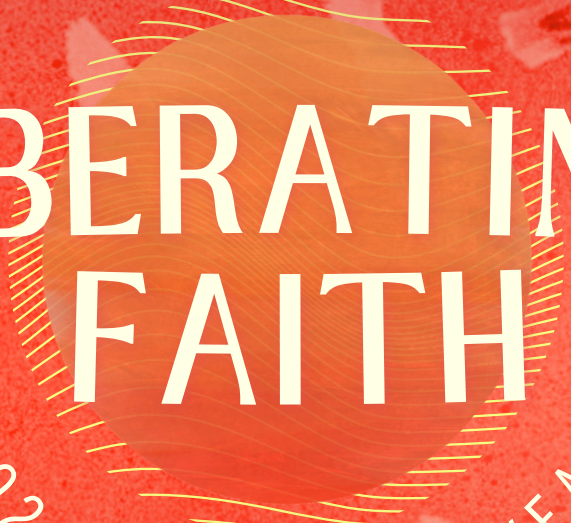


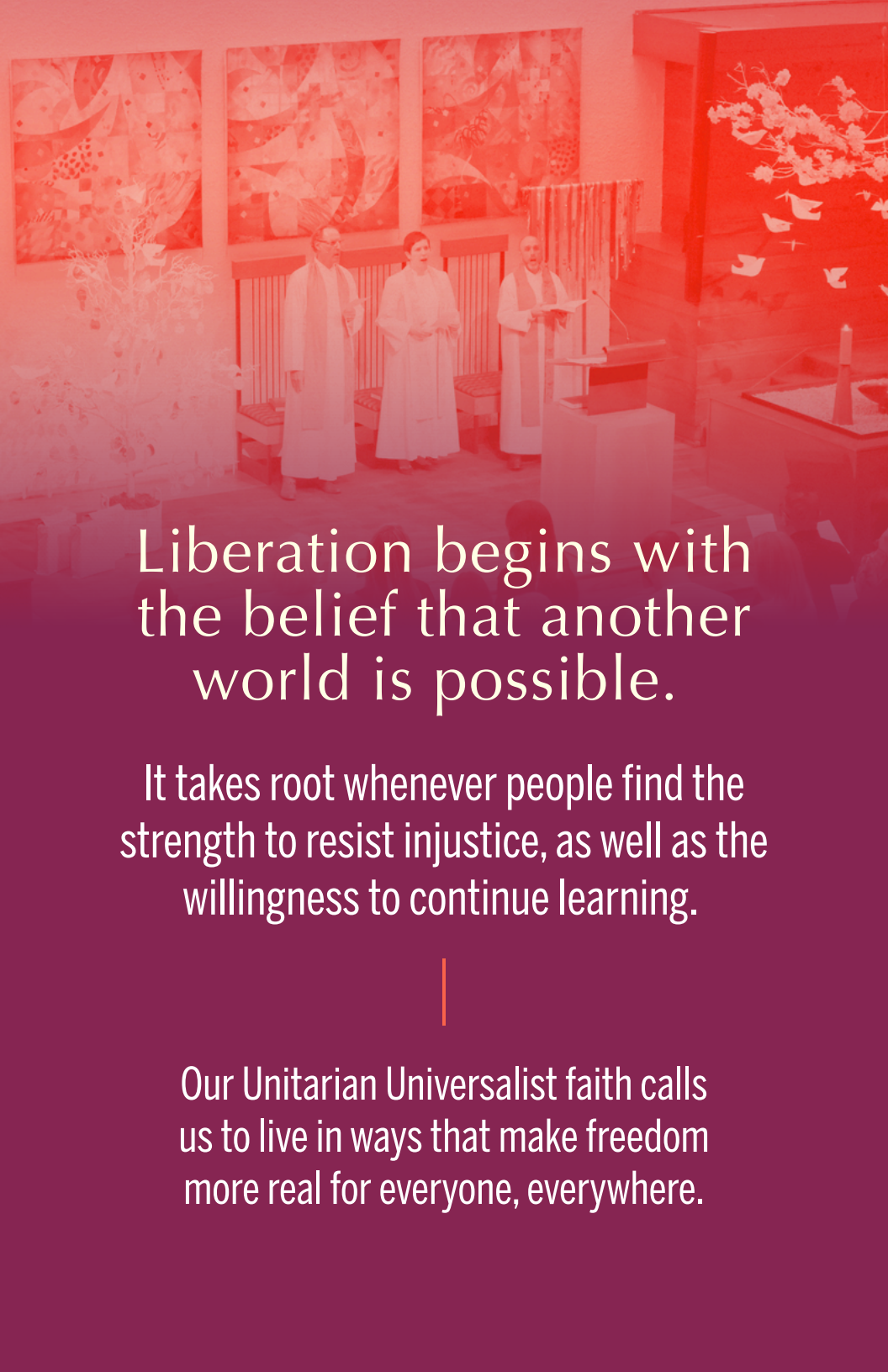


LIBERATING FAITH

2026 -27 CHURCH YEAR



FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF DALLAS



Liberation begins with
the belief that another
world is possible.

It takes root whenever people find the
strength to resist injustice, as well as the
willingness to continue learning.

Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls
us to live in ways that make freedom
more real for everyone, everywhere.



Our 2026–2027 theme year, **Liberating Faith**, opens the door to that sacred work.

Throughout this year, we will develop the spiritual tools needed to break free from fear and assumption so that we can live more authentically, seek reconciliation where there is division, and help create communities where every person can flourish.

We start on the path toward liberation by taking stock of what is true about who we are individually, but we do not stop there. As we grow into being more honest and courageous individuals, we will become better neighbors, better friends, and better co-builders of beloved community.

