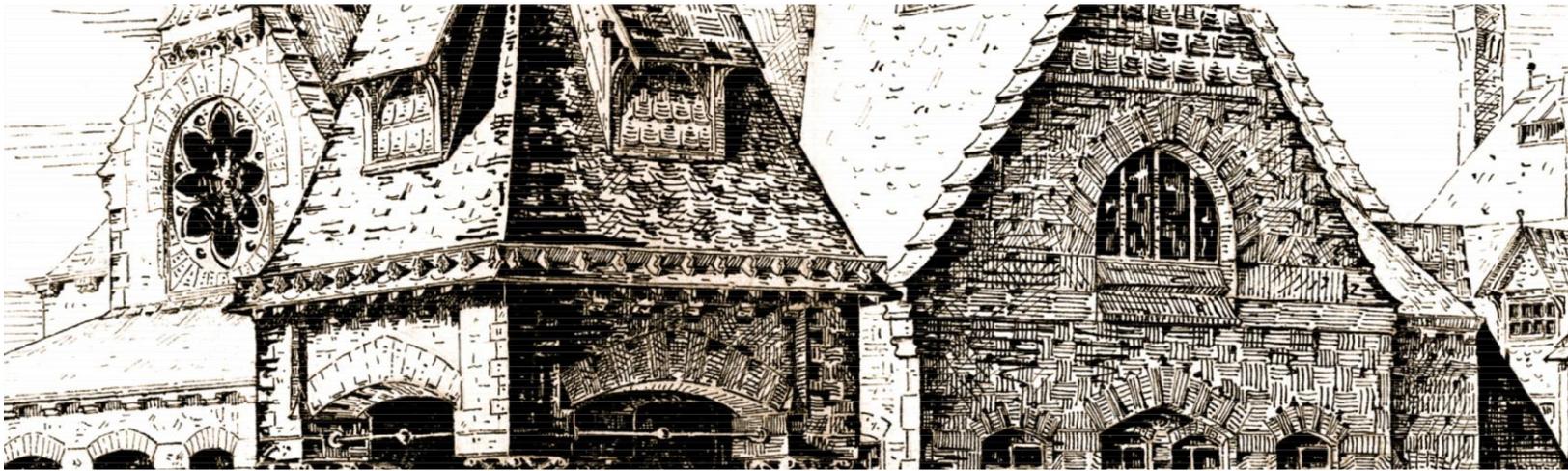


# The Beacon

*The Monthly Newsletter of the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia*

*May 2015*



## May Worship Services

### Voices of Our Common Faith

*Sunday, May 3, Sanctuary, 11:00 AM*

*Led by: Music Director John B. Hedges*

This year's Music Sunday service will be centered around performances of Unitarian Universalist composers and writers. From Béla Bartók to e.e. cummings to Pete Seeger, come celebrate the diverse voices of artists who all share the common principles of our community.

### Bound to Life

*Sunday, May 10, Sanctuary, 11:00 AM*

*Led by: Reverend Dr. Susan Veronica Rak*

Whether or not you are or have been a parent, the lessons of this important, sometimes thankless and most rewarding of tasks of adulthood has wisdom to offer to all of us bound in this beloved community.

### A Community of Possibility

*Sunday, May 17, Sanctuary, 11:00 AM*

*Led by: Reverend Dr. Susan Veronica Rak*

As we prepare to hold our Congregational Annual Meeting, we gather for a shorter-than-usual Service to reflect on our community and our covenant.

### Words and Silence: A Meditative Poetry Service

*Sunday, May 24, Sanctuary, 11:00 AM*

*Organized by Ed Greenlee and Daniel Johnson, Worship Associates*

This worship service will include music, meditation, and sharing of short poems by the congregation. Those who wish to share poetry are urged to bring a favorite short poem to share. There will also be poetry available for those who don't have a favorite of their own to share. Plan to spend some reflective time with the gathered community of First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Philadelphia as we look forward to Memorial Day and the possibilities of the upcoming summer season.

### Hold On - Let Go

*Sunday, May 31, Sanctuary, 11:00 AM*

*Led by: Reverend Dr. Susan Veronica Rak*

Vesak celebrates the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha. This morning we ponder how the Buddha's teachings help us navigate life all these centuries later. We will also welcome New Members to our 1stUU community, and celebrate long-time members, and honor some transitions.

