

# THE CHALICE

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## FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

~ The Rev. Dr. David Herndon

Since April 1, 2017, I have been updating our membership records here at First Unitarian Church. In particular, I have been reaching out to people who are still official members of our congregation but who have not participated in the life of our religious community for many years and have not offered financial support for our church for many years.

For each person, I have offered to have a conversation to see how that person might find their way back to First Unitarian Church. However, I have also said that if the time has come to change their membership status from "Member" to "Resigned," then it would be best for our membership records to reflect reality.

Reaching out in this way is a little awkward and a little sad and sometimes quite rewarding. It is awkward because most of the time I do not know whether someone left our church simply because of changing life circumstances (moving out of town, for example) or because they were somehow disappointed with their experience at our church. It is sad because in many cases I was able to get acquainted with these folks and I feel some sorrow at the loss of meaningful relationships. And sometimes it has been rewarding when I discover that someone who moved away has become a leader in their local Unitarian Universalist church, or that someone who moved away still has very fond memories of their time with First Unitarian Church.

Despite the emotional challenges of this work, I believe that we will be a more effective religious community if we have a crystal clear idea who is part of our church and who is not. For our Pastoral Care Team, it is better for them to invest their time in people who are truly part of our church now. For our Annual Budget Drive Committee, it is better for them to focus their energy on asking for financial support from people who are truly part of our church now. For staff members or church leaders who are wondering who they can invite into a leadership role, it is better for them to work with people who are genuinely enthusiastic about the church now.

Of course, some of our seniors are simply no longer able to serve on committees or ministry teams, and I certainly have no intention of removing these honored folks



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## FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

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from our membership list. And of course, anyone who left our church years ago but now would now like to return to our church is most welcome to do so!

Marking out a clear boundary that identifies who is part of our church will help us care for one another more effectively, and it will take some of the guesswork out of building a sense of community among ourselves. In our Unitarian Universalist tradition, membership is not simply a reflection of identity, nor is it simply a sentimental feeling. Membership is covenantal. That is, membership means that we make promises to one another. The integrity of those promises begins with accurately knowing who our covenant includes.

See you in Church!

*Rev. David*

*Friends,*

*I will be on vacation in the first three weeks of July (July 1 through July 23). A team of three pastoral care providers will be available for emergency pastoral care needs during this time. The team includes **John Balance (724-312-4712)**, who served as our Intern Minister during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 church years; **Stephanie Gannon (347-581-0114)**, a Unitarian Universalist minister-in-training who is completing a year of Clinical Pastoral Education at the Veterans Administration Hospitals here in Pittsburgh; and **Stephanie Pawlowski (412-852-3267)**, our Commissioned Lay Minister Candidate. Our Pastoral Care Team will also be available for pastoral care needs during these three weeks, as they are throughout the year. Our **Pastoral Care Team** includes **Diana Barber-Ballard; Judy Beigi; Christine Beregi; Jim Cunningham; Margaret Fuhrman; Mary Ruth Kelsey; and Kathy Miller.***



# WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS:

### Worship Services in July

#### SUNDAY, JULY 2.

##### Independence Sunday. Evans Moore, PIIN.

We welcome to our pulpit this morning Evans Moore, who serves as Director of Regional Organizing for the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 9.

##### Kristin Kanthak.

We welcome to our pulpit this morning Kristin Kanthak, who serves as Professor of Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 16.

##### Stephanie Gannon.

We welcome to our pulpit this morning Stephanie Gannon, a Unitarian Universalist minister-in-training who is completing a year of Clinical Pastoral Education at the Veterans Hospitals here in Pittsburgh.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 23.

##### Stephanie Pawlowski. "Challenges of Being a Caregiver."

We welcome to our pulpit this morning Stephanie Pawlowski, our Commissioned Lay Minister Candidate here at First Unitarian Church and a lawyer with Kids Voice, a non-profit advocacy organization for at-risk children here in Pittsburgh.

We all face challenge and struggles in our lives. For those of us that act as caregivers, we at times face the struggle of isolation and the misunderstanding of others. How can we ensure that all members of our community are shown compassion and support?

#### SUNDAY, JULY 30.

##### Rev. Geoffrey Royce.

We welcome to our pulpit this morning Rev. Geoffrey Royce, formerly a Unitarian Universalist minister whose spiritual journey has led him on a long search for intentional spiritual engagement.