*This is our collective work:
expanding the circle of
freedom for all.*



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Kick off the church year with these special events...



CONNECTION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13
10 am - 2 pm

With the start of a new church year, it's the perfect time to find your special place within our church community! Join us for an opportunity to connect with groups and service opportunities in the church.



A DAY OF POETRY WITH NAOMI SHIHAB NYE

Saturday, September 19
Poetry writing workshop for all ages: 10 am - 3pm.
(Space is limited, registration in Realm is required.)
Evening reading and talk: 7- 8:30 pm.

Naomi Shihab Nye is a celebrated Palestinian American poet, author, and teacher. She is the author of more than 30 books and has received numerous honors, including the 2024 Texas Writer Award and the Wallace Stevens Award.



ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 20 after the 11 am service

This gathering is open to members, friends, and families of all ages. Come enjoy delicious food as we celebrate community and connection together. Bring your picnic spirit, and we'll bring the rest!

LIBERATING FAITH

SERMON SERIES - SEPT 13 -27

A liberating faith requires the willingness to challenge what has been taken for granted.

Our theme year kick-off series is an overview of the foundations of a faith that encourages questioning, one that challenges assumptions and is open to the unfolding of truth.

We will explore why a liberating faith is important, how un-examined beliefs and fears affect our lives, and ways in which courageous Unitarian Universalists throughout history worked to expand freedom and how we can continue that work today.

SEPT 13 | LIBERATING FAITH

What kind of faith gives us the courage to challenge assumptions, embrace freedom, and help build a more just world?

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER

MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR AND FESTIVAL BRASS

SEPT 20 | POWER OF THE UNSEEN

Liberation doesn't happen overnight. Much of what holds us back remains inside us. We talk about how to be free of old ideas and know liberation.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD

MUSIC: KRISTEN VAN CLEVE, VIOLIN

SEPT 27 | FREE FAITH FOR ALL

Religious freedom has always required courage; we'll explore how generations of Unitarian Universalists have expanded the boundaries of faith and what that legacy asks of us today.

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER

MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES



*An unexamined faith
is not worth having.*

JAMES LUTHER ADAMS



truth, healing, reconciliation, & transformation

SERMON SERIES: OCTOBER 4 - 25

Freedom is upheld through our ability to confront what is true.

Within this series, we will examine the four pillars that help us move away from division and toward a place of wholeness.

We will reflect on how truth allows us to look at the world through new lenses, how healing takes place through vulnerability, how reconciliation restores that which has been damaged, and how transformation is made possible when we choose love over fear, again and again.

Truth is powerful and it prevails.

SOJOURNER TRUTH

OCT 04 | **THE REAL REAL**

Truth gets more elusive every day. Maybe that is a good thing. We discuss how old ideas of truth give way to new ones and what hope that holds.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD

**MUSIC: JOÃO PEREZ, VIOLIN, BREE AHERN, CELLO,
AND GRANT WAREHAM, PIANO**

OCT 11 | **WOUNDED HEALERS**

How do we heal the world when we ourselves are not healed? Let's explore the vulnerability and bravery it takes to do the work of healing toward wholeness.

REV. BETH DANA

MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR

OCT 18 | **RECON ON RECONCILIATION**

Broken relationships rarely heal themselves. What spiritual practices can help us restore trust, repair what has been broken, and begin again?

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER

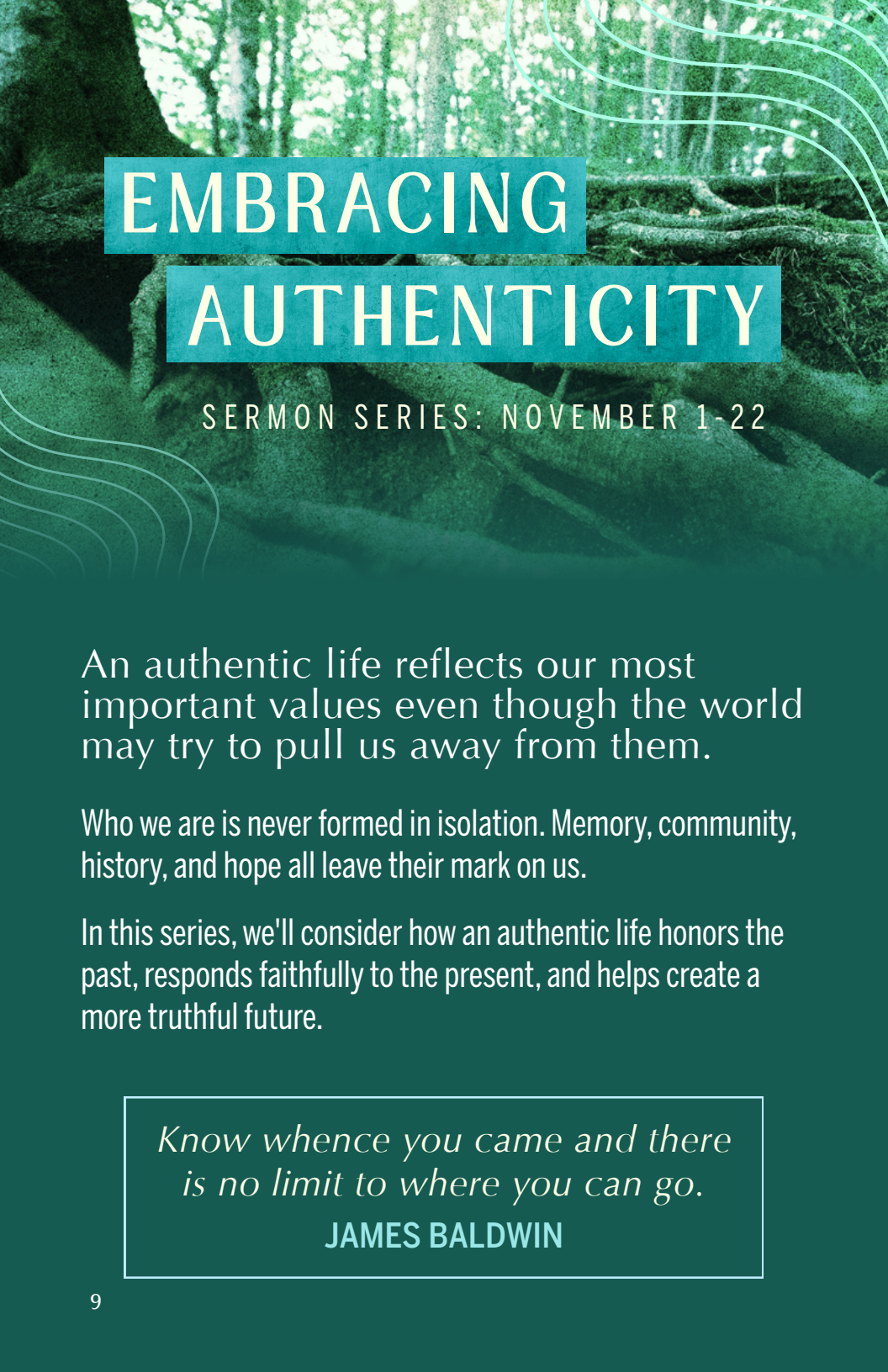
MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES

OCT 25 | **A NEW THING**

Transformation takes more than time. It takes work and relationships and more. Luckily we don't have to do it alone.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD

MUSIC: MATTHEW BABINEAUX



EMBRACING

AUTHENTICITY

SERMON SERIES: NOVEMBER 1-22

An authentic life reflects our most important values even though the world may try to pull us away from them.

Who we are is never formed in isolation. Memory, community, history, and hope all leave their mark on us.

In this series, we'll consider how an authentic life honors the past, responds faithfully to the present, and helps create a more truthful future.

*Know whence you came and there
is no limit to where you can go.*

JAMES BALDWIN

NOV 01 | RANK BY RANK

On All Souls Sunday, we honor those who have died and reflect on how their lives continue to shape our own.

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER
MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR

NOV 08 | WHAT NOW?

With the election over, a deeper question remains: How will we live authentically as people of faith in the days ahead?

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER
MUSIC: DESIREE ELSEVIER, VIOLA AND KINDRED VOICES

NOV 15 | A LIVING PRAYER

Some say the finest prayer is being yourself in the presence of the divine. We talk about living with authenticity and its faithful risks and rewards.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD
MUSIC: MATTHEW BABINEAUX

NOV 22 | LIES MY COUNTRY TOLD ME

As we approach Thanksgiving— a holiday rooted in false narratives and steeped in tradition – we shift the narrative and reflect on how we can authentically celebrate this day together.

REV. BETH DANA
MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR



ADVENT

OF HOPE

ADVENT SERIES: NOV 29 - DEC 20

Advent is a time of waiting and mystery.

This Advent, we'll explore practices central to our faith, celebrate 25 years of Rev. Daniel's ministry, bring the Christmas story to life with our youngest members, and make space for the complicated feelings this season can bring.

Come take part in these important markers in our year together that lead us to Christmas.

*Let us remember what
glory grows in the dark.*

COLE ARTHUR RILEY

NOV 29 | WAITING FOR WHAT?

Advent starts the clock on Christmas, but what are we really waiting for? During Advent we make room for uncertainty, longing, and possibility.

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER

MUSIC: GRANT WAREHAM, ORGAN

DEC 06 | CELEBRATING REV. KANTER

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, theologian and former President of Starr King School for the Ministry, joins us to celebrate Rev. Dr. Daniel Kanter's 25 years of ministry at First Unitarian.

REV. DR. REBECCA PARKER

MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR & KINDRED VOICES, FEATURING THE PREMIERE OF A NEW CHORAL WORK BY GARY ECKERT

DEC 13 | A STAR RISES

Join us for the annual Christmas Pageant. Child dedications will take place in the service.

REV. BETH DANA

MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES

DEC 20 | BLUES CHRISTMAS

This time of year is hard for many. We take this time to hold the complexity and struggle many face through the singular musical form, the blues.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD

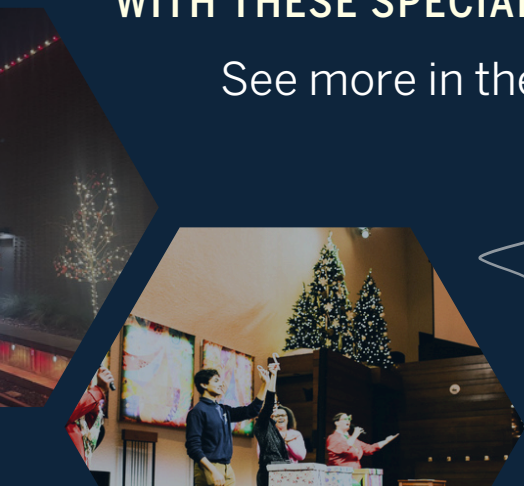
MUSIC: KENT AND KAY ELLINGSON



CELEBRATE THE SEASON

WITH THESE SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES

See more in the calendar on page 34





HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, December 5, 6 - 8 pm

Hanging of the Greens isn't really about sprucing up our space for the season; it's about bringing our vibrant community together to take part in a joyful tradition.