## Newcomers Corner

Welcome to the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia! We are an intentionally diverse religious community inspired by our historic urban ministry: we seek to be guided by the wisdom and experience of people of all genders, theologies, ages, abilities, colors, classes, and sexual orientations. We aim “to lead meaningful lives, to love one another without prejudice, and to build a just and sustainable world.” If this congregation has become a religious home for you, we encourage you to become a member. We invite you to join us as we move into our third century as a center of liberal religious thought and action in Philadelphia.

### Newcomer Corner

Following each Sunday Service, we invite newcomers to stop by the Welcome Table for refreshments and conversation. While there, please fill out a Visitor Information Sheet so we can keep in touch.

### Membership

To become a member of the First Unitarian Church, you must be 18 years of age and have attended one of our UU & You orientation sessions (see below), or met with the minister in a scheduled appointment, or belonged to a UU church elsewhere. Members are expected to take part in our congregational activities and to make a financial contribution according to their means. If you wish to join, contact [Membership@PhilaUU.org](mailto:Membership@PhilaUU.org).

### UU & You

*Sunday, May 3, 12:30, Shared Ministry Suite*

If you are considering joining this congregation and becoming a member of First Unitarian Church during the church year as a member of First Unitarian Church: **there will be one more new member ceremony before the church year ends June 30, 2015: Sunday May 31st.**

We invite those who are already feeling at home here, and feel oriented to Unitarian Universalist values and principles and our congregation to take this step! Please contact anyone from the Membership Ministry Team to begin this process. We suggest you also schedule a meeting with our minister, Rev. Susan Rak, and let her know you are interested in membership.

If you have not yet attended a “UU and You” orientation, there will be opportunity on May 3. The Congregation Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17 after church service, and it is a good time to begin understanding the behind-the-scenes operation of a lay-driven, congregational church.

ALSO, importantly, once you feel ‘oriented’ and have made a decision to join, you may do so in a private session with the Minister. Most people like to be part of the new member ceremony held several times a year, BUT it is not necessary to participate if you prefer to do so privately.

More questions? Contact Rev. Susan ([interimminister@philauu.org](mailto:interimminister@philauu.org)) or one of the Membership Team co-chairs, Phyllis Belk ([Phyllis.belk@verison.net](mailto:Phyllis.belk@verison.net)) and Mary Kirk ([mck0840@gmail.com](mailto:mck0840@gmail.com)).

## Tending the Fire

We warmly thank those who served as Greeters or Ushers during the spring season, and welcome others to serve in the months ahead. Serving as an usher or greeter is a great opportunity to participate more fully in the congregational life of First Unitarian Church! To learn more, contact Connie Simon, [connie@cmsimon.com](mailto:connie@cmsimon.com).

### March-April Service Attendance

- *March 29: 97*
- *April 5: 158*
- *April 12: 102*
- *April 19: 77*



*Artwork by Leroy Forney*

# Ministerial Musings

May's Ministry Theme:  
Letting Go -  
"non-attachment" in  
every-day life and in  
building community



The theme of "letting go" is a particularly rich one. It reminds us of the Buddhist practice of "non-attachment". It contains within it the sense of impermanence we must embrace. It centers us in the ongoing cycle of birth and death. It is essential to achieving excellence in one's life. It is a core value in parenting, or nurturing anything into its full being.

In order to achieve anything in life - to make a change, move on, accept or learn something new; to love fiercely, to grieve a loss, to grow and mature - to do any of this, we must practice letting go. And as fate would have it, that is something we human beings hate to do. We are mostly not good at it.

The poet Mary Oliver puts it this way, at the end of her poem "In Blackwater Woods":

*you must be able  
to do three things:  
to love what is mortal;  
to hold it  
against your bones knowing  
your own life depends on it;  
and, when the time comes to let it go,  
to let it go.*

(from American Primitive. © Back Bay Books, 1983)

As we explore this theme, we might ask ourselves these questions:

- ◆ To what are you holding on for dear life?
- ◆ What does the prospect of letting go feel like?
- ◆ What will you lose? What will you gain?

Your reflections and responses could be the turning point you've been waiting for! May this season of new growth, of planting and sunshine and rain bring you the possibility of grace and goodness!

