Ways to connect at First UU
Contact the office at office@uurochmn.org to stay informed by signing up for our weekly newsletter (eNews).

- **MUUSA & UU Summer Camps** ~ September 29 ~ 6:15pm ~ Faith Room
- **UU & OSLC Joint Service** ~ October 4 ~ 9 am ~ Sanctuary
- **OSLC's Fair Trade Market** ~ October 2, 3, 4 ~ Fellowship Hall
- **Election Security ~ Tuesday, October 6 ~ 6:15pm ~ Fellowship Hall**
- **Armchair Travelers ~** Scotland ~ Friday, October 16 ~ 7 pm ~ Pod Area
- **First UU Annual Auction ~** Friday, October 30 ~ Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- **UU Handcrafted Bazaar ~** Saturday, December 12 ~ 10am – 3 pm ~ Fellowship Hall

Contact the office (office@uurochmn.org), use the QR Code, or go to our website (uurochmn.org)to register or for more information on these events.

A Seat for Everyone:
Furnishing Our Future, Funding Our Mission

First UU Auction Schedule

- **September 15-October 14:** Donate your auction items
- **October 15:** Online Silent Auction opens; Buy Raffle tickets; Buy fixed price items
- **October 28:** Online Silent Auction closes
- **Friday, October 30:**
  - **5:30 pm –** Live Silent Auctions open (Adult & Kid's)
  - **5:45 pm** - Hors d'oeuvres & Non-alcoholic Drinks Served
  - **6:30 pm -** Childcare Begins
  - **6:35 pm -** Kid's Silent Auction Closes
  - **6:45 pm** - Adult Silent Auction Closes
  - **7:00 pm** - Main Live Paddle Auction Begins

First Unitarian Universalist Church
September Theme: Beginnings ~ September 27, 2026

Gathering: A *quiet time to enter and light a candle, write a prayer*
Ringing of the Bell: *An invitation to breathe and center*

Call to Worship		
Prelude	*Earth Song*	Jane Foote
Welcome & Greeting		Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer & Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, UUA
*Hymn *#1068*	*Rising Green*	
Chalice Lighting		
Offertory Music	*Safe Harbor*	
Time for All Ages	Adapted from *More Than a Tree*	
Children's Benediction	Music & lyrics can be found at the back of your hymnal	
Prayer		
Hymn	*All This Joy* Lyrics: All this joy, all this sorrow, all the promise, all this pain Such is life, such is being, such is Spirit, such is love. (City of….. World of…..	
Reading	An excerpt from *Why Relationship is at the Core of Unitarian Universalism* by the Rev. Dr. Adam Robersmith	
Music	*Good Trouble*	Choir
Sermon	*Fat Bears and the Call to Community Care*	Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, President, Unitarian Universalist Association
*Hymn #1015	*I Know I Can (vv. 1,2,4)*	
Benediction		
Postlude	Toccata on *Great Day* by Adolphus Hailstork	

*Please rise in body or spirit

Today's Service Participants:
Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer, Stephanie Evans - Hanson, and music from Jane Foote, Joe Mish, and Austin Aldrich

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt
We are glad to welcome the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, who is in Minnesota visiting Unitarian Universalist communities in honor of their work for immigration justice in the last year.

Today's Offering: United Seminary Scholarship for Unitarian Universalist Ministry Scholarship (UTS)
United Seminary is an important place for Minnesota UUs, and for our Rochester congregation. Graduates include Rev. Luke, Rev. Ruth, Rev David Kramer, several ministers in and around the Twin Cities, and multiple guests ministers. Many were only able to afford seminary education because of this specific scholarship for Unitarian Universalists. Our support makes religious leadership in our small, and vital, association possible!

Offering to our support our monthly justice partner, our building fund, and/or our church

Sign Up for Groups and Classes

Scan this QR Cor to Register for Faith Development!

Scan the QR code to sign up for small groups and activities.

Welcome to First Unitarian Universalist Church of Rochester, MN

Our Mission: To be a welcoming, compassionate community that nurtures spiritual growth and practices justice.

Hearing Assistance & Large-Print Bulletins
We have hearing assistant devices and large-print bulletins available for Sunday services. Please see an usher for these items or for assistance.

Faith Development for Children 4 yrs – 5th Grade & Youth 6-12th Grade
Children's Faith Development is during service. Children can recess after the Time for All Ages. Youth are invited to attend Faith Development at 12:10 pm.
Connect with Amy Nelson or Derik Robertson, listed below.

Preschool Playroom
The preschool playroom is available each Sunday for ages 6 months – 3 years.

Spiritual Connections
A spiritual community is exactly that: nurturing our souls through service, learning, and reflection, in a community of care and welcome. Opportunities range from ancient meditation practices to cooking meals, writing cards of care to helping kids with crafts.

Website
Find the church calendar, service videos, and other information about the life of the church on our website at *www.uurochmn.org*

Questions? Connect with any staff listed below.

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