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Monthly Theme

*What does it mean
to be a people of*

Trust

Inside News

by the *Chanticleer* Editors

So many ways to connect with, and support, your church community in March!

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Ministry Transitions at First Church

This is a year of change amongst our ministers!

Rev. Dena's Retirement Celebrations: As announced this fall, Rev. Dena McPhetres is retiring June 2025. Save the dates for May 30 retirement party and June 1 retirement ritual during Sunday service on our website [HERE](#).

Search for a Minister: You can also learn about the progress of the Acting Assistant Minister Search Team, how the ministers' responsibilities will be re-organized, and what "Acting Assistant Minister" means on our website [HERE](#).

Adult Spiritual Development Changes: Rev. Kimberlee will become responsible for Adult Spiritual Development this fall. Read more [here](#).

All three of these articles, as well as future updates, can be found at this [website link](#).

Plastic Free Milwaukee

Share the Plate March 2025

by Lynde Uihlein,
Share the Plate Team Member

Plastic-Free MKE is a coalition of dedicated community volunteers, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and businesses. Their goal is to reduce single-use plastics in Milwaukee and surrounding communities. As a coalition, they can advocate for policy changes and make it known to local legislators that plastic harms our health, water, and environment.

Their mission is to reduce the harms that unnecessary plastics have on environmental health, public health, and social justice. They will center those most harmed by plastics, build a community around plastics alternatives, advocate for producer and polluter accountability, and use collaborative problem-solving to eliminate plastics in the Milwaukee area. Rather than focus on individuals who use plastic, they focus on the companies producing harmful, unnecessary single-use plastics and the legislation making it harder to encourage companies to do better.

Their vision and values center on a healthier Milwaukee, centering those most impacted by the harms of single-use plastics.

Learn more at www.plasticfreemke.org

Donate to this STP Partner



Words on the Wind

by Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom

Dear Beloveds,

In the midst of this unprecedented attack on democracy and our Unitarian Universalist values, it is hard to talk about trust. And yet, we need trust the most in times of fear and uncertainty. We learn who and what we can trust under pressure. Where are you finding security in the moment? What makes you feel grounded?

It can help to find something larger than yourself to trust, whether it be time, or the universe, or tomorrow's sunrise. In fall worship, we sang Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker's prayer, "There is a love holding us. There is a love holding all we love. There is a love holding all."

The love that holds us is larger than any individual moment, heartbeat, or relationship. It is a love within, among, and beyond us that holds all that is. Love returns again and again, through tragedy, death, and even fascism.

There are also smaller places to find trust: in friendships, in community, and in the people who show up. Invest in these places, and keep building relationships and communities of trust. This is what holds us through the stress of oppression, loss, and grief. We are stronger together, First Church, and we will hold one another in trust through the storm.

with love,

Jennifer

Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

Dena's Digressions

by Rev. Dena McPhetres



We had hiked to the other side of the island to watch the sunset and tarried long, basking in the beauty and many conversations and jokes between friends. Suddenly, it was dark and time to head back to camp. Not one of us had brought a flashlight! We decided our only choice was to do a trust walk. Single file, each of us touching the shoulder of the person in front of us, we slowly and carefully walked down the path through the woods. There was no choice but to trust the leader and the person right in front of us. There was no choice but to be trustworthy for the person behind us. There was no choice but to trust our feet. I'll never forget that unplanned trust walk in the dark through the forest with my fellow campers. We were capable of more than we thought we were, and we got each other safely home.

In times of national trauma, like the COVID-19 pandemic, like the assault on democracy now, I think my only choice is to touch the shoulder of the person I trust in front of me, and walk the slow walk through it. Who do you trust most right now? Can you lean on them a little more? Can you be the sturdy shoulder for someone else who needs courage? I know we'll find our way through the woods, it just doesn't seem like it now.

One of the things I'm most grateful for these days are the leaders at First Church—staff, ministers, members. Strong, compassionate, flexible, vibrant, faithful, adapting. We will be blessed to send Rev. Kimberlee off on her short sabbatical beginning right after RE Sunday in May, trusting her to nourish her spirit, replenish her energy, engage her mind and care for her body away from church. We trust our lay leaders on the CRE team and our RE staff to carry the program for our children through the summer and welcome Kimberlee when she returns with renewed vision and plans on August 1. Sabbatical is the best gift to sustain our ministers and our ministry.