In the faith, with hope and love,  
--Rev. Susan

## General Announcements

Dear Fellow Congregants:

On May 17, 2015, when we gather together to consider the important affairs of our community, the Board is requesting congregational approval of **proposed amendments to our Bylaws**. The proposed amendments below are followed by explanatory text, in italics. Please come to a Board information session on May 3, 2015, following the service, for discussion. You may find a current copy of the Bylaws on the Leaders Library page of our website.

Below the Bylaws is a report from the Nominations Committee which includes a list of **proposed candidates for the Settled Minister Search Committee**, and for the vacancies in the **Board of Trustees**. Full biographies of the candidates are available in the Sanctuary for pick-up after services or on our website. You are also invited to an informal reception where you can "meet the candidates" on May 3 & 10, immediately after services during the coffee-hour.

In fellowship,  
Karen Wolfe  
President, Board of Trustees

### PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The following proposed amendments to the Bylaws are reflections of the ongoing clarification of the duties of the Minister and the Business Administrator. As proposed April 17, 2015, by the Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia.

#### Proposal 1

Article IV: Summary of Authority and Comprehensive Church Powers; Section C. *Minister's Authority*: The Minister shall be responsible for the overall ministry of the church, ~~including its administrative operations~~; shall be

responsible to the Congregation and to the Board for implementing the ends and policies determined by the Board and shall operate collaboratively with the Board. ~~The minister shall also supervise the staff of the Church.~~

*This change reflects that the minister's primary responsibility is to carry out the ministerial functions within the church. While it does not prohibit the minister from participating in administrative functions and/or supervising the staff of the church, it removes explicit, primary responsibility for these functions that are currently being shared with the Business Administrator.*

**Proposal 2**

Article X: Minister. The Minister is the elected spiritual leader of the Church ~~and designated Executive Director~~ and, as such, is responsible for directing the Church's ministry in accordance with established policies and goals.

*This change reflects the decision to stop using the term Executive Director, and does not otherwise change the scope of the minister's responsibility to follow policies and goals as they have been established.*

**Proposal 3**

§4. Responsibilities:

A. The Minister oversees the religious and spiritual life of the Church and has overall responsibility for the pulpit and worship services. The Minister shall have complete freedom of the pulpit.

~~B. The Minister, as Executive Director, supervises the church staff and is accountable to the Board for staff performance. The Minister shall fix the compensation of all employees of the Church within the parameters set by the annual budget.~~

~~C. The Minister, as Executive Director, is accountable to the Board for any aspects of the ministry that involve the use and control of Church resources.~~

D. The Minister and the MLT shall create an annual Vision of Shared Ministry to be approved by the Board, who will use this and the Ends Statements as a basis for monitoring the ministry.

*As with the change to Article IV, the removal of section B reflects the shift in emphasis with regard to the minister's primary role being that as defined in sections A, C and D. While the minister may be involved in staff supervision and compensation, the minister will not be explicitly, primarily responsible for these duties.*

*Article VIII, §2. Duties of the Board of Trustees situates , "general oversight of the property of the Church and the conduct of all its business affairs," with the Board, providing for the continued supervision of church staff. The continuing process of defining, in the Governance Manual, the roles of the Minister and the Business Administrator will more specifically address staff supervision.*

*The removal of the term Executive Director in section C reflects the decision to stop using the term and does not otherwise*

*change the scope of the minister's responsibility to steward church resources wisely.*<sup>44</sup>

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Nominating Committee has been a wonderful hardworking team that contacted at least 35 church members suggested by others as persons who could be entrusted with the various responsibilities of leadership. We found those we contacted to be thoughtful and responsive, even if their ultimate answer was not in the affirmative. We were very grateful for those who could say "Yes" to our call. We think that we are able to present an excellent slate of candidates and hope the congregation will see fit to elect them.

Sincerely,  
The Nominating Committee  
Luana Goodwin, Convener; Kitty Jauregui, Katy Morris, Anne Slater, Becky White.