Hanging of the Greens includes skits from our ministers, special music, games, interactive elements for the kids, and cookies & punch from the Women's Alliances. Don't miss it!



CHRISTMAS EVE - 3 SERVICES

Thursday, December 24

All Generations - 5 pm

All are welcome at this multi-generational service featuring the Christmas Story.

MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES

Candlelight & Communion - 7 pm

A quiet, reflective service. All are invited to receive communion.

MUSIC: STAFF MUSICIANS

Lessons & Carols - 9 pm

The "big" Christmas service - special music and carol singing by candlelight.

MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR & FESTIVAL BRASS



HOLIDAYS AT HOME

Sunday, December 27, one service at 11 am

MUSIC: SPECIAL FOLK MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS



SPIRITUAL

AGILITY

SERMON SERIES: JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7

The world around us is always in motion, and our Unitarian Universalist faith encourages us to be in motion with it.

Spiritual agility is about taking our core values out there into the unknowns and possibilities, without abandoning the things that are important to us.

We welcome the new year with a journey of spiritual growth that will give us tools for letting go, staying rooted, giving freely, and receiving the gifts of life. In the end, we can understand that faithful resilience comes from being open to allowing each new season of life to make us wiser.

JAN 03 | WHAT WE'RE MADE OF

In our annual Burning Service, we let go of what does not serve us any longer and set forth on pathways before us.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD

MUSIC: TIM ANDERSEN, TRUMPET

JAN 10 | HERE, NOT HITHER AND YON

How do we find spiritual grounding that helps us be agile in a constantly changing world?

REV. BETH DANA

MUSIC: WILLA HENIGMAN, OBOE

JAN 17 | WHAT WE OWE

On this special day, we consider Dr. King's relationship with Unitarian Universalism and what more we can do to carry on his life's work.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD

MUSIC: MATTHEW BABINEAUX, FEATURING THE PREMIERE OF A NEW WORK HONORING MLK AND OUR ONGOING WORK FOR JUSTICE

JAN 24 | ZAKAT

To give and give generously is a value of ours. Let's look deeply at this as a practice.

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER

MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR



JAN 31 | TO MARK

Blessings remind us to pay attention to what matters most. We'll explore how giving and receiving blessings can enrich our spiritual lives.

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER
MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES

FEB 07 | MOVING TOGETHER

We cannot be spiritual in a vacuum. What role do partnerships and collaboration play in our spiritual lives?

REV. BETH DANA
MUSIC: FIRST UNITARIAN JAZZ BAND

*Let everything happen
to you: beauty and terror.
Just keep going.
No feeling is final.*

RAINER MARIA RILKE



CONNECT GROUPS

AT FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF DALLAS

The events you see listed in this book are just the beginning!

First Church has more than 40 Connect Groups, each offering opportunities for service, discussion, fellowship, justice work, or spiritual growth. These groups meet at various times and in a variety of locations—there's a place for you!



**Use Realm Connect, our church app,
to explore and join groups.**

1. Visit dallasuu.org/Realm to learn more and create your Realm account.
2. Download the Realm Connect app.
3. In the app, go to Groups > Find Groups > Connect Groups to browse.
4. Request to join the group that sparks your interest.

**Once you're in, you'll be able to connect with leaders,
see group updates, and RSVP for upcoming events.**

To see the full list of Connect Groups, visit
DALLASUU.ORG/CONNECTGROUPS



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

REPAIR

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 21

Repair is one of the deepest expressions of a liberating faith.

Lent reminds us that every fracture carries the possibility of healing, and every act of repair helps shape the people we are becoming.

Throughout this series, we'll discover how the important work of mending ourselves, our relationships, and our communities becomes a path toward a more hopeful future.

*Wholeness does not mean perfection:
it means embracing brokenness as an
integral part of life.*

PARKER J. PALMER

FEB 14 | THE KINGDOM

"God within" is something we say, but what do we mean?
Where do we encounter the sacred within ourselves?

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER
MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES

FEB 21 | THE WATCHING

We look at the power in resolution of difference and what this practice can mean for our relationships and our faith.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD
MUSIC: LES AND APRIL SELLERS

FEB 28 | THE BENDING

Reflecting on our lives, we see purpose and promise. How does this help us?

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER
MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR



*Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack,
a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.*

LEONARD COHEN

MAR 07 | THE REAL WORK

Spiritual work can take a toll on us all. We consider the practice of restoration to help us heal and keep going.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD
MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES

MAR 14 | THE PROMISES WE MAKE

Taking responsibility for our actions is a spiritual value. What do we owe to one another when we make promises, fall short, and have the chance to try again?

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER
MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR

MAR 21 | THE PROMISED LAND

We can always, always change our minds. And we can even change our ways. We consider the power in this ancient practice.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD
MUSIC: GAYANE MANASJAN FULLFORD, CELLO



Join us for these special Holy Week services & events...



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 25, evening

On the Thursday before Easter we hold our Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae service which is a deeply moving service of communion in honor of the last supper and the reading of the betrayal of Jesus. The service begins in the bright lights of the sanctuary and ends in the dark.

**MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR &
DESIREE ELSEVIER, VIOLA**



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, March 28

Services at 9:30 and 11 am

Join us to celebrate Easter! All ages will come together for joyful worship featuring a special processional and music in our beautifully decorated sanctuary.

**REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER IS PREACHING
MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR & FESTIVAL BRASS**



EGG SCRAMBLE

Sunday, March 28, 10:40 am

Children, get ready to move - this fun Easter tradition goes fast! Bring a basket, and don't be late. The scramble starts promptly at 10:40 am.



