



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

**THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE**  
**SEPTEMBER 27**  
**10:00 A.M. ONE SERVICE**  
**Livestream Only**

**“Repair and Renew”**

The Rev. Dena McPhetres  
Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson, Minister of Religious Education  
Alissa Rhode, Lead Music Director  
Nick Hayes, Worship Associate

Renewal can come from deconstructing what is, not only building something new. Historically, natural forest fires were a regular part of a forest's life, and cleared out old dead vegetation bit by bit. However, if natural forest fires were prevented, then too much fuel accumulated and built into a big, catastrophic event. How do we know when deconstruction is necessary for the health of the system, or when a fire has too much fuel and will turn into catastrophe rather than renewal? How do we encourage natural health and balance in our own ecosystems at home, church, and in the world?

[JOIN THE SERVICE LIVE ON FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY YOUTUBE HERE.](#)

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

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



**SUNDAY MORNING FORUM AT 11:00 A.M.**

“The Maps Mess In Wisconsin,” presented Carlene Bechen, Fair Maps Organizer, Wisconsin Voices.

Carlene Bechen, will share the history of redistricting in Wisconsin, the impact of gerrymandered maps and where we are now in the campaign to achieve a nonpartisan redistricting process. Carlene joined Wisconsin Voices as the Fair Maps Organizer in November 2019. She is a retired Wisconsin educator with more than thirty years of volunteer grassroots activism. She has been lead organizer on many local, state and national campaigns in southern Wisconsin and North Carolina. On Zoom & YouTube Live [HERE.](#)

# FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**GET OUT THE VOTE EFFORT.** Our church, along with two other UU churches in Wisconsin are combining efforts to GOTV between now and Nov. 3. Would you be willing to volunteer two hours of your time to help encourage people to have their voices heard in this election? More information will be coming in the October Chanticleer on how to sign up to help. Give it some thought! Everyone's effort is needed! All hands on deck for this important election!

**REGISTRATION EXTENDED FOR "A GEOGRAPHY OF GRACE."** Would you enjoy gathering with fellow members once a month and reflecting together on themes centered on geography? Please consider signing up for A Geography of Grace. Information is available [here](#) and on the events page of the First Church website, and look for an article in the October Chanticleer. Our Zoom room welcomes you. Register: <https://bit.ly/UUGeographyGrace>.

**DISCOVER T'AI CHI AT HOME.** Are you feeling like you need a breath of energy? Try T'ai Chi as a spiritual practice, to improve balance, coordination, and memory. Instructor Deb Solis will lead a 6-week virtual class for beginners, Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. from October 6-November 17 (no class November 3.) T'ai Chi is an ancient Chinese movement discipline combining slow, graceful martial arts movements with relaxing deep breathing. Deb Solis, MFA is the Youth Program Coordinator at First Church and has been a T'ai Chi instructor for 38 years. [Register here](#).

**"DWELLING IN POSSIBILITY": A LECTURE WITH LOIS LOWRY.** First Church and the Irma Morter Planning Team are pleased to present the annual Irma Morter lecture with Lois Lowry. Lowry is author of more than 40 books for children and young adults, including the New York Times bestselling *Giver Quartet* and popular *Anastasia Krupnik* series. Ms. Lowry's lecture will explore what strength, wisdom, and energy we can gain at this moment when we are confined to our dwelling places. Please join us for this lively virtual gathering. This free lecture requires advance registration: <https://bit.ly/UULoisLowry>.

**POETRY CONTEMPLATION.** "Art is the thing that makes you feel what you might not yet understand." ~Ava Duvernay. A contemplative practice based on Lectio Divina using the words of poets. Come connect with your inner life and fellow First Church folks for a mid-week renewal. Participation is drop-in so check us out any Wednesday morning 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Get a Zoom link to join online here: <https://form.jotform.com/201557183259964>.

**TWO MORE DAYS TO REGISTER FOR THEME CIRCLES!** "I thought the themes were excellent and the exercises insightful. I found the sharing so profound. And we got to know each other quite well!" ~ Katy Phillips

Theme Circles are monthly online small groups that reflect together on our congregation's worship themes. Each month, participants receive a packet of materials with questions to live with, readings to ponder, and spiritual exercises to try. Participants commit to explore the resources before their monthly group meeting with a trained facilitator. For more information and to register by September 27: <https://uumilwaukee.org/get-involved/theme-circles/>.

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

## PASTORAL CARE RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS.

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

**FIND EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE.** Check out our website events pages [uumilwaukee.org](https://uumilwaukee.org) for

several drop-in, online activities for friends and members. Click "Join Us" on the specific event page, enter your name and email address, and you will immediately receive an email with the Zoom link. It's easy and secure to click on the "Join Us" button anytime you need the link. Here are some of the events;

- [Team Trivia on Zoom](#)
- [Poetry Contemplation](#)
- [Buddhist Study Group](#)

## SEPTEMBER'S SHARE THE PLATE RECIPIENT IS THE RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY.

With two sites located in Milwaukee, the Riverwest Food Pantry proudly serves residents in the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes. The Riverwest Food Pantry's mission is "to come together around food to relieve hunger, improve lives and grow community well-being." They improve the social, nutritional, and financial vitality of communities through hunger relief. To make a monetary donation directly to the Riverwest Food Pantry or to donate food online to the Pantry visit their website at [www.riverwestfoodpantry.org/get-involved](http://www.riverwestfoodpantry.org/get-involved).

## LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

[September Chanticleer Newsletter](#)

[Member Portal Information](#)

[Religious Education Information Newsletter](#)



### WATCH SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE AND SHARE

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

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

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

For weekly *Announcements* and the monthly *Chanticleer*, use our forms:

**Announcements:** <https://uumilwaukee.org/announcement-submissions/>

**Chanticleer:** <https://uumilwaukee.org/chanticleer-submission/>

**For Facebook or website posts,** please contact: [jean.johnson@uumilwaukee.org](mailto:jean.johnson@uumilwaukee.org).

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