

Minister’s Musings/Message: Look for more from Rev. Matt next month

Thanksgiving Award Nominations Due by October 14th



It’s once again the time of year when we nominate a member or members of the church that have shown great service to the congregation. If you have someone in mind that you feel has gone above and beyond in their commitment to the church, please compose a nomination for them to be considered for the Thanksgiving Award. Nominations will be accepted until Monday October 10th. Nominations may be submitted to Nichole in the church office or may be emailed to her at office@stocktonuu.org. Thank you for taking the time to nominate a star among us that deserves recognition.

Religious Education

Welcome September! Good news, UU families: our cottage will be reopening to children and youth starting September 4th!

We are thankful to the church board for voting to make that happen for us!

We are still taking precautions necessary to avoid the transmission and spread of COVID, which includes masking and sanitizing. The cottage premises and possessions within will be sanitized before reopening.

This month, we will be re-distributing our annual child safety and registration forms in the coming weeks for each child in our RE program. These will be handed out to each family on Sundays before or after church services.

As usual, Jessica and myself will be available on Sundays for childcare beginning at 10am. We are currently looking for people to sign up to volunteer for childcare on an as-needed basis. Please let one of us know if you’re interested and we will gladly take steps necessary to make that happen!

Please don’t hesitate to email, call, or text me if you have any questions!

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Unitarian Universalist Association Principles and Purposes

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
 - A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in Society at large;
 - The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
 - Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Upcoming Sermons/Services: Masks Requested for Those Attending in-Person

Date	Topic	Speaker	WA
9/11	Social Sunday (Game Day)		Jan Vernor-Howard and Clair Trujillo
9/18	Folk Song Sing-Along		Jan Vernor-Howard and Clair Trujillo
9/25	Thriving, Not Just Surviving	Rev. Matt	Ari Cohn

IN PERSON SERVICES ARE MOVING BACK TO 10:30 AM

COFFEE HOUR WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

THERE WON'T BE ANY ZOOM STREAMING IN SEPTEMBER

PLEASE SEE OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR PAST SERVICES

Social Justice News

At our monthly "Eco Saturday" parking lot event in August we collected a total of \$33 in recyclables and lots of school supplies for Madison School. Thanks for your support! Join us again on **Saturday, September 20th from 9:30 - 11:30 am**. We'll also be collecting supplies for the ACT Spay/Neuter Clinic - laundry soap (HE), old towels, bleach, and "puppy pads". For more information, contact Mary Bullard (marybee2@gmail.com).

We enjoyed another week in August hosting our Family Promise families in collaboration with the Cathedral of the Annunciation congregation. We'll be hosting families again during Thanksgiving week in November. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Gloria Smith (gsmith.stockton@gmail.com).

Our Waterwise Garden is thriving, thanks to our dedicated volunteers! We're getting noticed ... our garden was featured in the most recent local Sierra Club newsletter - <https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce-authors/u14441/Peatduster53-3.pdf>

On **Sunday, September 18th** our shared offering will support the Red Cross wildfire relief efforts. If you're not able to attend on Sunday, feel free to send in your donation to the church office.

There's lots of other exciting things happening this month ..

Join us on **Thursday, September 15th in Jackson Hall from 2:00 - 5:00 pm** to write **get out the vote** postcards. This is a nonpartisan effort. For more information, contact Gloria Smith (gsmith.stockton@gmail.com).

On **September 17th from 8:30 - noon** we will again be hosting a local **Coastal Clean-up** site on the Calaveras River in collaboration with the Sierra Club Delta-Sierra Group. Please contact Dick Abood (rabood@pacific.edu) for details.

EV Equity Event - September 24th, 10:00 - 1:00, West Valley Mall, Tracy <https://driveelectricweek.org/event?eventid=3063>

- **Stockton Pride Festival - September 25th, 10:00 - 5:00 pm** at the Stockton Ballroom, 9650 Thornton Rd. - stop by our First UU Church booth!

Family Promise at First U U of Stockton August 25, 2022

Submitted by Gloria Smith and Rosemary Atkinson

Our second hosting Aug 21 thru Aug 28 is underway and going VERY well thanks to the “hands on” support of our congregation’s members : Rosemary Atkinson, Mary Bullard, Christy Dillemath, Fred Dillemath, Sharon Marr, Cindy Milford, Leslie, Anita, Bev Blum, Miriam Cottin-Rack and family, Gene Aguirre , Kevin Smith and Gloria Smith and a few others who donated .

This time around, there have been a number of volunteers willing to do the **overnight host duties**.*

As always, there has been an equal number of supporting volunteers from our sister church the Cathedral of the Annunciation.

Our final hosting will be November 20th – 27th.

There will be a coordinators meeting August 30 7pm at the Family Promise Day Center. On the agenda will be wins/ misses within the congregations’ experiences as well as calendaring for next year.

One item we have discussed at FUU / Cathedral is to have our own set of inflatable beds. This will be a cost of \$60/Twin \$80/ queen. Our current guest population is 6 – two adults and 4 children. Approx. cost would be \$360 for the twins plus \$160 for queen beds for the hosts. (though actually I think the twin is fine for a single individual) . Our discussions are in the early days and we will be having a group meeting after services, mid September. (we haven’t checked the church calendar yet to avoid conflicts.)

The Family Promise Day Center at Zion Lutheran is being renovated and there will be an open house on September 29th 5:30 PM.

In peace,
Gloria Smith
Rosemary Atkinson

* **What is an overnight host?** In a nutshell, arrive between 7:30 – 8pm; say hello to guests and evening hosts. 8 pm tell guests to go to bed because the van comes early. Lock cottage and J Hall doors so intruders cannot enter. Visit and play games with the evening hosts and other overnight host, if there is time. Go to your space and read a book, practice your violin or guitar or piano. Fall asleep, wake up 5:45 , open J Hall and turn on lights for guests to come in and make their breakfasts. Guests leave at 6:30 am. Clean area and dishes from breakfast. Lockup the cottage and church.

KEEP ON GIVING INTO THE FUTURE!

Ensuring the long term strength of our church is important! We love our church, and give to it in so many ways—financially, volunteering, baking goodies, serving on committees, cleaning up—the list goes on. But there’s one way to give that we don’t often think about—giving after we’re gone. Perhaps we don’t want to consider our own mortality, or it seems too hard to figure out. But it’s not that difficult.

Here are two easy ways to do it.

1. Add the First Unitarian Church to your Will or Trust. Wills and Trusts need to be reviewed and updated periodically, why not now? While your attorney can advise you, language in our trust is “. . . to the First Unitarian Church, current Tax ID Number 94-6184441, a non-profit corporation, located at the time of the execution of this trust at 2737 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204.” Note that the name is “First Unitarian Church”, which is our official name with the IRS.
2. Make the First Unitarian Church a beneficiary of an IRA, giving the same Information as above, especially the Tax ID. Since we are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, IRA money comes to us tax free, unlike other recipients who pay taxes on withdrawal. This can be done as simply as filling out a new beneficiary form.

If you decide to help First UU into the future, it would be great for the church to know about it!

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Milnes or Mary Bullard of the Finance Committee, and we’ll do our best to help!

Sara Milnes



Minister's Office Hours:

Rev. Matt's office hours will be Monday—Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm or by appointment.

Church office hours Monday & Thursday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

The Mission of our church
Is to nurture individual spiritual/ethical growth,
to be inclusive of all people,
and to be an active voice of conscience
in the greater community.

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