FUTURE

SERMON SERIES:
APRIL 11 - MAY 2

FAITH

How will our
Unitarian
Universalist faith
grow and evolve
for the future?

We're ending this year of
"Liberating Faith" by
considering which traditions
we will pass on, the ways in
which we want to help shape
the world, and how we are
going to continue to grow in
our faith.

*All that you touch
You Change.*

*All that you Change
Changes you.*

*The only lasting truth
is Change.*

OCTAVIA BUTLER

*We are beginning to
understand that the
world is always being
made fresh and never
finished.*

GRACE LEE BOGGS

APR 11 | **THE EVOLVING CHURCH**

Unitarian Universalism is a living tradition, and we are an evolving church. Where have we come from and how is that shaping who we are and where we're going?

REV. BETH DANA

MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES

APR 18 | **THE FUTURE OF FAITH**

Predictions about the future of our faith have been made before. What do we see ahead now?

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER

MUSIC: ALAN DYER, PIANO

APR 25 | **THE ANCIENT TRUTH**

Margaret Mead tells us that a small group of dedicated individuals has the power to change the world. On this special day, we hold what this lesson may mean for us each, for us all.

REV. T. J. FITZGERALD

MUSIC: KINDRED VOICES

MAY 02 | **LIBERTY & OTHER MUSINGS**

As we close our theme year, we'll consider what it means to carry a Liberating Faith into the future.

REV. DR. DANIEL KANTER

MUSIC: SANCTUARY CHOIR

CALENDAR

Details listed here are subject to change.
Some events and classes require registration.
Please refer to the DU Weekly Newsletter, dallasuu.org/news,
or Realm for the most up-to-date information.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, September 13	New Member Rose Ceremony
Sunday, September 20	25 and 50 Year Member Recognition
Sunday, November 1	All Souls
Sunday, December 6	Rev. Dr. Daniel Kanter's 25 Year Anniversary, guest preacher Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker
Sunday, December 13	Christmas Pageant & Child Dedications
Sunday, December 20	Blues Christmas
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Services at 5, 7, & 9 pm
Sunday, January 3	Burning Service
Sunday, January 31	New Member Rose Ceremony
Wednesday, February 10	Ash Wednesday, evening
Thursday, March 25	Maundy Thursday, evening
Sunday, March 28	Easter Worship & Egg Scramble
Sunday, April 4	Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 9	Mother's Day & Child Dedications
Sunday, May 16	Bridging Service for Coming of Age & Graduating Seniors
Sunday, May 23	New Member Rose Ceremony

WHERE DO I GO TO FIND THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION?

With more than 1,000 members and over 40 Connect Groups, there's always something happening in our church community!

This booklet provides an overview of the year ahead, but please remember that details—such as dates, times, and locations—may change (and many more events will be added throughout the year!) To make sure you have the most accurate information, here are the top three places to check:

- [Dallasuu.org/News](https://dallasuu.org/News) - The news page on our website is updated regularly with the latest announcements, event details, and church-wide updates.
- The DU Weekly E-Newsletter - Sent straight to your inbox, the e-newsletter highlights upcoming opportunities and important reminders each week. Subscribe at dallasuu.org/du.
- Realm (Our church communication app) - Realm is where members can connect with groups, share updates, and receive timely communication within our church family.



**FAITH FORWARD
CLASSES**



**LAY-LED ADULT
CLASSES**



**PASTORAL
CARE**



**CHILDREN, YOUTH,
& FAMILIES**



**GROUPS, TALKS,
& SPECIAL EVENTS**



**ALL-CHURCH
EVENTS**

ONGOING



Adult Discussion Group
Sundays, Weekly | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Casual group that meets to discuss topics related to religion, philosophy, spirituality, culture, social science, digital culture, & AI.



Always in our Hearts Parent Grief Support Group
2nd Wednesdays, Every other month | 7 – 8:30 pm | Zoom

For parents to find support and understanding after surviving the death of a child.



Bodies, Belonging, and Books
1st & 3rd Sundays, Beginning November 1 | 12:30 pm

A focused small group using books to build community to meet challenges of racial equity.



Caring for the Caregiver Support Group
3rd Wednesdays, Monthly | 12 – 1pm | Zoom

Monthly meetings for those caring for loved ones with physical or cognitive illness.



Enneagram Practitioners
4th Sundays, Monthly | 1 – 2:30 pm

Spiritual Connect Group that uses the Enneagram as a tool for spiritual growth.



First Unitarian Grief Support Group
1st Tuesdays, Monthly | 7 – 8 pm

A support group, led by trained lay volunteers, for those who have experienced significant loss.



Food for Thought (for Young Adults)
3rd Sundays, Monthly | 12:15 – 1:45 pm

Young adults are invited to join for a monthly lunch-and-learn covering a variety of topics.



Inquirer's Class
Sundays, Weekly | 11 am – 12 pm

A rotation of 9 conversations about our church and Unitarian Universalism designed for visitors and newcomers.



Living Lightly with Health Challenges
2nd and 4th Thursdays, Every Month | 7 – 8 pm | Zoom

A peer-led support group for those navigating long-term physical health challenges.



Membership Sunday
2nd Sundays, Monthly | After both services

Those who would like to become a member of First Church are invited to sign the book of names after either service.



Online Coffee Time
Sundays, Weekly | 10:30 am & 12 pm CT | Zoom

Members, friends, and livestreamers are invited to drop in for a quick chat after services. Hosted by online members.



