



First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee
ANNOUNCEMENTS
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THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE
OCTOBER 4
10:00 A.M. ONE SERVICE
Livestream Only

“Dwell in Possibility”
Lois Lowry, Pulpit Guest
The Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom
Tristan Strelitzer, Choral Director, with the Chancel Choir
Jobey Clarke, Worship Associate

Deeply listening to one another can open up worlds of possibility and allow us to experience another person's point of view. Lois Lowry, famous author of *The Giver*, *Number the Stars*, and her new book *On the Horizon*, among many others, will join us for this Sunday's worship service. Lowry will share a Story for All Ages and have a conversation with Reverend Jennifer about Dwelling in Possibility, witness, and listening deeply to another human being.

[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.

“Youth Empowered in the Struggle (YES!) at Voces de la Frontera,” presented by Alejandra Gonzalez (she/her/hers), Youth Organizing, Statewide Director.

A membership-based community organization led by low-wage workers, immigrants and youth, Voces de la Frontera protects and expands civil rights and workers' rights through leadership development, community organizing and empowerment. The youth arm of Voces de la Frontera, known as YES!, is a grass roots, multiracial/multiethnic organization with school-based chapters. [On Zoom & YouTube Live HERE.](#)

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON OCTOBER 4. This Sunday October 4, Families Together and 2nd-5th Grade RE will not be held, and families are encouraged to attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service featuring award-winning children's book author Lois Lowry. PreK-2nd Grade RE will still go on from 9:15-9:45 a.m. and the high school Youth Group will meet at 4:00 p.m. Additionally, the students involved in the Lois Lowry Book Clubs this summer will have their final meetings with the author this Sunday. Club members will receive the Zoom links through email. If you have not seen yours by the end of this week, contact Lillian Schley at re.admin@uumilwaukee.org.

VOCES DE LA FRONTERA IS OUR OCTOBER SHARE THE PLATE

RECIPIENT. Serving Southeast Wisconsin's immigrant community since 1998, Voces de la Frontera's mission is to protect and expand civil rights and workers' rights through leadership development, community organizing and empowerment. Donate [here](#).

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY. Please help us see how we're doing in meeting our Ends. Respond to our latest annual congregational survey at www.uumilwaukee.org/survey. The brief survey will be open until October 18. Your replies are very valuable!

THEME CIRCLE CONFIRMATION. If you registered for a Theme Circle by the September 27 deadline, please check your email as soon as possible for important information about your Theme Circle schedule and preparation you need to do before the first meeting during the third week of October. If you don't see an email about Theme Circles from Rev. Dena McPhetres, check your spam filter and junk mail. If you still can't find it, contact dena.mcphetres@uumilwaukee.org. Looking forward to the exciting launch of a new year of Theme Circles with 69 people plus 10 facilitators!

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 THIS SATURDAY, 7:00 PM. 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>.

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 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 fuscpcprovider@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 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.

LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

[October 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 forms which 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. Also find links to these forms on the church website under the Members tab.

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