

# **First Unitarian Church of Louisville**

~ A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ~

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We are grateful for those who serve this morning, including:

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September 16, 2018

## **NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

**SPEAKER:**

**ANGELA ARNETT GARNER**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Ethan McCollum

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Peggy Muller

**Moment for the Search Team**

Maureen Taylor

**Prelude**

*Improvisation*

Ethan

**Chalice Lighting**

Genevieve Holtsclaw

**Call to Worship**

Debbie Hess

+ **Hymn**

*'Tis Gift to Be Simple*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration of Covenant** (*unison*)

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law.  
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

**Joys and Sorrows** (*unison*)

May I be filled with lovingkindness. May I be well.  
May I be filled with lovingkindness. May I be well.  
May I be peaceful and at ease. May I be whole.

2. Replace “I” with “you.” 3. replace “I” with “we.”

**Moment of Prayer and Meditation**

**Sung Response** (*unison*)

Make us aware we are a sanctuary,  
each made holy loved right through  
With thanksgiving we are a living sanctuary anew.

There's a truth beyond our knowledge.  
There's compassion beyond our pain.  
There's a spirit burning brighter;  
There's a love to guide our way.

**Invitation to Generosity** Peggy  
*With gratitude for the abundance in our lives, we give to the life  
of this congregation and to the life of the surrounding community.*

**Offertory** Ethan  
Improvisation on  
*This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land*

~ **EXPLORING** ~

**Moment for All Ages** *Second Monday in October* Debbie Hess

**Song for the Children**

Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound. (x2)

There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land,  
There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound. (x2)

**Sermon** *National Indigenous Peoples Day* Angela Arnett Garner

~ **RETURNING** ~

+ **Hymn** *My Life Flows On* #108

**Extinguishing the Chalice** (*unison*)

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,  
The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

**Closing Words** Debbie

**Postlude** Ethan  
Improvisation

**Our Mission** (*unison*)

We are a church of reason and spirit that witnesses for progressive faith,  
nurtures our community and transforms our world.

+ *Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

**Infant and Toddler Care in the Nursery** is available in room 214. The service is piped in to the library (the door by the organ) if you need to step out with your child. **"Busy Bags"** are available on the Usher Table or ask an Usher.

## **About Our Speaker** **Angela Arnett Garner**

Angela Arnett Garner has been called the mother of the “Indigenous Peoples Day” in Kentucky for her work to educate people about the importance of the movement and to pass honoring proclamations in cities across the state. “I would like to help remove the prevailing myths about Kentucky Native American history including the false presumption that our state was merely a hunting ground,” she explains.

In the future, she will work to demonstrate for the Kentucky State Legislature and the next governor that their constituents support and celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day in hopes that they will pass a statewide Indigenous Peoples Day proclamation as well as have Kentucky recognized as a state which appreciates its rich Native American history and as a destination for Native American cultural events.

### **Join Us Next Week: September 23** **Celebration of Life 11:00am**

*“Beyond Boxes”*

Speaker: Amanda Schuber

Amanda has a 26 year history as a Unitarian Universalist. In graduate school she focused on Oppression Studies, and has been an advocate for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights for many years. She is currently studying for her Masters of Divinity at Starr King School for the Ministry. In her “spare” time she travels the country working with UU congregations as a Beyond Categorical Thinking Facilitator, assisting congregations in examining biases in the ministerial search process. We expect a thought provoking sermon, and hope that you will also be able to join us for the workshop after the service. See the Ministerial Search Page!

### **Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45**

*See Class Descriptions at [firstulou.org/cre](http://firstulou.org/cre) (children)  
and [firstulou.org/lre](http://firstulou.org/lre) (adult)*

**Nursery care is available 9:30-12:00. Room 214**

### Adult Classes Meeting September 23

**Popcorn Theology**, in the Library, room 103

**Tending the Flame: The Art of UU Parenting**, room 203

**Women’s Spirituality Group** (*closed class*) Parlor, room 101

## **Join us for RE on September 30 at 9:45**

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond (MB3) directly addresses the causes of recidivism and seeks to reduce the rate among returning citizens released from Kentucky correctional facilities. The program adopts a multi-layer, holistic approach that begins with the individual while incarcerated, assists with pre-release preparation, and provides support and assistance once the individual returns to the community. The mission is to educate communities to welcome, support, mentor, and equip returning citizens with the tools to successfully re-enter society. Dean Bucalos, Executive Director of MB3, has experience as both a practicing attorney and an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He will share his passion for justice, belief in forgiveness and mercy, and his hopes to bring MB3 to a place of long-term sustainability. Please join us in the library for a presentation about and discussion of MB3's work.

## **FYI**

**CLCM 50th Anniversary Gala** Sunday, September 30 from 3:00-6:00pm. Join us for appetizers, drinks, music featuring The Utility Brothers, and a silent auction. It will be a great celebration of CLCM at C2 Event Venue (225 Breckinridge Street, 40203 between Floyd and Brook). Tickets are \$50. See Lois Allen, Mary Ballard, Kathy Gapsis or Linette Lowe to purchase tickets or via email (CLCM50th@gmail.com). Help CLCM reach their \$50,000 goal!

**Fresh Stop Market New Roots** (www.newroots.org) or Barbra Justice (velma2720@yahoo.com or 502-234-0607). Next delivery: Wednesday, September 26 Order deadline: Friday, September 21

**Church Phone Voicemail** Our voice mail system is currently out of order. If you want general information, including questions about renting space, or need to pass on a message, e-mail office@firstulou.org. Our regular office hours are 10am–2pm Monday – Friday. The phone number is (502) 585-5110.

**Louisville United Against Violence** September 30 Events include an interfaith prayer service (including Rev. Kathy) at 2:00 at St. Augustine Catholic Church community center and hand holding along Broadway at 4:00pm. First U's block is between 6th and 7th Street. See Trish Ramey, Bethany Borgamenke, or the midweek update for more information.

**KIPL Awards Dinner** Please join us on Tuesday, September 25 at 6 pm at Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light's annual Hope In Action Awards dinner at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (330 N. Hubbards Lane, 40207). This event brings together faith communities to celebrate the good works in creation care that have taken place in Kentucky over the last year. Presenters include Sr. Cecilia Skees, whose Sisters of Loretto community helped stop the Bluegrass Pipeline. Jewish Community Center is one of three 2018 Hope in Action Award winners. For information, contact Kathy Kremer (kathykremer11@gmail.com).



*From The Ministerial Search Committee*

**Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop**  
**Sunday, September 23 from 12:30 – 4:00pm**

THINK OF A MINISTER. DON'T THINK OF AN ELEPHANT.

Chances are you thought of both. And distinct images perhaps came to mind. In terms of a minister, what images came to mind? Was it a person of a particular gender, race, or age?

Beyond Categorical Thinking is a required part of the search process for our congregation. In finding the person who would be the best match for our minister, we could potentially overlook or even let unrecognized biases keep us from knowing that a particular person would be the best match for us. Ministers in our faith who are people of color, bisexual, gay, lesbian, female, transgender, differently-abled, young, old, ethnically different, or of a different class—all of these credentialed ministers still face discrimination as part of the ministerial search process.

In our efforts to find the best match, our congregation will host a Beyond Categorical Thinking worship service and workshop on September 23, 2018. Amanda Schuber from the UUA will lead the Sunday service and then facilitate a conversation where we will have a chance to examine how we can avoid letting prejudice become a part of our search process. This opportunity allows the entire congregation fuller participation in the search process.

**If you plan to attend the workshop, please** send an email to Pam to reserve your place. (pamiddleton1@gmail.com) Include your **pizza** preference, as we will also be providing lunch.

Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend.

Child care will be provided.