Online Members & Friends
1st Sundays, Monthly | 1 pm CT | Zoom

Online members gather to connect and learn more about First Church and Unitarian Universalism.



Seeing Each Other: Hoffman-McElroy Racial Equity Series
Sundays, Nov 8, Jan 10, April 11, & July 11

Documentary screenings and honest conversation in memory of Mary Lou Hoffman and Njoki McElroy's friendship and film series.



Unforgettable Friends
Wednesdays, Weekly | 10 am – 2 pm

A day of connection and enjoyment in community for congregants experiencing isolation or memory issues.



UU Learning Community
Sundays, Weekly | 9:30 – 10:30 am

A class studying religious thought & practices from around the world to understand their impact on our daily lives. Newcomers welcome.



Young Adults Coffee Hour
1st Sundays, Monthly | 10:30 am

Young adults are invited to gather in the Crow Library for a time of casual connection and conversation.

SEPTEMBER



Homecoming – Campus Tour & Dinner with the Ministers
Saturday, September 12 | 3 pm

Online members are welcomed to Dallas and the First Unitarian Church campus.



Brittany K. Barnett – Tom & Charley Crow Lecture
Saturday, September 12 | 6 pm

The Crow lecture series returns with famed author and human rights expert Brittany K. Barnett, best-selling author of *A Knock at Midnight*.



Online & New Member Breakfast
Sunday, September 13 | 9:30 – 10:45 am

New and Online Members gather for breakfast in the Parlor to connect and meet fellow members.



Connection Sunday
Sunday, September 13 | 10:30 am – 1 pm

Find your place within our community! Join us to connect with groups (both in-person and online) and service opportunities in the church.



6th Grade Our Whole Lives (OWL)
Sundays, Sept 13 – Nov 15 | 11 am – 12:30 pm

This program helps children gain the knowledge and skills they need to understand and express their sexuality in holistic ways.



8th Grade Wholly Informed Sex Ed Our Whole Lives
Sundays, Sept 13 – May 2 | 11 am – 12:30 pm

A comprehensive health and sexuality curriculum that covers values, relationships, responsibility, justice, inclusivity, and self-worth.



UU History 101
Sundays, Sept 13 – Nov 1 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

An introduction to the stories and personalities that shaped our faith. How can history be translated into our religious life today?



Homecoming – Worship
Sunday, September 13 | 11 am

We welcome our Online Members and Friends from across the country as they gather with us in-person at First Church.



Poetry Writing Workshop with Naomi Shihab Nye
Saturday, September 19 | 10 am – 3 pm

Join the award-winning poet for a writing workshop open to children, teens, and adults of all experience levels. Registration is required.



An Evening of Poetry with Naomi Shihab Nye
Saturday, September 19 | 7 – 8:30 pm

The acclaimed Palestinian American poet, essayist, and educator will read from her new collection, *Sidekick*.



Executive Functioning Workshop for Parents
Sunday, September 20 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Learn actionable tools that reduce daily stress while helping students take ownership of their learning. Presented by Tina Malone.



All Church Picnic
Sunday, September 20 | 12 – 2 pm

Join us as we celebrate the new theme year and return to church after summer. There will be food, music, and beloved community.



Deepening Spiritual Practice
Sundays, Sept 20 – Nov 15 | 9:30 – 10:45 am

A continuation of Spiritual Practice 101. Explore a richer, more sustained relationship with daily practice and contemplative life.



Autumn Equinox Potluck & Ritual
Saturday, September 26 | 5 – 7 pm

Join Earth Centered Spirituality for an intergenerational celebration of the Autumn Equinox with a potluck meal and community ritual.



New Families Gathering
Sunday, September 27 | 10 am

Meet fellow families, get to know our staff and ministers, and learn about ministries for children, youth, and families.



Intro to Meditation
Sundays, Sept 27 – Oct 18 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Explore how meditation can deepen your connection to the present moment, awaken inner wisdom, and cultivate compassion for all.

OCTOBER



Navigating Grief Class – Online
Tuesdays, Oct 13 – Nov 17 | 7– 8:45 pm | Zoom

A journey of healing through shared interaction and reflection for those challenged by recent, long-standing, or unresolved losses.



Brunch in Community
Sunday, October 18 | After both services

Let the congregation's youth serve you Brunch in Community this Sunday! Pay-what-you-want toward this important youth fundraiser.



New Member Class
Monday, October 19 | 6:30 – 8 pm | Zoom

New members gather with ministers on Zoom for fellowship in a small group setting and to discuss membership in greater depth.



In Realm: to register for adult classes & all-church events, go to Events. For Connect Group meetings, go to Groups > Find Groups > Connect Groups.



Roots
Tuesday, October 20 | 7– 8:30 pm

A minister-hosted overview of UU history, values, and culture for newcomers and those exploring membership.



UU History 101
Weds, Oct 28 – Dec 9 (no class Nov 25) | 7– 8 pm | Zoom

Join Unitarian Universalists in our church and beyond for an introduction to the stories and personalities that shaped our faith.



Día de Muertos Celebration
Friday, October 30 | 6 – 9 pm

Join Earth Centered Spirituality for an intergenerational celebration of Día de Muertos and Mexican culture.

NOVEMBER



Women's Day Alliance Program
Tuesday, November 3 | 10:30 am – 11:20 am

All are welcome to join WDA for the program: "Understanding the Rule of Law".



Aging Well Series: Medicare Enrollment or Re-Enrollment
Sunday, November 8 | 12:30 pm

Learn what you need to know to make the best decisions for your health benefits and overall wellness.