**Settled Search Committee:**

- Liam Dougherty
- Wendy Jastrzab
- Eric Orts
- Lisa Schilansky
- Heather Speirs
- Karin Tetlow
- Becky White

**Board of Trustees:**

- Caroline Winschel – for President
- Dan Widyono – for Vice President
- Michael Johnson – Treasurer
- Portia Sperr - At-Large member
- Annemarie Vaeni - At Large member

**Nominating Committee:**

- Diane Frey
- Erika Parker

## Worship Arts Associates Needed

The Worship Arts Team is always looking for new members. If you are interested in crafting quality worship in our liberal religious tradition, have good public speaking skills and can commit to participating as a Worship Associate or Summer Worship Leader, please contact the Rev. Susan Veronica Rak at [InterimMinister@PhilaUU.org](mailto:InterimMinister@PhilaUU.org) or Ed Greenlee at [atedwin.greenlee@gmail.com](mailto:atedwin.greenlee@gmail.com) for more information.

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### Calling All Artists! Time for the Spring Art Show!

*Sunday, May 3, during the Coffee Hour in the Sanctuary & Parish Room*

Whatever you it is you make: photographs, paintings, sculpture, fiber art, prints, ceramics, graphic design--anything that can be displayed - please bring your work to the 30th(!) Annual Community Art Show. You don't have to call yourself an Artist and this exhibition is open to any member, friend or staff member of First Unitarian.

Work is to be brought to church the morning of May 3 (before 10 am if possible), and be ready for hanging (or for leaning, standing, or whatever suits the work). If you have big work or work you'd like to see in the big church space, give us advance notice, and we will arrange for earlier delivery. Art will be viewed during the coffee hour and then taken home by the artist. Contact Richard Frey, 215-735-7156 email [richardfrey@dca.net](mailto:richardfrey@dca.net), if you'd like to know more or to lend a hand!

### Architectural Tours of First Church

*First Sundays of the Month (exception for the month of May)*

*Sunday, May 10, Promptly after services, Sanctuary*

Are you curious about the history of our First Unitarian Church Building? Join an informal tour designed to give you an understanding of the architecture and decoration of the church, designed in 1883 by Frank Furness. This 30-45 minute guided

tour (which happens on the first Sunday of the month) takes you to all parts of our great historic building. All are welcome. Meet tour guide Richard Frey or Dane Wells after the Sunday service, at the bust of Joseph Priestley, on the west wall near the organ.



### Annual Auction to Benefit First U!

*Saturday, May 16, 6:30PM-9:30PM, Griffin Hall*

Mark your calendars! The annual church auction is coming up. This year's theme is Ol' Country Auction, so round up your kin and come on down! The annual auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help to make it happen. How to help:

- Buy a ticket! Suggested donation \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. **Catalog of auction items will be available May 9th.**
- Donate an item! Is there anything you are just waiting for a chance to share with the church community? Favorite items last year included a foodie tour, delicious baked pies, an hour of deep listening, and a homemade t-shirt quilt. **Donation deadline is May 2nd.**
- Volunteer! We need volunteers for decorations, childcare, food prep, bidding proxies, entertainment and more. Help us make this year's auction great. We promise to make it fun.

To buy tickets, drop off donations, and sign up to volunteer, stop by our table by the coffee after church. For any information visit [www.philaUU.org/auction](http://www.philaUU.org/auction) or email [auction@philaUU.org](mailto:auction@philaUU.org).

## Chestnut Street Singers 5th Anniversary Dinner & Concert

*Sunday, May 17, 5-9:00PM, Sanctuary*

Join the Chestnut Street Singers, the church's ensemble-in-residence, to celebrate their fifth anniversary season and the coming of spring. This birthday-party concert will return to one of the group's earliest inspirations: music about the natural world and the earth's inherent music-makers. The program will include repertoire by Mendelssohn, Betinis, Josquin, and Elgar, in addition to some favorite "old chestnuts" from the ensemble's first five years.

The concert will be followed by the annual end-of-season fundraising dinner. All proceeds support the work of the Chestnut Street Singers and help the group continue presenting innovative, accessible concerts.

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## Ongoing Adult Programs

### Women's Book Club

Open to all women to join in discussion of previously chosen books held in members homes on the first Monday of the month at 7:30PM for hospitality and 8:00PM for facilitated discussion. Contact coordinator Ginny Beier at [vhbeier@hep.upenn.edu](mailto:vhbeier@hep.upenn.edu) for info.

