
Ways to Get Involved at First UU

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

Winter Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, December 21

Story Time ~ 6:30 pm

Service ~ 7 pm

Fire ~ 7:30 pm

Sanctuary & Courtyard

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24 ~ 4pm (livestream & in person) and 6pm (in person only)

Cookie and Bar Reception ~ 5pm

New Year's Eve Zoom Poetry Potluck

Saturday, December 31 ~ 7-9pm

[Zoom](#)

If Covid and the cold weather are convincing you to choose a cozier type of New Year's Eve celebration, please join us on Zoom for a Poetry Potluck! Find a poem or two to share that cheers you up or soothes your soul or makes you bust out laughing. Whether you want to reflect on the old year or the new, read something original or traditional, just bring your favorite beverage to ring in the New Year and we will take turns reading to each other on Zoom.

Twelfth Night Christmas Tree Bonfire

Saturday, January 7 ~ 4:30-6:30 pm

Come light up the night at Squash Blossom Farm

Let's gather to celebrate a belated Twelfth Night, the final day of the Christmas season, and the beginning of Epiphany, commemorating the arrival of the Magi bringing gifts to the baby Jesus. It is the day that Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas, and in many parts of the world bonfires are part of the celebrations. See the eNews to register.

Armchair Travelers with Paula Horner

"Visiting Washington State: the Olympic Peninsula and the San Juan Islands"

Friday, January 13 ~ 7 pm

On [Zoom](#)

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

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

December Theme: Wonder

December 18, 2022 – *Gifts of Dark, Gifts of Light*

A service celebrating the many gifts of the winter holidays, including Hanukkah and Solstice.

Gathering Music		Austin Ferguson
Welcome		Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer
*Hymn	<i>Green</i> by Peter Mayer	
Chalice Lighting		
Music	<i>Jingle Bells</i>	Chalice Choir
Time for All Ages		Amy Nelson & Jerry Katzmann
Music	<i>S'Vivon</i>	Walden Hill Vocal Ensemble & Chalice Choir
Reflection		Ann Hutton
Music		
Embracing Meditation		Melissa Egger
Prayer		
Music	<i>Hanerot Halalu</i>	
Readings	<i>Season of Skinny Candles</i> by Marge Piercy <i>Winter Thanks</i> by Marcus Jackson	
Offertory Music		
Sermon	<i>Gifts of Dark, Gifts of Light</i>	Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer
*Hymn #221	<i>Light One Candle</i>	
Benediction		
Postlude		

* Please rise in body or spirit.

THIS MORNING'S PARTICIPANTS...

Gifts of Dark, Gifts of Light

A service celebrating the many gifts of the winter holidays, including Hanukkah and Solstice.

Service Participants:

Rev. Luke Stevens-Royer, Ann Hutton, Jerry Katzmann, Amy Nelson, Melissa Egglar, and music from Austin Ferguson, Joe Mish, Chalice Choir, and Walden Hill Vocal Ensemble

Offertory:

Monthly Justice Partner - Updated Offering Practice

We donate our *entire* offering collection most Sundays to our monthly justice partners, instead of splitting the collection 50/50. We will hold occasional collections for the church itself throughout the year. We hope this practice will help increase the support we can offer to our justice partners, as we strive to deepen our practice of justice and generosity.

December's Justice Partner is Family Promise of Rochester.

Family Promise delivers innovative solutions for family homelessness including prevention, shelter, and stabilization services. Families come to them in crisis. They help them rebuild their lives with new skills and ongoing support.

Use the QR code to go directly to our giving page on our website:



Building Our Future: Beyond Ourselves

Follow this QR code to our Building Our Future: Beyond Ourselves webpage. Here you will find forum dates and topics concerning the future of our building and grounds.



WELCOME TO FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, MN

Nurturing Spiritual Growth & Practicing Justice since 1866

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 and children can recess after the Time for All Ages. Youth are invited to either service and to also attend Faith Development at 10:10 am. Connect with Amy Nelson or Derik Robertson, listed below.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available each Sunday, and for many church events, for ages 6 months – 3 years. The nursery is located up the small incline past the main lobby.

LIVE VIDEO OF THE SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY

If you or your children need more space or a coloring table, there are monitors with live video of the service near the lobby.

GETTING INVOLVED

If you would like to find meaningful ways to serve in the church, get involved in classes or groups, or consider becoming a member, please contact Melissa Egglar, listed below.

CARING CONCERNS

If you have a joy or sorrow you would like to have shared during the service, or would like to connect with our caring committee, please contact Melissa Egglar, listed below.

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

Find the church calendar, service videos, and other information about the life of the church on our website at www.uurochmn.org and on Facebook: *First Unitarian Universalist Church-Rochester, MN*.

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