*The serene philosophy of the pink rose is steadying. Its fragrant, delicate petals open fully and are ready to fall, without regret or disillusion, after only a day in the sun. It is so every summer. One can almost hear their pink, fragrant murmur as they settle down upon the grass: 'Summer, summer, it will always be summer.'*

~ Rachel Peden



# WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

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## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS: Worship Services in August

*Our theme for August 2017 is Radical Hospitality. For this worship series, radical hospitality refers to the quality of our community with one another: that is, how we can offer a sense of gracious acceptance toward one another that transcends our differences?*

### SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Chrisie Ambrass  
Angela Anderson  
Logan Bialik  
Louise Jencik  
(chair)  
Ward Kelsey  
Stephanie  
Pawlowski  
Jean Peterson  
Scott Smith

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

**Rev. David Herndon, Senior Minister.**  
"Radical Hospitality: Worshiping  
Together."

How can we share worship experiences together that hold meaning for all of us despite our theological differences, our cultural differences, and our different patterns of worship energy?

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

**Rev. David Herndon, Senior Minister.**  
"Radical Hospitality: Being Imperfect  
Together."

How do we handle our own imperfection? And how do we handle imperfection in others? Does imperfection make us unacceptable? What does our Universalist theology say about imperfection and acceptability?

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

**Rev. David Herndon, Senior Minister.**  
"Radical Hospitality: Being Five  
Generations Together."

How can we be a multigenerational community, embracing five generations of people who have had different historical experiences and who are at different places in their spiritual journeys?

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

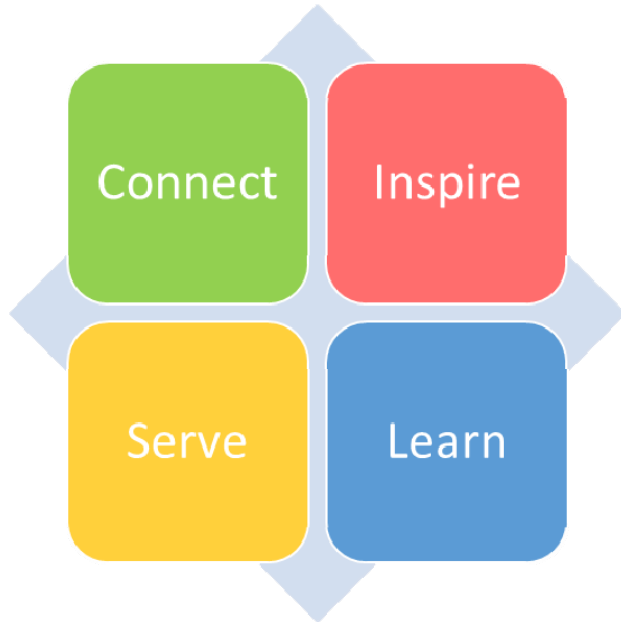
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"Radical Hospitality: Building the  
Beloved Community Together."

Sometimes we say that as Unitarian Universalists, we are united by our shared values rather than a shared theology. But what if we do have somewhat different values with regard to social justice? Moreover, our values can be a moving target: as John White Chadwick said in 1894, "We have all been on the move. The most conservative today would have been radicals among us fifty, forty, even thirty years ago."

*If we truly value each other and desire that God's loving presence be experienced by each and every person, there will be times when that value will move us to set aside our personal preferences in a hospitable attitude that embraces a God who comes to, speaks to, and transforms people in diverse ways.*

~ Marcia McFee

# CONNECT



## Staff: Rev. David Herndon

### Hospitality Ministry

- Connections Team (formerly the Membership Committee)
- Community Table & Community Table Team
- Sanctuary Preparation Team
- Social Events & Social Events Team
- Ushers and Greeters Team

### Pastoral Care Ministry

- Marion's Purse
- Medical Equipment Loan Program
- Pastoral Care & Pastoral Care Team

### Small Group Ministry

- Addictions Ministry Sharing Group
- Covenant Groups & Covenant Group Team
- Gathering of Men
- Humanist Group
- Transitions Group
- Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship
- WomanSpirit
- Women's Alliance
- Writing Salon

### Connections Council

*BEND low  
again, night of  
summer stars.  
So near you  
are, sky of  
summer stars,  
So near, a long  
arm man can  
pick off stars,  
Pick off what  
he wants in the  
sky bowl,  
So near you  
are, summer  
stars,  
So near,  
strumming,  
strumming,  
So lazy and  
hum-  
strumming.*

~ Carl Sandburg



# CONNECT

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## PATH TO CONNECTION AND MEMBERSHIP

You are feeling a need for community, or you are feeling unsettled, or you are feeling a yearning to do something to make the world a better place.