Yours,

Dena

Rev. Dena McPhetres, Associate Minister



Kimberlee's Contemplations

by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson



Trust is the key ingredient in making church work. We place our faith in each other, our values and this community to collectively nurture spirits, engage minds and inspire action. For a long time now First Church has been a sanctuary; a place where so many people have come to find solace, learn, grow, sing and center love collectively. I often find myself in awe of this legacy of trust. Together we shape lives, support one another and make real the community we all share with the key ingredient of trust.

Planning for my sabbatical, I return to reflecting on this relationship of trust. It is amazing to know in my bones that everyone will continue to support our children and youth in my absence. And I promise to continue to dedicate myself to serving this congregation and return thankful for the gift of rest and renewal.

The first half of my five-month sabbatical will begin on May 20, directly after the RE Sunday service and our First Church Annual Meeting on May 18. My sabbatical time will be divided across two years to ensure the continuity in religious education. I will return on August 1, 2025, a month before the church year calendar begins; Ingathering is September 7, 2025. The month allows time to collaborate on Sunday programming as well as recruit, train and schedule volunteers to help in the nursery,

pre-school, elementary ages group, and youth group starting on Sunday mornings in September.

The CRE team. RE volunteers, church staff and I are planning for an all-ages program each of the Sundays during my sabbatical. Each Sunday will feature an all-ages activity led by an experienced volunteer and Fiona Higgins. During this time, Fiona will be taking on more administrative duties such as continuing the RE Weekly Update, supporting our volunteers and families and her hours will increase to reflect these added responsibilities. Rev. Jennifer will be supervising Fiona, Mariah and Cecelia until I return in August.

If you would like to help support our children and youth, please sign up to be an RE Volunteer **HERE!**

If you would like to know more about my upcoming sabbatical, please join me on Sunday March 9 at 10:20 a.m. in the Young Room for an informational meeting and discussion.

Grateful for the trust of community,

Rev. Kimberlee
Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson
Minister of Religious Education

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

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Practicing Trust in Community

Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

Tristan Strelitzer, Choral Director, and the Chancel Choir
Jeremy Koenen, Worship Associate

[Click for info about this service](#)

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You're Not My Cardiologist

Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director
Amanda Panciera, Worship Associate

[Click for info about this service](#)

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Mutual, I'm Sure!

Rev. Dena McPhetres, Associate Minister

Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director
Trudy Watt, Worship Associated

[Click for info about this service](#)

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Trust in the Universe?

Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, Senior Minister

Tristan Strelitzer, Choral Director, and the Chancel Choir
Desiree Pointer Mace, Worship Associate

[Click for info about this service](#)

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How Long 'til My Soul Gets It Right?

Rev. Dena McPhetres, Associate Minister

Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director
Liz Irwin Moore, Worship Associate

[Click for info about this service](#)

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

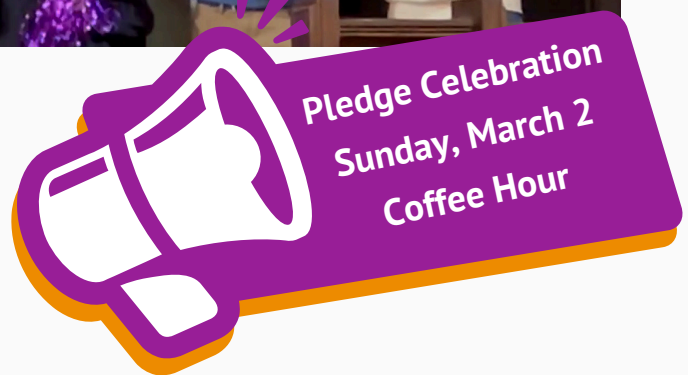


Cheer the First Church Pledge 2 - 4 - 6 - 8

by Adam Zaiger
Pledge Team

Together We Fan the Flame, our 2025 Annual Pledge Drive, kicked off last month. Annual pledges sustain our beloved community, make everything that First Church offers possible, and keep the lights on and music going. By pledging before the Pledge Drive closes, you will ensure that your contribution is included in our projected income for the coming church year.

Consistent with the pledge drive theme this year, we invite you to consider how First Church fans your internal flame and how you, through your time and contributions, fan our communal flame. Investing in First Church ensures its ongoing ability to fan the flames of peace, love, and justice in our community and the world at large. Your investment supports a community that nurtures our spirit, amplifies our voice, and provides sanctuary for those in need.



If you have submitted your 2025 pledge already, THANK YOU! If you haven't, please review the mailing you recently received about the pledge drive, consider how our First Church community supports you and aligns with your values and submit your pledge today. All pledges are deeply appreciated and gratefully received.

