Teresa Drews: for more information or to join at teresa.drews@uumilwaukee.org.

The Chronologically Gifted Potluck

Please join on May 26

Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. Bring a dish and join your contemporaries for a potluck after the Sunday service, in Otto Hall. We may even have some entertainment! Plan ahead! Show up! Enjoy!

Poetry Contemplation

Every Wednesday, 9:00 am
[Join Us Online Here](#)

Join us online as we listen, respond, and rest with the words of selected poets. Come listen for what resonates and illuminates. Members, guests, and visitors are welcome to join this open, weekly, drop-in practice.

The Practice of Silence

Monday, May 13 , 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a new meditation hour on second Mondays in the Sanctuary to practice silence. You can join and leave at any time.

Seasoned Women Naturally Social (SWANS)

Please join SWANS May 4

Contact Barbara Collignon at bjcollig@gmail.com for more information.



Sunday Morning Forum

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & ON YOUTUBE



MAY 5

Building the Beloved Community

Kathleen Schluter, Treasurer of MICAH, Member/Co-Chair: We All Belong Steering Committee & Education Committee.

What is Beloved Community and how do we foster unity, acceptance and love amid our differences? This will be the focus of this interactive forum. Through three short presentations, videos and break-out sessions we will explore 1) what Beloved Community means to us, 2) how we can build a Beloved Community, and 3) what personal and cultural shifts are required to live in Beloved Community? Expect a challenging and thought-provoking discussion.

MAY 12

Law Forward: Fighting for Free, Fair Elections, Where All Votes Count

RR Edwards, Staff Counsel.

Law Forward is on the frontlines—in the courts and in public spaces—fighting to protect and strengthen democracy in Wisconsin. Since 2020, the legal organization has engaged in crucial fights for ballot access, led the fight for fair districts, protected separation of powers, advocated for the judiciary’s constitutional role, and convened broad coalitions including key Wisconsin nonprofits, government officials, and national allies to resist election subversion and ensure fair, free elections.



May 12 is the last Sunday Forum this Spring. Join us again in September.

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Please contact them directly to set up an appointment.

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Monday - Wednesdays: 5:00 - 8:30 pm

If you are attending a scheduled group, ring the bell. If you need access to the building at other times, please make an appointment at first.church.office@uumilwaukee.org.

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