**Survey – For everyone!!**

An important step in the search process is to conduct a congregational survey, which will help the committee convey to potential ministerial candidates our accurate demographics, needs and wishes for our future. Please go to <http://bit.ly/firstsurvey> to fill out the survey.

If you **NEED** a paper copy, please contact [pamiddleton1@gmail.com](mailto:pamiddleton1@gmail.com) or talk to any of the committee members. Pam will send it to you by USPS, with a self-addressed envelope. When we receive it back, it will be entered anonymously into the computer data bank to be analyzed with everyone else.

## **Cottage Meetings**

The Search Committee needs your insights and observations! Results gained from the survey only give a snapshot of who we are. Cottage meetings are being scheduled so congregants have the opportunity to discuss in more depth what they want and need regarding our new settled minister. Let your host know if you are planning to attend OR just show up! However, we do need a count if you are planning on coming to the lunch on September 30.

Please attend one of these meetings, and be an essential active part of the process to find a minister who is an excellent fit for First Unitarian.

Thursday, September 20, 6:30-8:30pm at Magnolia Montessori – 1451 S. 1st Street, Louisville, 40208 hosted by Clare Gervasi

Saturday, September 22, 3:00-5:00pm, First Unitarian Church – in the library hosted by Jeff Warner

Sunday, September 30, 12:30-2:30pm, First Unitarian Church – in the library or social hall, lunch will be available. Hosted by Maureen Taylor and Bill Allison. RSVP for this one!!

**Your ministerial search team** – Bill Allison, Clare Gervasi, Pam Middleton, Jill Sherman, Maureen Taylor, and Jeff Warner.



## **“New to UU” Class Coming October 7**

If you’re new to Unitarian Universalism and want to learn what we’re about, or if you’ve been around a while but want to know more, we have just the thing for you!

A “New to UU” session will be held after the service on Sunday, October 7, starting at 12:30. Lunch will be available at the first Sunday luncheon; after you pick up lunch, we’ll move to the library for the class.

The class usually lasts about 2 ½ or 3 hours, and child care will be available. Please contact Claudia Runge ([claudiarun@gmail.com](mailto:claudiarun@gmail.com) or 502-608-5710) if you plan to join us. We look forward to welcoming new and familiar faces!

Please note that the Oct. 7 service will include Blessing of the Animals. If you plan to bring an animal AND stay for the class, please be sure to provide for your animal’s comfort after the service.

# Welcome to First Unitarian!

If you are a visitor to our congregation today, we trust you will find meaning in our service. First Unitarian Church is a liberal, self-governing, self-supporting church in covenant with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

**Children** of all ages are welcome to remain with their caregivers. Childcare is also available upstairs in room 214. If you find you need to step out of the service with your child, the service is piped into the library (the door by the organ).

**Free Parking:** The lot off 4th Street next to the church is free all day Sunday. The lot off York Street, across from the library, is free until 1:30pm.

**Calendar of Events** <http://firstulou.org/calendar>

## *~ We Are a Welcoming Congregation ~*

We welcome all persons to participate fully, openly, and equally, in all aspects of our congregational life, in ever-widening circles of inclusion. We respect and affirm diversity and its gifts in race, ethnicity, national origin, affectional or sexual orientation, family or relationship structure, gender identity, gender expression, sex, abilities, neurodiversity, age, socio-economic class, political views, religious belief, creed, or interpretation of religion.

### **Our Ministry Staff**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, Interim Minister

Loren Crawford, Coordinator of Religious Exploration

### **Support Staff**

Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator

Ethan McCollum, Choir Director

Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper

Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist

Vantreasea Jones, Custodian

Elena Meeks, Childcare

NaQueesha Puckett, Childcare/RE Asst.

### **ZOOM Into First U**

Members and friends can sign into Zoom and access the service in real time. Go to the website [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org). Click on the “Worship” tab. Then select “Livestreaming our Sunday Service” and follow the directions. You can also go to [firstulou.org/online-service](http://firstulou.org/online-service). Enjoy the service.