

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
WEEKLY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER
February 15-February 22, 2018



Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 9:30am & 11:15am

“Soul Work”

Rev. Joel Miller, preaching

Ahlia Kitwana, worship associate

Our plate collection will help support Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism.

Gratitudes, Joys and Sorrows

Congratulations to **Sandra Koch**, daughter of **Glenn and Nancy Koch**, upon the successful defense of her PhD dissertation in the field of Biological Anthropology, at Penn State University. She will receive her doctorate degree in May!

If you have a concern about a member of our congregation, please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Tina at 585-271-9070 x104.

Testimonials Needed for Interim Assistant Minister Search

Search Team for Rev. Tina's replacement is up and running!

Rev. Joel has convened an advisory team to aid in the selection and hiring of an Interim Associate Minister. Responsibilities would include oversight of Small Group Ministry, Pastoral Care, and Membership, currently so skillfully and compassionately steered by Rev. Tina.

Please note that this search is completely separate from the search for a called senior minister, which will be getting under way in the fall.

Advisory team members are Mary Jones, Gary McAnally, David Neumann and Patricia Neumann. Our first order of business is to put together a brochure about First Unitarian Church to give applicants a better sense of who we are, who we have been, and who we hope to be.

How You Can Help...

We would like to feature testimonials in this brochure from members who represent a cross-section of our church community. We are looking for short, one-paragraph testimonials that highlight your experiences here, and what brings you back week after week, year after year. Are you in our awesome Choir? Have you found your niche in our Social Justice activities? Has a Soul Matters group made a difference in your life? Have your children been grounded in our Religious Education program? Has someone from our Pastoral Care team ministered to you in a time of need?

Show the Love! ♥♥♥♥

In this month of Valentine's Day, please send your testimonials by **Wednesday, February 21** to Rev. Joel at jmiller@rochesterunitarian.org, or any of the committee members: Gary McAnally at gmac54@gmail.com, Mary Jones at mbjones67@rochester.rr.com, David Neumann at drn@mail.rit.edu, and Patti Neumann at nypatti@yahoo.com. And please feel free to contact any of us with questions!

Happening This Week



As we, the members of First Unitarian Church of Rochester, move forward in our transition and begin searching for a new minister, we each have a vital role to play in helping to chart our course as we embark on Our Road Ahead – together. We look forward to charting our course for the road ahead – with YOU! To learn more, go to <http://rochesterunitarian.org/our-road-ahead/>.

Bring your ukulele and join our little group this **Sunday, February 18, 1:00–3:00pm** in the Williams Gallery for an informal session of music making. We play an eclectic variety of tunes, some of which will be selected from *The Daily Ukulele* by Liz and Jim Beloff. Contact Dave Teegarden at beakertee@aol.com for more information.

This Sunday, February 18, after both services, Jenna Bernardi will offer brief Tarot readings in exchange for a donation to the Grace Fund. Sign up that day at her table in the Williams Gallery for your appointment.

Calls to Action and Other News

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed. It's still cold but June 10 is coming. Volunteers are needed from **Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13** to help accept donations and setup, and also during the sale dates of **Thursday, June 14 through Saturday, June 16**. Sign up now to be the first to see the great treasures that will become available. Email Sandy Hollands at sandy.hollands@gmail.com to volunteer. Thanks! We can't do it without you.

Rummage Sale Donations/Storage: If you're downsizing, Janis Miner has graciously allowed us the use of her single car garage in the city. We can't take large furniture at this location, but we can take boxes and smaller items. There's still some space left on a first-come/first-serve basis. Contact Janis at 585-764-1903. For storage of larger items, please contact Kim Joy at kjoy@rochesterunitarian.org to make arrangements.

Honduras Task Force will meet for potluck on February 28 at 6:00pm in Gilbert Hall to celebrate the awarded Greater Good Grant to Global Health Program of Highland Family Medicine; announce the delivery of scholarships to 2018 recipients; discuss long range plans for the expanded scholarship program; organize curriculum for the May trip and possible school supplies collection; and the possible change in governance and the effect on the Task Force's relationship with the minister. Come and help outline our roles in Advocacy, Direct Service, Education, and Spiritual Growth. For more information, contact Barbara Gawinski at barbara_gawinski@urmc.rochester.edu.

First Wednesdays Book Club will meet **Wednesday, March 7 at 11:15am**, to discuss *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones, a novel about black slave owners in pre-Civil War Virginia. This meeting was postponed from February 7 due to snow. Please join us. For more information, contact Joyce Henzel at joycehenzel@gmail.com.

Kahn Book Discussion April 30: Join a discussion of Wendy Lesser's book *You Say to Brick*, about Louis Kahn, our church architect. The Kahn Building Appreciation Committee is sponsoring the meeting on **Monday, April 30 at 7:30pm**. For more information, contact Nancy Koch at nkoch@rochester.rr.com.