Pledge here for the
2025-26 Operating Fund.

[Online Pledge Form](#)



Do We Really Need Another Plastic Bag?

by Amy Monahan
Earth Justice Ministry

The PlasticFreeMKE consortium is a grassroots movement of 45 different non-profits, businesses, and government agencies with a mission to reduce unnecessary single-use plastics. A product of fossil fuels, single-use plastics are invading our water supply, our food, our environment -- and our bodies! In anticipation of Earth Month (April) members of the Earth Justice Ministry (EJM) will be promoting the goals of PlasticFreeMKE during social hours on Sundays, March 16, 23, and 30. Please visit our display in the Common Room and chat with us. PlasticFreeMKE is also the Share the Plate organization for March.

EJM urges First Church members to go online at <https://www.plasticfreemke.org> and sign the pledge to reduce use of single-use plastics such as plastic bottles, plastic straws, plastic bags, etc. All that is required is a willingness to refuse single-use plastics. We'll post your/your family's name on our display once you sign the pledge. We want businesses and elected officials to understand that Milwaukee does not want plastics polluting our environment.

On March 16 we will be hosting the program coordinator of PlasticFreeMKE, Gabrielle de

Gall, who will have more informational displays in the social hours. And our RE kids and youth will be learning about plastics and PlasticFreeMKE's work in Religious Education. Perhaps this could become a family project for some of you!

Write Postcards to Voters for the April 1st Election

by Juanita Mast
Defend Democracy Team

You are invited to join the Defend Democracy Team in writing postcards to voters to encourage voting in the April 1 election.

We will meet at the Coffee Hour after each service on Sunday, March 9. Please get your cup of coffee then join us at a table to address a few postcards. We will have some light snacks. We plan to send 700 cards, so we need your help with this project. Just show up and you will be welcome.

Mystery Friend's Party

by Fiona Higgins
RE & Membership Assistant

Join us on Sunday March 16 from 10:15 -11:00 a.m. for the Mystery Friends Party! We are going to have fun, games, and treats. Meet your mystery friend face to face, enjoy some snacks. Take funny photos together all with a fun “St. Patrick’s Day” theme. Play silly games like “Would You Rather (St Patrick’s edition),” “Irish Scattergories” and more! Look for details in the RE Weekly as we get closer to the party!

Journey to Membership

4 Wednesdays, April 9 – 30

6:30 – 8:30 p.m., in-person

Join us for our Journey to Membership class. Led by our ministers and staff, this series explores Unitarian Universalist beliefs, history, values, and social justice framework, as well as the meaning of membership and how to make connections at First Church.

The class is a prerequisite to membership, but joining is not a requirement. Register if you are interested in UUism, want to meet others, or just want a deeper understanding of intentional community as we strive to practice it here at First Church. Learn more about membership and register at uumilwaukee.org/get-involved/become-a-member/ or stop by the Connections Table on Sundays to sign-up.

In Memoriam

Irene Gordon

July 13, 1945 ~ February 9, 2025

We are sorry to share the news that Irene Gordon died on Sunday, February 9, 2025. She was 79 years old and a member at First Church since 2000. Her family will be holding a private memorial. Her obituary, which includes a link to memorial tree donations, can be found at: <https://krausefuneralhome.com/obituary/irene-carol-gordon/>

Timothy Raymond Ruf

May 18, 1961 - February 6, 2025

Timothy (Tim) Raymond Ruf died on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Tim had been experiencing health concerns recently and died from natural causes. He was 63 years old and a member of our congregation since 1995. Tim was an artist and singer, serving on the board of Our Voice Milwaukee.

Getting Your Ducks in a Row

Register by March 9!

by Rev. Dena McPhetres
Associate Minister

Many of us think that end-of-life planning is only a concern for the elderly. It is, but anyone who has dependents, especially minor children, must also be prepared, just in case. Whether you have children or not, getting your end-of-life plans in place will give you peace of mind and save your loved ones unnecessary stress when the time comes.

If your ducks aren't lined up, if you aren't even sure which ducks you need, join the Heritage Society for a three-part program that will give you this important information.

- Wednesday, March 12, church member Dr. Brett Twente will discuss the medical issues related to end-of-life planning and how to prepare a medical power of attorney.
- Wednesday, March 19, attorney and church member Rollie Hansen will discuss wills and probate, financial power of attorney, trusts (including special needs trusts), and Title 19/Medicaid planning.
- Wednesday, March 26, Rev. Dena McPhetres will discuss spiritual aspects, such as how to talk with your loved ones about your final wishes, your beliefs about death and afterlife, your choices for disposition of your body after death, memorial service or funeral plans, and why we procrastinate these conversations.