You visit our website and learn that we are a spiritually open-minded church where you can nourish your spirit and help heal our world.



You attend one or more of our Sunday morning worship celebrations and find that you enjoy your experience here. You fill out a guest form.



You attend a "Getting to Know UU" session after church to learn more about First Unitarian Church. You fill out a My Connections Plan worksheet to help you connect with other people and church groups.



You continue to attend our Sunday morning worship celebrations, but you also explore becoming part of a group where you can find a sense of community while deepening your sense of sacred purpose or spirituality.



You attend "Unitarian Universalism as a Spiritual Path and Opportunities at First Unitarian Church" on a Saturday morning.



You realize that First Unitarian Church has become your religious home. You attend "Becoming a Member: Covenanting with First Unitarian Church" and sign the Membership Book and make a pledge of financial support.



You continue to participate in the life of First Unitarian Church, building a deeper sense of community, strengthening your sense of sacred purpose, and offering service to the church and to the larger community.

*That beautiful  
season the  
Summer!  
Filled was the  
air with a  
dreamy and  
magical light;  
And the  
landscape  
Lay as if new  
created in all  
the freshness of  
childhood.*

~ Henry  
Wadsworth  
Longfellow

# CONNECT

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## OUR PATH TO CONNECTION, COMMUNITY, AND MEMBERSHIP

Please consider taking these three steps if you would like to explore what it would mean for you to become part of First Unitarian Church. You could take these steps in order – Step One first, Step Two next, and then Step Three – but you are welcome to skip around if that would work better for you.

### STEP ONE: GETTING TO KNOW UU

New to First Unitarian Church? Come and get acquainted! “Getting to Know UU” will take place on **Sunday, August 20, starting at 12:00 noon** in the Schweitzer Room and concluding at 12:45 p.m. Our minister, Rev. David Herndon, will make a brief presentation about First Unitarian Church and about Unitarian Universalism, and then there will be time for questions. There is no formal registration process for this forty-five minute session, but if you are planning to attend, it would be helpful to let Rev. Herndon know at [dherndon@first-unitarian-pgh.org](mailto:dherndon@first-unitarian-pgh.org).

### STEP TWO: UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM AS A SPIRITUAL PATH

This gathering will include (1) opportunities for personal spiritual exploration; (2) an overview of the basic spiritual affirmations of Unitarian Universalism; (3) an introduction to our groups and activities; and (4) information about how to become an official member of First Unitarian Church. *The next Step Two will take place in September 2017.*

### STEP THREE: BECOMING A MEMBER: COVENANTING WITH FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Please attend this twenty-minute gathering if you are ready to take the step of becoming an official member of First Unitarian Church! “Becoming a Member: Covenanting with First Unitarian Church” will take place **from noon to 12:20 p.m. on Sunday, August 27**, in the Schweitzer Room. We will briefly review our mission statement, our behavioral covenant, and our hopes for your membership. We will also discuss stewardship and the new member welcoming ceremony. The membership book will be available to sign along with financial contribution forms. There is no formal registration process for this twenty minute session, but if you are planning to attend, it would be helpful to let Rev. Herndon know at [dherndon@first-unitarian-pgh.org](mailto:dherndon@first-unitarian-pgh.org).

## LGBTQ COVENANT GROUP

At the suggestion of two new members of our church community, the Covenant Group Team would like to explore starting an LGBTQ covenant group. If you think you would like to be part of a covenant group composed entirely of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people, please go to the covenant group interest form on our church website, <http://www.first-unitarian-pgh.org/ministry/covenant-groups>, and register your interest. On the interest form, please specify “LGBTQ” in one of the open-ended response boxes.



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## TRANSITIONS GATHER-IN

Second Mondays ~ 10:00 a.m.

“Transitions Gather-In”, a group of folks talking about life transitions, the challenges we face as we get older, as we want to down-size, as we find living in our homes harder, as we just want to

make our lives simpler, meets once a month on the second Mondays of the month. Please come if you would like to talk about these life issues with us.