- May 4 - *How It All Began* by Penelope Lively facilitated by Marilyn Ashbrook. Discussion will take place at 7:30PM in the home of Diane Rukavina. Please call her to confirm you are coming and to get directions at [dianeruk@aol.com](mailto:dianeruk@aol.com) or 215-732-1828.
- June 1 - *Survival in the Killing Fields* by Haing Ngor, facilitated by Kristen Cortez. Discussion will take place at 7:30 PM in the home of Ginny Beier. Please RSVP to [vhbeier@hep.upenn.edu](mailto:vhbeier@hep.upenn.edu) or 215-545-7831 to get directions.

## Social Justice

Visit the Social Justice Ministry Team website ([PhilaUU.org/justice](http://PhilaUU.org/justice)) for information about our many ongoing projects, including the Task Force Against Mass Incarceration.



Photos from the April 12 SJMT event on ending Life Without Parole

## DecarceratePA

DecarceratePA is a dynamic, diverse, all volunteer grass roots coalition of individuals and organizations dedicated to stopping construction of new prisons, reducing the prison population, and reinvesting money in our communities. Meetings for new members occur monthly on the fourth Monday of the month. At these general meetings you will be learn about and be invited to join one of the various committees: Action, Policy, Steering, Finance, Outreach, Media, Newsletter, and the Formerly Incarcerated and Families Working Group and projects including a letter writing group that corresponds with those inside. Whether you want to work on policy issues, lobby legislators, research and write op-ed pieces or take direct action at a rally, there is a place for you in DPA. Check out the website: [www.decarceratePA.info](http://www.decarceratePA.info)

## Become a Supporter of UUPLAN

*Unitarian principles for legislation*

Do you support adding sexual orientation and gender identity to Pennsylvania's Hate Crimes law? Would you like to see legislative changes aimed at ending mass incarceration in the state? Do you believe that your Pennsylvania legislators should be mindful of harm to our environment when they pass laws and enact polices? If your UU faith energizes you to ask your legislators to do these things, I ask you to support UUPLAN. UUPLAN is the UU Pennsylvania Legislative Action Network. It serves to connect members and friends of UU congregations in the state with their legislators so that the positions of UUs are heard loudly and clearly in the halls of our state legislature. Please visit our website to read the UUPLAN Annual Campaign letter. You CAN make a difference. Make a contribution. Contact our congregation's UUPLAN liaison, Ed Greenlee.

- **UUPLAN has issued an Advocacy Alert.** Join UU's from around the state to lobby in Harrisburg or take other actions on behalf of social justice. The focus this year includes Anti-Mass Incarceration (**May 4th in Harrisburg**), Immigration Justice, LGBTQ issues, working to overturn Citizens United, Environment Justice, and Reproductive Justice. In this work we are partnering with other organizations to increase our impact and effectiveness. Check out the UUPLAN website ([www.uuplan.com](http://www.uuplan.com))

## Center for Returning Citizens

Jondhi Harrell of The Center for Returning Citizens ([tcrcphilly.org](http://tcrcphilly.org)) is looking for volunteers to help with an after school program for elementary school children at 3850 Germantown Ave, just a block from the Erie stop on the Broad St line. Volunteers help with homework and enrichment activities. The program runs from 3:30 to 7 pm five days a week when school is in session. The kids are a delight and very much enjoy the individualized attention. To volunteer contact Jondhi at 215-791-0645 or [jharrell@tcrcphilly.org](mailto:jharrell@tcrcphilly.org)

## Tutoring Adults

The Literacy Project has begun linking tutors with returning citizens at the Institute for Community Justice at 21 South 12th Street. We envision a gradual expansion of the program, and volunteers are welcome at any time. If you are interested in joining the tutoring group, please contact Martha Copithorne at 315-751-2124 or Betsy Wice at 215-864-0612.

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# Membership Ministry Team

## Thinking About Membership?

Have you been attending Services regularly and find yourself in sympathy with the Principles of Unitarian Universalism and the goals of this congregation?

Do you feel "at home" here with this group of people and wish to deepen your connections to them?

Do you want to keep growing spiritually and intellectually—expanding your heart and mind?

Would you like to find ways to offer service to the larger community and work to make the world a better place?

If you respond positively to these questions, we invite you to consider joining as a Member! First Unitarian Universalist Church is happy to have visitors and friends as part of our community, but our congregation really comes alive through the commitment of our Members.

- ✓ We invite you to attend **UU & You**, an orientation to our church and our denomination after the Service on **Sunday, May 3**.

Please contact one of the following to become a Member and receive additional information:  
 Rev. Susan Rak (interimminister@philauu.org or 215-563-3980 x303); Membership Ministry Team membership@philauu.org

### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are welcomed to be 'buddies' for new members-- the Membership Ministry Team would like to have a pool of current members who represent a range of ages and interests. We will connect you to a new member and ask that you keep in touch with the person for six months or so after he or she joins to make sure they are feeling a part of our congregation. Ideally, you will meet the person before they join and then introduce them at the new member ceremony. Let Mary Kirk or Phyllis Belk know if you are willing to help us make our congregation a warm and welcoming place by being a 'buddy'. (membership@philauu.org)

*We welcome your involvement and commitment and believe you will find it most rewarding to be a full member of our caring religious community.*

## Financial Update

### Year-to-date Financial Status

7/1/14 - 03/31/15

	Actual	Budget
<b>Cash Sources</b>		
Annual budget drive	118,937	128,807
Facilities rental	162,493	150,638
Endowment draw	35,960	35,960
All other income	24,365	28,318
<b>Total cash sources</b>	<b>341,755</b>	<b>343,723</b>
<b>Cash Uses</b>		
Human resources	264,001	270,518
Property operations	55,540	61,193
All other expenses	18,414	20,756
<b>Total cash uses</b>	<b>337,955</b>	<b>352,467</b>

## Guest Column

*Heart to Heart: Ceremonies and Rituals*

by: Rev. Addae Ama Kraba

I am always amused at the many Unitarian Universalist who take such great pride in declaring that we (UU's) don't have rituals. I believe that notion is a way of distancing us from other faith systems.

However, ritual is something that we have in common with other systems of faith, because we begin every worship service and many church related meetings by lighting a chalice of some kind. The flaming chalice is a sign of our faith, and symbolizes that something important is about to take place. Like a moth to a flame (no pun intended) most of us find our level of comfort rising when we're in a crowd of strangers if we happen to spot one of them wearing a chain with a flaming chalice suspended from it.

Every congregation has a specific culture within the diversity, but there are many rituals that the "Association of Congregations" have in common. At the beginning of each church year, most congregation's first service is a "Home Coming" Water Communion, sometimes called a "Water Ceremony". This ritual was first used at a Unitarian Universalist (UU) worship service in the 1980s. Members bring a small amount of water to the service, from a place that was visited over the summer. During the appointed time in the service, one by one people pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. It is often then blessed by the congregation, and is later boiled and used as the congregation's "holy water" in child dedication ceremonies and similar events.

Canvass Sunday usually comes sometime in early spring, and is often coordinated with the canvass committee, to include some of the concepts that the canvass is focusing on that year. Themes include: stewardship of the community; giving as spiritual practice; abundance and scarcity; valuing what we say is important to us; the role of money in our lives; giving and receiving; as in the book of Luke 12:34: "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." "Coming of Age" is another Unitarian Universalist celebration that takes place in the spring as teenagers

join their congregations with a special ceremony. This ceremony is often preceded by a year-long curriculum that helps the youth learn more about Unitarian Universalism and also to articulate their own beliefs. The Coming of Age ceremony usually features youth reading their statements of personal belief (credo statements) to the congregation.

The Flower Ceremony, sometimes referred to as Flower Communion or Flower Festival, is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow. In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation and minister bless the flowers, and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought. Celebrating Flower Communion is an excellent opportunity for Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations to express their commitment to our Sixth Principle: We Covenant to Affirm and Promote the Goal of World Community with Peace, Liberty and Justice for All.

Throughout the year there are many other celebrations and special worship services that are too numerous to mention, however they are all listed on the Unitarian Universalist Association's website under Worship Web. For new comers or seasoned Unitarian Universalist who have limited themselves to the familiar one or two celebrations, you'll find visiting this page educational, and you may find something new to celebrate.

Heart to Heart,  
- Rev. Addae

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## Flowers

### Celebrate, Honor and Beautify

We're now accepting flower reservations for **May 24 & May 31**. