



Order of Service

Sunday, November 10, 2019 ■ Services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Our Mission

The mission of First Unitarian Portland is to create a welcoming community of diverse individuals; to promote love, reason, and freedom in religion; to foster lifelong spiritual growth; and to act for social justice.

Our Vision

First Unitarian Portland is a beacon of hope for us and for our community, a spiritual center in the heart of our city that helps each of us to find our moral compass, calling and challenging us to build the beloved community with an ever-deepening sense of spirit, diversity, and inclusion.

Flowers are in memory of Maurice Maeterlinck Miller, father and grandfather.
Veronica and Joey Williams.



Our November plate collection will be shared with Portland United Against Hate (PUAH). PUAH believes that everyone and every community deserves a safe, prosperous, and peaceful life, a life free from hate and harassment.

***Gathering Hymn #1001**

"Breaths"

Chalice Lighting

Welcome

Rev. Thomas Disrud

Introit

"Tiny Ironing Board"
arr. John Boelling

Chancel Choir
John Boelling, Director

Call to Worship

Rev. Mira Mickiewicz, Guest Minister

***Hymn #4**

"I Brought My Spirit to the Sea"

***Responsive Reading**

"The Five Rememberances"
Buddha, trans. Thich Naht Hahn

***Doxology #123**

"Spirit of Life"

Each of Us and All of Us

Vinson Family

Offertory

"Elegy"
William Payn

Parker Bells
Amanda DuPriest, Director

Pastoral Concerns and Prayer

Rev. Disrud

Silent Meditation

Hymn# 352

"Find a Stillness"

Reading

"When Death Comes"
Mary Oliver

Anthem

"The Valley"
arr. Beth Hanson

Sermon

"Everyday Death"

Rev. Mickiewicz

Prayer

***Hymn**

"Let the Life I've Lived"

Benediction

Postlude

"Shades of Forest Green"
arr. Tim Waugh

***Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

First Unitarian Church of Portland

Each of Us and All of Us

2020 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE



2020 Annual Fund Drive

It takes "all of us" to make this a place for "each of us."

Our heartfelt thanks go out to those who have pledged these past weeks.

Every pledge and every gift helps fund the life and work of the church.

Please know that your gift here is valued.

Celebration Sunday

Next Sunday, Nov. 17

Join us NEXT Sunday, Nov. 17 for high-energy New Orleans brass band inspired music, a truly celebratory service and dancing in the aisles (if you feel so moved!).

AND afterward be sure to attend our cheerful and delicious...

Community Potluck Brunch

After Each Service

Margaret Fuller Hall & Daisy Bingham



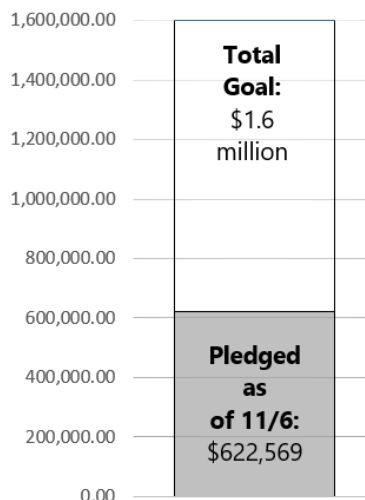
Our Goal:
100%
Participation!

Total Goal: \$1,600,000
Pledged as of 11/6: \$622,569
Number of Pledges: 284
Percent of Goal: 38.9%

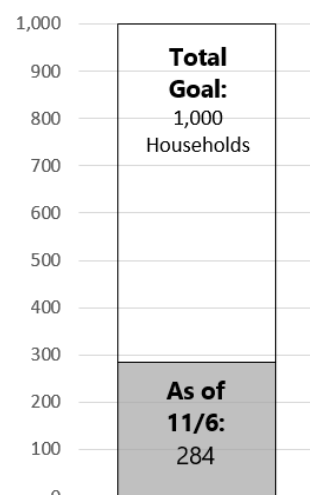
**Scan to Pledge
for 2020 AFD**



2020 AFD
38.9%



2020 AFD
PLEDGING HOUSEHOLDS
28.4%



Working for Liberation - for Each of Us and All of Us



Throughout its history, First Unitarian has worked to address the justice issues of its day. One of the most important reasons that I pledge and am committed to this church is our work to dismantle the culture of white supremacy in these times.

I initially came to the work of racial justice through a desire to minimize harm to my friends and colleagues of color, but I'm in it increasingly for my own liberation — as part of the collective liberation we often name as the *Beloved Community*. I do this work to reconnect more deeply to myself, to feel where it hurts, and to find again a sense of lineage and rootedness in compassion, love, and community that my people lost in whiteness along the way.

Here at First Unitarian, I feel blessed to have found both the repeated and faithful invitation to this work and the spiritual support to sustain it. Saying "yes" to that invitation has brought me into heart-broken-open spaces where I find deeper connection and engagement with this congregation and our work beyond it. It is a blessing that together, we — each of us and all of us — can support this church and hold one another in loving accountability to the sacred work for justice and mutual liberation.

- Ryan Deibert, Board of Trustees

For more on First Unitarian's work to dismantle white supremacy culture, see the most recent issue of *Speaking of Justice* here:

<https://www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/>



■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

First Connections: How the Church Works. Join members of the church Board of Trustees to learn about how the church is governed. How are decisions made and who does what? 10:30–11:05 a.m., Eliot Chapel.

Next Sunday: Celebration Sunday Brunch. Join in the post-service brunch potluck that will follow Celebration Sunday, when we come together and make our financial pledges for the coming year. Come and celebrate our community.

Spiritual Theme Reflection Circle. Join with others after the service to hold space and reflect on how the service deepened your connection to the spiritual theme of the month. 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Channing.

Younger Adult Potluck Brunch. Join Rev. Abigail Clauhs as we gather for food and fellowship, and learn about our upcoming retreat. Drop-ins welcome. No age restrictions. 12:30–2:30 p.m., Daisy Bingham. Childcare is provided starting at 1 p.m.

■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

Interested in Becoming a Learning Community Teacher? We still need teachers for 1st/2nd grade and 3rd/4th grade. Contact: [cscheffman\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:cscheffman[at]firstunitarianportland.org) for more information.

Sunday Afternoon Childcare. Childcare is offered for all ages from 1–3 p.m. while you attend an event or meeting at church. Request care for your child(ren) at the Eliot Info Desk by 1 p.m. that day. Staff are released at 1 p.m. if no one has requested care by then.

■ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Younger Adult Retreat. We will nurture our spirits and deepen our relationships. Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. \$15. Lunch included. Advanced registration required: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Mindful Movements for Everyone. A joyful practice for all bodies and abilities. \$10 and drop-ins welcome. Thursdays, Nov. 21, 5:30–6:30 pm. Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Death Café. Our objective is to increase awareness of death and help people make the most of their lives. Sunday, Nov. 24, 1–3 p.m. No charge. Advanced registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Living with Loss: How Will I Get through the Holidays? Rev. Wendy Fish and Kristin Guest will offer support through the grief process. Sundays, Nov. 24, Dec. 8 and 15. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration required: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Gentle Yoga in the Evening. We focus on spine health, energy renewal, and community. Drop-ins, \$12 pay at door, Monday or Wednesday, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Bring your own yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

Speaking of Justice's Eighth Issue on What Does White Supremacy Culture Have to Do with UUs? New issue on Oct. 28. Find the link in the *Front Steps* e-News or subscribe here: www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/.

Understanding Homelessness in Downtown Portland. This Educational Forum—for people who live, work, study, or own a business in downtown Portland. Lunch provided. Saturday, Nov. 23 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Fuller Hall. Register on eventbrite.com

The Arc of Capitalism Does Not Bend Toward Justice. We Must Bend It. Join author Les Leopold talking about *Runaway Inequality: An Activist's Guide to Economic Justice*. Saturday, Nov. 23, 6–9 p.m., Eliot Chapel. Details: <http://www.ejag.org/events.html>.

■ OTHER NEWS

Check Out the October 2019 Board Moderator Letter. <https://www.firstunitarianportland.org/october-2019-moderator-letter/>.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Interfaith Vigil. Featuring local spiritual leaders (including Rev. Bill Sinkford and Rev. Mira Mickiewicz, live music, and a candle lighting service for the fallen.) Sunday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m. Eliot Chapel. Reception will follow service from 5:30–7 p.m., Buchan Reception.

Greens Sale Alert. Join us between services for items for your home and gift wreaths. Bring your checkbook/credit card and your address list for gift wreath recipients. Sunday, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, Margaret Fuller Hall and Buchan Atrium.

LGBTQIA+ Pride Holiday Party

You are invited to our white elephant holiday finger food potluck party! Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m. at the church. No alcohol. For more information or to volunteer, visit our Pride Table located in Fuller Hall after service.

Beacon Bookstore. The 2019 UUA in Spirit Meditation Manual has just been released: *Spilling the Light* by Teresa Soto. We have many other volumes in this series, including *To Wake, To Rise* by Rev. Sinkford. Each title is just \$8.

November Art Wall. The watercolors of Susan and Ron Spears are featured. They use watercolor as a dynamic medium, trying to portray the essence of nature with a freshness of spirit.

Give the Joy of Flowers for Sunday's Service. The holidays are a great time to remember loved ones and family by sponsoring chancel flowers. Contact Marsha at 503-954-3534 or [marshamwarner\[at\]comcast.net](mailto:marshamwarner[at]comcast.net).

First Unitarian Neighborhood Connections. Our rideshare program helps match riders with drivers and is organized by ZIP code. To learn more, contact Maina Ptolemy, 503-803-8991 or [mainaaptolemy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:mainaaptolemy[at]gmail.com).