## WOMEN’S ALLIANCE

In June, July, and August, the Women’s Alliance holds monthly porch parties.

Our June party will be hosted by Gen Mann.

Questions about Women’s Alliance? Contact Annie Stunden, co-chair, [annie.stunden@gmail.com](mailto:annie.stunden@gmail.com), 412-992-1313 or Naomi Crain, co-chair, [njcrain@comcast.net](mailto:njcrain@comcast.net), 412-441-1926.

## FIRST UNITARIAN QUILTERS

First Saturdays ~ 10:00 a.m.

We usually gather on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Stunden Studios in Point Breeze. We quilt together, talk together, and we help newcomers learn how to make

quilts. For more information, send e-mail to Shelley ([ross.shelley2@gmail.com](mailto:ross.shelley2@gmail.com)) or Annie ([annie.stunden@gmail.com](mailto:annie.stunden@gmail.com))

## WOMANSPiRiT ~ Second Wednesdays

Womanspirit is the evening women’s group at First Unitarian Church. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month for a pot-luck dinner in a member’s home. Dinner is usually followed by a group discussion focused on what we value in our lives, or how we can improve our own lives or our communities. We welcome new

members and friends of First Unitarian. A Womanspirit dinner is an entertaining and low-impact way to meet other women of a broad range of ages and interests.

To receive regular notice of our monthly dinners, contact Pat Schuetz at [patschuetz@verizon.net](mailto:patschuetz@verizon.net) or 412-731-1429.

## MEN’S GROUP

**No July or August Meetings**

The Men's Group will NOT have meetings the on the second Wednesdays of July or August. Notices of other activities will go out to everyone. If you are NOT on the men's Group Email list. contact Jim Reitz at [J5650R@comcast.net](mailto:J5650R@comcast.net)



# INSPIRE

## Staff: Rev. David Herndon and Emily Pinkerton

### Worship Celebrations Ministry

- Sunday Celebrations & Sunday Celebrations Team

### Music and the Arts Ministry

- Art Shows & Art Committee
- Dance Choir
- Folk Circle
- Joyful Noise
- Music and the Arts Council

- Music Endowment Committee
- Recorder Ensemble
- SongSpace Concert Series & SongSpace Team
- Tapestry Concert Series & Tapestry Team
- Unitarian Universalist Quilters

### Inspiration Council

*No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right. The judgment of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is reversed. It is so ordered.*

Justice Anthony Kennedy,  
*OBERGEFELL  
 ET AL. v. HODGES,  
 DIRECTOR, OHIO  
 DEPARTMENT OF  
 HEALTH, ET AL.*  
 June 26, 2015

## HELP DESIGN OUR AUGUST WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS!!

### For Our August Theme: Radical Hospitality

For this worship series, radical hospitality refers to the quality of our community with one another: that is, how we can offer a sense of gracious acceptance toward one another that transcends our differences?

Can you think of a poem or song or quotation or hymn or story that would help communicate a message of radical hospitality? If so, please send your idea to Rev. David Herndon at [dherndon@first-unitarian-pgh.org](mailto:dherndon@first-unitarian-pgh.org) or to Emily Pinkerton at [pinkertonej@yahoo.com](mailto:pinkertonej@yahoo.com).

Here are the topics for each of our August Sundays:

- ◇ August 6: Radical Hospitality: Worshipping Together  
How can we share worship experiences together that hold meaning for all of us despite our theological differences, our cultural differences, and our different patterns of worship energy?
- ◇ August 13: Radical Hospitality: Being Imperfect Together  
How do we handle our own imperfection? And how do we handle imperfection in others? Does imperfection make us unacceptable? What does our Universalist theology say about imperfection and acceptability?
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# INSPIRE

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## In the Undercroft Gallery Call for Artists

MEMBERS' ART SHOW  
September 2017

### **CALL FOR ARTISTS for the Ninth Annual Members' Art Exhibit.**

The Art Committee of First Unitarian is planning our ninth annual Member's Art Exhibit for September. This exhibit will be for art works done by our Members and Friends of the Church.