Each program runs 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Max Otto Hall upstairs which has hearing assist devices and is accessible via stairs or elevator. The programs will NOT be livestreamed or recorded. The cost for the three-part series is \$30.00. To request a fee waiver, contact Rev. Dena at dena.mcphetres@uumilwaukee.org. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide childcare. Register [HERE](#) by March 9.

Be sure that one of your ducks is leaving a bequest to First Church. Contact Shari Wright at shari.wright@uumilwaukee.org for information on how to do that.

Consider Becoming a Theme Circle Facilitator!

by Rev. Dena McPhetres
Associate Minister

Do you enjoy our monthly worship themes? Are you called to the ministry of creating a trusting space for reflection and exploration in a small group of adults? Consider applying to become a Theme Circle Facilitator!

Theme Circle participants say that the monthly spiritual exercises, readings, reflection and sharing have significantly affected their personal lives. They feel closer to each other and the congregation through exploring how a theme like Deep Listening, Repair, Story, Inclusion, or Trust resonates and brings meaning to their life. Serving as a Facilitator for a monthly Theme Circle allows you to nurture the spiritual journey of your peers and help create deep connections among our church members and friends. You would also meet regularly for leadership support with the new Acting Assistant Minister and the facilitator team. Facilitators must be members of First Church.

The online application form will be available in April. Application deadline will be May 1. Selected applicants may be interviewed by Rev. Dena in May. The required online Facilitator training with the Soul Matters team happens in August or September. Theme Circles begin meeting the third week of October.

People with diverse identities are especially encouraged to apply!

Questions? Contact Rev. Dena at:
dena.mcphetres@uumilwaukee.org.

Video Testimonial from Amy Wilbourne



Apply to Become a Worship Associate by March 31

by Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom
Senior Minister

Do you love the Sunday morning stories our First Church Worship Associates tell? Do you love story-telling and meaning-making? Consider applying to be a Worship Associate!

Worship Associates help lead our Sunday worship services, collaborating with the ministers to reflect on meaning, purpose, and the life of the congregation. Worship Associates help develop Sunday themes for worship in monthly meetings with the ministers and then work 1-1 with the ministers to create a compelling story on the Sunday morning they serve.

Worship Associates help lead the Sunday service at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services and greet members and visitors during coffee hour after service. Worship Associates serve for 2 years, including during the summer, beginning with worship planning in May of the year they begin service and ending with summer services two years later.

Learn more on our website and apply online by March 31 to serve in the 2025 – 2027 cohort:

<http://uumilwaukee.org/ministers-and-leaders/worship-associates/>

Forward! Where Do We Go From Here

by Patricia McFarland
Interfaith Conference Rep.

Join us for 4 Tuesdays in March with Interfaith Conference. Register at interfaithconference.org

Our focus is moving forward during challenging times. Each Tuesday we will dine and consider how to respond with love and justice to the presentations of community leaders. \$20 per session.

PEACE & INTERNATIONAL ISSUES COMMITTEE'S 2025

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

TUESDAYS IN MARCH A LUNCHEON/LECTURE SERIES


\$70.00 - Series of four Tuesdays for in-person lunch
\$20.00 - Individual lunch event
\$20.00 Remote Access for all sessions
TUESDAYS MARCH 4, 11, 18, & 25
 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee
 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee

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 Wisconsin Watch statehouse reporter. Graduate of UW-Madison & Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism

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 Both attorneys work providing immigration services as part of their mission to minister to vulnerable people

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 Professor & Chair of the Dept. of Public Health & Environmental Studies. Member of WI Initiative of Climate Change Impacts

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 Retired MATC Economics Instructor. Former President of MATC's faculty union, AFT Local 212

MORE INFO: 

[HTTPS://INTERFAITHCONFERENCE.ORG/2025-TUESDAYS-IN-MARCH](https://interfaithconference.org/2025-TUESDAYS-IN-MARCH)

Chancel Choir Interfaith Concert performance

by Tristan Strelitzer
Choral Director

Our Chancel Choir will be performing in "We Come Together: An Interfaith Concert Celebrating our Music Traditions" taking place on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. The concert will be located at Congregation Shalom (7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point, WI). A variety of repertoire will be performed by our Chancel Choir and Adult Choirs and Handbell Choirs from Congregation Shalom, Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, Milwaukee Jewish Chorale, and Galilee Lutheran Church.