Christmas Pageant Casting Call
Sundays, November 8 & 15 | After both services

Children age 4 and up are invited to sign up to be a part of the annual Christmas Pageant. Both speaking and non-speaking roles available.



Women's Evening Alliance Potluck & Program
Tuesday, November 10 | 6 pm

All who identify as women are welcome to join WEA for "Gratitude and Your Brain," an interactive program from Brenda Tindel.



Crafty Bake Sale
Sunday, November 22 | After both services

Shop for baked goods, crafts, and gifts benefiting charities and church programs supported by the Women's Alliances.



Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 26 | Afternoon

Enjoy good food and good company on Thanksgiving with your church family. There are also opportunities to volunteer.



sUper Sunday
Sunday, November 29 | 11:15 am – 12 pm

Children in K to 8th Grade are invited to make holiday crafts as we enter the holiday month. No Sunday Children's Circles will be held.

DECEMBER



Women's Day Alliance Program
Tuesday, December 1 | 10:30 am – 11:20 am

All are welcome to join WDA for the program: "WDA 2026 Holiday Party".



Holiday Luncheon and Celebration
Saturday, December 5 | 12:30 – 3:30 pm

A festive afternoon of food, socializing and caroling for church members aged 70 and better.



Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, December 5 | 6 – 8 pm

This fun tradition kicks off the holiday season at First Church and includes skits from our ministers, special music, games, and prizes.



Odyssey/YRUU Bake Sale Fundraiser
Sunday, December 6 | After both services

Come support our youth programs and enjoy tasty goodies. (Including gluten free and vegan treats!)



Women's Evening Alliance Potluck & Program
Tuesday, December 8 | 6 pm

All who identify as women are welcome to join WEA for a program of music from Rosana Eckert.



Parish Meeting
Sunday, December 13 | After 11 am service

We will hear updates from church leaders, vote on the 2027 budget, and celebrate the 2027 elected leaders.



Winter Solstice Potluck & Ritual
Saturday, December 19 | 5 – 7 pm

Join Earth Centered Spirituality for an intergenerational celebration of the Winter Solstice with a potluck meal and community ritual.

JANUARY



Women's Day Alliance Program
Tuesday, January 5 | 10:30 am – 11:20 am

All are welcome to join WDA for the program: "Longevity and the New Map of Life."



Biblical Literacy for Unitarian Universalists
Sundays, Jan 10 – Mar 21 | 9:30 am – 10:45 am

An exploration of the Bible through a UU lens, covering its many sources, and reading scripture with both resistance and wonder.



Spiritual Practice 101
Sundays, Jan 10 – Mar 21 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Learn to develop your spiritual life through daily practice, weekly worship, monthly service, yearly retreat, and one-time pilgrimage.



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SACReD: A Reproductive Dignity Journey
Biweekly starting January 11 | Zoom

This course is a powerful way to deepen your connection to your own values and the work of reproductive dignity.



Women's Evening Alliance Potluck & Program
Tuesday, January 12 | 6 pm

All who identify as women are welcome to join WEA for "Finding Your Balance," a movement exercise program from Lynne Patterson.



1st Grade Our Whole Lives (OWL)
Sundays, January 17 – March 7 | 11 am – 12:15 pm

An 8-week program that nurtures and supports the lifelong process of learning about values, identity, relationships, safety, and health.



MOSAIC Families
Sundays, Jan 17 - Feb 7 | 12:30 – 2:30 pm

A new program for parents/caregivers and children in grades 2-5 to help families live out UU values of justice, equity, and inclusion.



New Member Class
Monday, January 25 | 6:30 – 8 pm | Zoom

New members gather with ministers on Zoom for fellowship in a small group setting and to discuss membership in greater depth.



Aging Well Series: Memorial Planning at First Church
Wednesday, January 20 | 7 pm | Zoom

Learn about church Memorial Service preparation, being memorialized in the Raggio Memorial Garden, and more.



Imbolc Potluck & Ritual
Saturday, January 30 | 6 – 8 pm

Join Earth Centered Spirituality for an intergenerational celebration of Imbolc with a potluck meal and community ritual.



Haitham Haidar Vocal Recital
Sunday, January 31 | 1:30 PM

Lebanese-Palestinian Canadian tenor Haitham Haidar presents a program of storytelling through Arabic, Baroque, folk, and art song.

FEBRUARY



Remembering Black Dallas Bus Tour
Spring 2027, Date TBA

The hugely popular tour opportunity with our longtime partner Remembering Black Dallas returns!



Aging Well: Retirement Mapping Workshop Spring 2027, Date TBA

Join experts from the Senior Source to learn how retirement mapping can transform your future.



Aging Well: Managing Cancer Risk Factors As We Age Spring 2027, Date TBA

UTSW Simmons Cancer Center speakers join us to share ways to proactively reduce your risks and maintain your health.



Aging Well: The Latest Info on Dementia & Alzheimer's Spring 2027, Date TBA

Learn the latest information, research, and development on dementia and neurodegenerative diseases.



Women's Day Alliance Program Tuesday, February 2 | 10:30 am – 11:20 am

All are welcome to join WDA for the program: "Advocating for Abortion Rights in the 2027 Texas Legislative Session."



Women's Evening Alliance Potluck & Program Tuesday, February 9 | 6 pm

All who identify as women are welcome to join WEA for a program from Krista Nightengale, CEO of Better Block.



Brunch in Community Sunday, February 14 | After both services

Let the congregation's youth serve you Brunch in Community this Sunday! Pay-what-you-want toward this important youth fundraiser.



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Clothes Encounters Collection Sundays
Sundays, February 14 & 21 | After both services

Bring new & gently used women's clothing, jewelry and accessories to be sold during the Women's Alliances fundraiser.



Shifting Faith
Sundays, Feb 21 – Apr 4 (no class Mar 28) | 9:30 – 10:30 am

A journey of questioning, deconstructing, and rethinking faith, God, and church.



Clothes Encounters
February 26, 27, and 28

The Women's Alliances will be selling women's clothing, jewelry and accessories to raise money for charities and our church.



New Families Gathering
Sunday, February 28 | 10 am

Meet fellow families, get to know our staff and ministers, and learn about ministries for children, youth, and families.

MARCH



Sumfun Camp Registration Opens in March
Monday - Friday, June 14 – June 18 | 9 am - 4 pm

Children K - 7th (as of Fall 2027) can register for our beloved summer day camp. Teens 8th and up can apply to be Junior Counselors.



Navigating Grief Class – In Person
Tuesdays, March - April (dates TBA), 7- 8:45 pm

A journey of healing through shared interaction and reflection for those challenged by recent, long-standing, or unresolved losses.



Women's Day Alliance Program
Tuesday, March 2 | 10:30 am – 11:20 am

All are welcome to join WDA for the program: "Gendercide Awareness Project".



Women's Evening Alliance Potluck & Program
Tuesday, March 9 | 6 pm

All who identify as women are welcome to join WEA for "Black Women Heroes" presented by Jerry Hawkins.



Rhapsody in Blue! Music for Piano and Organ
Friday, March 12 | 7 pm

Dr. Yuri McCoy and Grant Wareham present a concert of organ and piano duos, featuring George Gershwin's famous Rhapsody in Blue.



Spring Equinox Potluck & Ritual
Saturday, March 20 | 5 – 7 pm

Join Earth Centered Spirituality for an intergenerational celebration of the Spring Equinox with a potluck meal and community ritual.



New Member Class
Monday, March 22 | 6:30 – 8 pm | Zoom

New members gather with ministers on Zoom for fellowship in a small group setting and to discuss membership in greater depth.



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Roots
Tuesday, March 23 | 7 - 8:30 pm

A minister-hosted overview of UU history, values, and culture for newcomers and those exploring membership.

A P R I L



Beyond Inquirers

Sundays, April 4 – May 2 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

An opportunity to better understand our faith, the rights and responsibilities of membership, and how we do church.



Embodied Faith: Spirituality, the Body, and Wholeness

Sundays, April 4 – May 2 | 9:30 – 10:30 am

Drawing on somatic theology and contemplative practice, discover how spirituality is something we inhabit.



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Mindfulness Meditation Class

Sundays, April 4 – May 2 | 9:30 – 10:30 am

A progressive guided journey into practices included under the umbrella of “mindfulness meditation.”



Women’s Day Alliance Program

Tuesday, April 6 | 10:30 am – 11:20 am

All are welcome to join WDA for the program: “A Protestant Minister’s Perspective on Christian Nationalism.”



Seminary for a Day, Keynote speaker: Cole Arthur Riley

Saturday, April 10 | 8:30 am – 4 pm

A day of inspiration, learning, and connection. UU spiritual leaders will lead worship and workshops.



Women’s Evening Alliance Potluck & Program

Tuesday, April 13 | 6 pm

All who identify as women are welcome to join WEA for “Hummingbirds” presented by Carolyn Oldham and Jeri Kerr.



Earth Day Fair
Sunday, April 18 | After both services

Our Climate Action Team will share many ways you can contribute to the wellness of the planet —native plant sale, info, art, and more!



Odyssey/YRUU Bake Sale Fundraiser
Sunday, April 18 | After both services

Come support our youth programs and enjoy tasty goodies.
(Including gluten free and vegan treats!)



Creative Community Art Show
Sunday, April 25 | After both services

Join us for a vibrant display of paintings, photography, crafts, and more, all created by First Church artists. Take home a special piece!

M A Y



Bealtaine Potluck & Ritual
Saturday, May 1 | 5 - 7 pm

Join Earth Centered Spirituality for an intergenerational celebration of Bealtaine with a potluck meal, seasonal crafts, and Maypole dance.



Chelsea Chen Organ Recital
Sunday, May 2 | 1:30 PM

Taiwanese-American organist and composer Chelsea Chen presents a diverse program of organ music on our JW Walker organ.



Women's Day Alliance Program
Tuesday, May 4 | 10:30 am – 11:20 am

All are welcome to join WDA for the program: "Installation of 2027/2028 Leaders – Sisterhood is Power."



Women's Evening Alliance Potluck & Program
Tuesday, May 11 | 6 pm

Karen Stanton, Director of Pastoral Care, will present a spiritual program and the installation of 2027-28 officers.



New Member Class
Monday, May 17 | 6:30 – 8 pm | Zoom

New members gather with ministers on Zoom for fellowship in a small group setting and to discuss membership in greater depth.



Sundae Sunday - No Children's Circles this week
Sunday, May 30 | During the 11 am service

Children of all ages are invited to join us for ice cream sundaes (invented by a Unitarian!)



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- Upcoming events – worship services, classes, concerts, special events, and more.
- Opportunities to connect – volunteer needs, Connect group sign-ups, and community service projects.
- Church news – updates from our ministers, Board of Trustees, committees, and programs.
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When you become a member of this church, you make a decision to participate in being part of beloved community at a deeper level. Membership entitles you to vote, to have a voice in the direction of the church, and to be a leader. It is the members who create church.

The defining act of membership for Unitarian Universalists is signing the membership book. You may sign the book at any time by calling the office and scheduling an appointment or you can participate in a Membership Sunday, held the 2nd Sunday of each month.

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about becoming
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