We hope to see fiber arts, photography, assemblages, drawings and paintings in all media. Get to work on something new, or look for that special piece you haven't yet shown anyone! We anticipate showing 1-2 works from each person and about 12 artists. Please call or write Linda Kauffman, 412-241-1528, LK01@andrew.cmu.edu to indicate your interest or if you need more information.

You will bring your work to the Garden Lobby on Saturday, September 9 between 10:00 and 12:00 a.m. – we will hang the show immediately after that. All work must be labeled and “ready to hang/display” – that means a wire of at least 3 “ (not a hook) on the back that can be hung on our display system. It should be another great show!

*There's music in  
the sighing of a  
reed;*

*There's music in  
the gushing of a  
rill;*

*There's music in  
all things, if men  
had ears:*

*Their earth is  
but an echo of  
the spheres.*

~ Lord Byron



# SERVE

## Staff: Rev. David Herndon

### Social Justice Ministry

- Green Sanctuary Team
- PIIN/UUPLAN Bridge Team
- Social Justice Endowment Committee
- Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East

### Social Service Ministry

- Alternative Gift Market Team
- East End Cooperative Ministry & East End Cooperative Ministry Bridge Team
- Habitat for Humanity Team
- Khasi Hills Partnership Team

### Service Council

## Social Justice Calendar

## COMMUNITY TABLE Summer 2017

**The Community Table is about sharing, not perfection... store-bought is fine! Please bring FINGER FOOD, that is, food that would not require plates. Our kitchen is short-staffed over the summer. Anything that could be easily eaten from a napkin balanced in your hand would be great. Suggestions include pretzels, crackers, chips, apples, stone fruits, grapes that are cut into bunches, bananas, cookies, brownies.**

**First Sundays - July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3:**  
Last names A - F

**Third Sundays - June 18, July 16,**  
**Aug 20:** Last names M - R

**Second Sundays - July 9, July 30\*,**  
**Aug 13:** Last names G - L

**Fourth Sundays - June 25, July 23,**  
**Aug 27:** Last names S - Z

## SERVICE COUNCIL

### **Social Justice Ministry:**

- **Green Sanctuary Committee:** Peg Schmidt
- **PIIN/UUPLAN Bridge Team:** Irene Haberman
- **Social Justice Endowment Committee:** Hugh McGough
- **Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME):** Kathy Parker

### **Social Service Ministry:**

- **Alternative Gift Market Committee (AGM):** Cindy Kirsch
- **East End Cooperative Ministry & East End Cooperative Ministry Bridge Team:** Mary Denison
- **Habitat for Humanity Team:** Marty Lieb
- **Khasi Hills Partnership Team:** Karen Litzinger

- Men's Shelter Meal Preparation: **First Sunday each month.**
- Green Sanctuary meetings: **First Sunday each month.**
- PIIN/UUPLAN Bridge team: **Fourth Wednesdays.**
- Collection for EECM Food Pantry: **Any Sunday**

# SERVE

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## KHASI HILLS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

**Pilgrimage Just Announced!** Maybe it's time for you to have an experience of lifetime! The Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council recently finalized plans for the Northeast India and Khasi Hills Pilgrimage. Our church has had a relationship with the Khasi Hills Unitarians since 1999, and this is your chance to experience Khasi hospitality as well as visit the new school we just built last year!

It is a life changing experience and relatively affordable as far as world travel goes. The main Pilgrimage is February 24 to March 6, 2018. NOW is the time to think about it as the deadline to register is October 31! There are also optional tourist "Pre-Trips": one to the spiritual hub, Varanasi, on the Ganges River and another of the "Golden Triangle" to visit famous places like the Taj Mahal and ride an elephant in the "pink city" Jaipur.

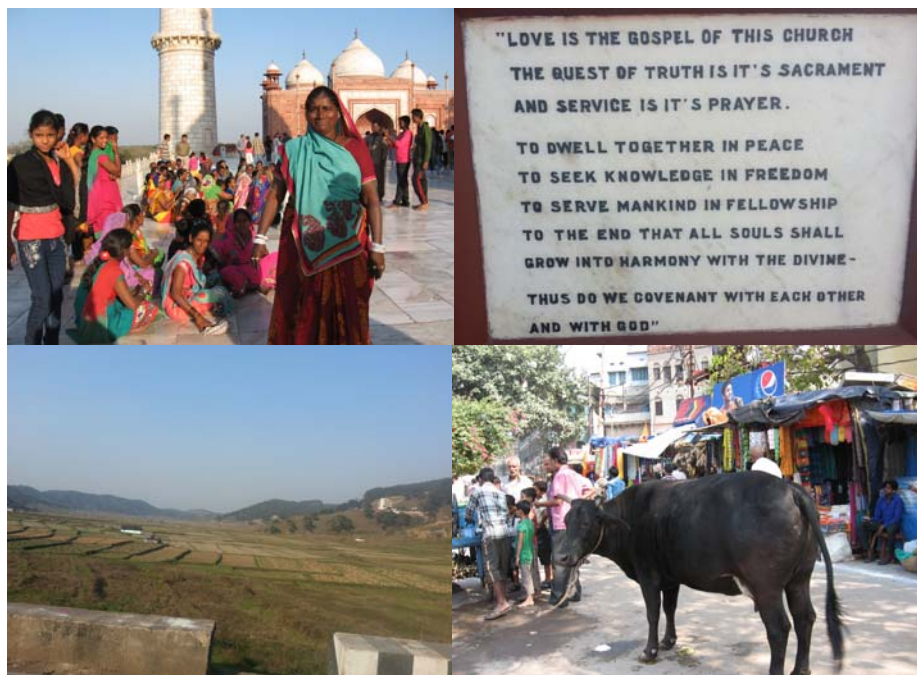
For more details, check out the web site link: <http://www.uupcc.org/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-opportunities>.

And if motivation to treat yourself to this adventure isn't enough, then consider doing it for our church and for the school we sponsor! Visits to the Khasi Hills are what keep our partnership vibrant! A grant through the Social Justice Endowment of our church may be a possibility to help defray costs.

Please contact Karen Litzinger at 412-242-7045 if you have any questions or would like to borrow and browse the church photo album from her 2015 pilgrimage. The four pictures featured here are the Taj Mahal, rice paddy landscape, typical cow on the street scene, and a plaque from the church that oversees our school.

*July was named in honor of Julius Caesar. When Julius Caesar died, Quintilis, which was his birth month, was renamed with July. Quintilis means "fifth month" in Latin, which represents where this month originally fell in the Roman calendar.*

[blog.dictionary.com/july/](http://blog.dictionary.com/july/)



# LEARN

## Staff: Steven Mead and Autumn Detchon

### Learning Ministry for Children and Youth

- Children's Library & Children's Library Team
- Endowment for Ministry with Children and Youth Committee
- Religious Education Program & Religious Education Team

### Learning Ministry for Young Adults

- Campus Ministry Endowment Committee

- YA-RISE & Young Adult Steering Team

### Learning Ministry for Adults

- Adult Faith Development Program & Adult Faith Development Team
- Adult Library & Adult Library Team
- Bookstore & Bookstore Team
- Sunday Morning Forum & Sunday Morning Forum Steering Team

### Learning Council

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh is to . . .

- Connect** deeply in community
- Inspire** reverence and spiritual growth
- Serve** each other and the world

We connect deeply in community by . . .

- gathering** together in fellowship in a safe space
- listening** with empathy and without judgment
- warmly **welcoming** everyone who enters our doors

We inspire reverence and spiritual growth by . . .

- celebrating** and **exploring** the moments of awe we experience in life
- encouraging** each other along our journeys toward truth and meaning
- fostering** humility in the pursuit of wisdom and understanding

We serve each other and the world by . . .

- providing** support to those experiencing hardship or distress
- working** for social justice by standing on the side of Love
- being** active stewards of our environment



# GOVERNANCE

## Board Members 2017/2018

Audrey Masalehdan, *President* (2019)  
 Alison Schwartz, *Vice-President* (2019)  
 Becky Studer, *Secretary* (2018)  
 Claus Makowka, *Treasurer* (2020)

Sarah Benson (2020)  
 Joan Harvey (2018)  
 Cathy Rohrer (2019)  
 Martin Schmidt (2020)  
 Randy Weinberg (2018)

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## CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES

From time to time, individuals wish to make extra financial contributions to First Unitarian Church above and beyond their pledge to the annual operating budget. But sometimes it has not been clear just what sorts of “second mile gifts” would be most helpful for the church community as a whole. At the present time, First Unitarian Church would welcome financial gifts from individuals in full or partial support of the following capital items. Please contact David Herndon at 412/621-8008, extension 102, if you have questions.