There will be a reception after the concert. Please RSVP for reception at: <https://www.cong-shalom.org/form/Interfaith-concert.html>.

We hope to see First Church folks there in attendance!

Enjoy a Vibrational Healing Sound Bath in May

by Lynda Strong

Are you feeling stress in your mind or body? Join Lynda Strong of Imperial Serenity and Wellness for a Healing Vibrational Sound Bath with Reiki on May 5. During this event, you will be able to find deep inner peace through guided imagery and the

vibrational healing properties of instruments such as the crystal singing bowl, drums and chimes, as well as Intuitive Reiki. This combination of safe and natural healing experiences is sure to prepare you for the beautiful spring season!

If you are interested in attending, please complete the registration to reserve your spot. The cost is \$20 - please bring cash (exact cash is preferred). Walk-ins are welcome if there is space available. Participants as young as 5 are welcome to join as long as they are able to lay quietly for this experience.

Chairs are provided for sitting on, but you are welcome to bring a yoga mat, blanket and pillows if you prefer to lay on the ground for this experience. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and bring water with to support you during this event.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at imperialserenityandwellness@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Vibrational sound healing is safe for everyone, but I require you to get your doctors permission before participating if you have a built-in medical device, such as a pacemaker or diabetes pump. Participants are responsible for their own healing and are welcome to remove themselves at any time if they become uncomfortable.

Splinters from the Board

by Ryan Pawlowski
Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met for our first meeting of 2025 on January 28. The Board unanimously determined compliance with Policy 4.4 & 4.5, which describes the Church's Financial Planning & Budgeting process.

The Board received an update from the Senior Minister on the Acting Assistant Minister Search and that process is progressing as planned with several candidates noting interest.

The Board is in the process of finalizing the yearly Congregational Survey and would like to encourage all members to complete it this year, the survey helps us ensure the health and wellbeing of our overall Congregation.

Highlights from the Senior Minister Report include: the Endowment Trust Fund has opened a new endowment checking account; New maintenance tech, Vinnie Hack, making great progress on maintenance; Record 35 sign-ups for Winter Journey; overall Worship attendance up, especially for MLK service with Special Guest Dasha Kelly Hamilton.

Are We Working Toward Our Goals?

by Dana Brooks
Board of Trustees

You Can Make a Difference!

Complete this year's Congregational Survey.

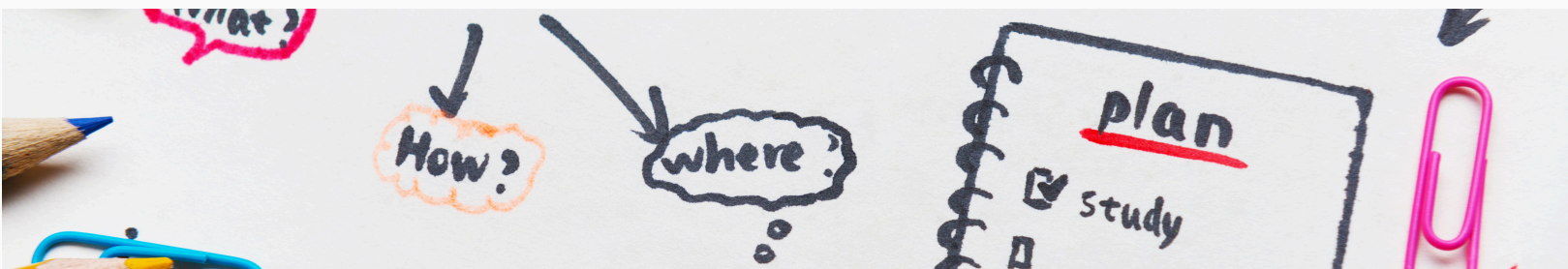
The Board of Trustees needs to know about your experience at First Church. Are we making progress toward our Ends, or do you think that there is room for improvement? The Annual Survey gives you the opportunity to tell us what is important to you. Please complete the survey online at <https://bit.ly/FUSM2025Survey> or visit the Welcome & Belonging Table during Coffee Hour in the Leenhouts Common Room. The deadline for your response is March 28, 2025, so please let your voice be heard!

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 heartfelt condolences are with **Scot Henry** whose father died in January. May you and your family be held in care as you recall the good memories.

Jessie Moffat mother, Chyrel Moffat passed peacefully on February 20, after a long journey with Alzheimer's.



Buddhist Study Group

Wednesday, March 5 & 19, 6:30 pm
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, March 9
[Join Us Online Here](#)

Join us as we discuss February's read, *Hamnet: a novel of the plague* by Maggie O'Ferrell. Contact Barbra Lancelot uubarbra@gmail.com.

Chancel Choir

March 6, 13, 20 at 7:15-9:00 p.m.
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 Tristan Strelitzer: to join at tristan.strelitzer@uumilwaukee.org.

Poetry Contemplation

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

Contact Diane Horne for more information at diane_horne@hotmail.com.

The Chronologically Gifted Potluck

Sunday, March 30 at 12:00 pm
At Church

Chronologically Gifted will meet Sunday, March 30 after the 11:00 service for a Potluck. Bring a plate to share and visit with your contemporaries! Guests welcome! Contact Barbara Collignon at bjcollig@gmail.com.

The Practice of Presence

Every Monday, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
At Church in the Sanctuary

Practicing presence allows us to be fully aware of the present moment, leading to reduced stress, enhanced self-awareness, improved relationships, better decision-making, and a deeper connection with yourself and the world around you. Come and go as you need. The singing bowl will ring every 20 minutes. No meditation experience required, but if you want brief instructions, please arrive at 5:15 p.m.

SWANS (Seasoned Women Are Naturally Social)

Saturday, March 2, 12:30 a.m.

If you'd like to join us in March at the Jewish Museum, please contact Barbara Collignon at 414-614-8141 or by email bjcollig@gmail.com. We generally meet on the first Saturday or Sunday of the month to socialize.



Sunday Morning Forum

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & ON YOUTUBE



MARCH 2

Mind Within Matter

Philip Chard, Psychotherapist, Author, Columnist.

Research indicates one's state of consciousness deeply influences physical health. We will examine how different brain states and mindsets create their own unique biology, the mysteries of the placebo effect, so-called "mind over matter," and the power of beliefs and expectations to directly influence pain, illness and healing. In addition, we will explore how to foster states of consciousness that relieve physical suffering and enhance overall health.

MARCH 9

United Nations Association

Steve Watrous, President, UNA-Greater Milwaukee chapter.

The UNA has the best continuing monthly forum series in town about global issues, with speakers including John Nichols, Candice Owley, Sheldon Lubar and Reggie Jackson.

Members work on peace, women's rights, and the environment. Their project with MPS to educate about the UN results in yearly "World Fairs" with over a thousand elementary students. Frank Zeidler and friends formed what became the UNA-GM chapter to organize at the grass roots and persuade elected officials about the UN and its goals. Watrous has represented the Milwaukee chapter at national and international UNA conferences, and at COP27 in Egypt.



MARCH 16

Genetic Testing in the Real World

Caroline Kielczewski, MS, CGC & Erin Syverson, MGC, CGC (Clinical Genetic Counselors).

This forum will discuss the basics of clinical genetics, including the role of genetic counselors. Our goal is for attendees to understand the current state of medical genetics, including what it looks like to be evaluated by a geneticist or genetic counselor, when to consider seeking out genetics services, and what genetic testing entails. We'll also discuss Direct-to-Consumer Tests (such as 23andMe, the tests you can buy off the internet).



Sunday Morning Forum

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & ON YOUTUBE



MARCH 23

The New Milwaukee Public Natural History Museum

Dr. Ellen Censky, President & CEO.

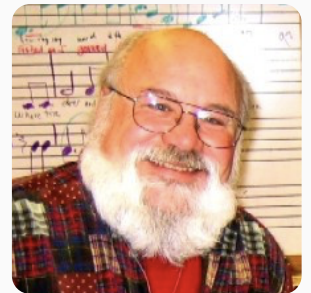
The Milwaukee Public Museum is at an exciting point in its 143-year history with construction of its new, iconic building underway and an opening date slated for early 2027. Dr. Ellen Censky will give an overview of the project and provide an insider's look at the architecture, exhibits plan and what it takes to build a natural history museum and move more than four million collections items.

MARCH 30

Blowing in the Wind

David HB Drake, folk musician.

The best music of David's mentors -Peter, Paul and Mary, Pete Seeger, Phil Ochs, Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, John Denver, Joni Mitchell, Tom Paxton, the Kingston Trio and more echo down the years sung by someone who lived it, who honors the "dream," and who never stopped singing the songs. The program is presented with sing-along slides and a history of the folk era.



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