### Music

- ♦ Organ renovation: \$350,000 to \$450,000
- ♦ Endowment to support a public concert series at First Unitarian Church: \$500,000 to \$1,000,000

### Building Improvements

- ♦ Exterior floodlights for bell tower: \$2,000 to \$4,000

### Furnishings

- ♦ Video projection equipment for the Sanctuary: \$45,000 to \$60,000

### Theological Education

- ♦ Endowment to support a ministerial intern at First Unitarian Church for twelve months every year: \$350,000
- ♦ Endowment to support a ministerial intern at First Unitarian Church for twelve months every other year: \$175,000

### Building Maintenance Equipment

- ♦ Floor cleaner and buffer: \$4,000

### Transportation

- ♦ Passenger van: \$15,000 to \$30,000

## Announcing:

## THE HEALTHY CONGREGATION COLLABORATIVE

To enhance the shared ministry of the congregation, a group of 5 long term members has been formed to work in conjunction with the board of trustees and senior minister David Herndon to ‘monitor the pulse’ of our religious community. The group hopes that through discussions with individuals in the congregation, the strengths and needs of individuals and groups within the congregation can be identified. We hope to collect feedback and concerns from congregants that can lead to recommendations, resolution of conflict and healthy communication overall. Members of the Collaborative are **Ebe Emmons, Joe Jencik, Linda Kauffman, Jim Reitz, and Jean Schmidt**. Please feel free to share your questions, comments and concerns with them.

# GOVERNANCE

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## A NEW WAY TO PURCHASE GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS

Starting in January, we want to experiment with a new way for church members and friends to purchase Giant Eagle cards.



Here is how it would work: You would request that funds would be automatically withdrawn each month from your checking account through Vanco and transferred to First Unitarian Church. Then each month the church would automatically mail your Giant Eagle cards directly to your home.

Our sister Unitarian Universalist church in Harrisburg, PA, uses this method. They have fewer members than we do, but they raise approximately \$25,000 each year through grocery store gift cards. (We budget for less than \$5,000 from Giant Eagle card sales.)

If you think you would like to participate in this methods of purchasing Giant Eagle cards, please contact Rev. David Herndon at [dherndon@first-unitarian-pgh.org](mailto:dherndon@first-unitarian-pgh.org). Thanks!



## BUY BEACON BOOKS

When you are considering gifts for those near and dear to you (for holidays, for birthdays, for anniversaries, and so on), please consider buying books from Beacon Press. Founded in 1854, Beacon Press is the publishing house owned by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Beacon Press publishes books that reflect our progressive, humanitarian values.

You can visit the Beacon Press web site by visiting the UUA Bookstore at [www.uuabookstore.org](http://www.uuabookstore.org) or by going directly to [www.beacon.org/index.html](http://www.beacon.org/index.html).

Our very own First Unitarian Church Bookstore stocks many books from Beacon Press. You can also order Beacon Press books by calling the UUA Bookstore at 800/215-9076.

## HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE CHALICE

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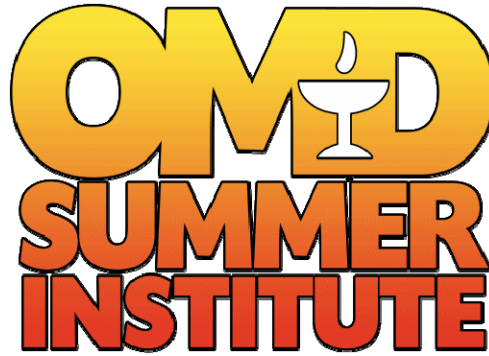
# DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTIONS

Once known as 'Sextilis', as it was the sixth month of the Roman year (from March). The month was then given the name of 'Augustus' in 8 BC, later changed to 'August' and is said to derive from honouring 'Augustus Caesar'. As part of the seasonal calendar August is the time of the 'Corn Moon' according to Pagan beliefs and the period described as the 'Moon of the Black Cherries' or 'Moon when the Cherries Turn Black' by Black Elk (Black Elk Speaks, Neihardt). August has also been known as: Oostmaand (Harvest month, Old Dutch) and Weedmonath' (Weed month, vegetation month, Old Saxon). August is the first month of 'Lammas' August - October), commencing on August 1, a time of harvest before the winter onset of 'Samhain'.

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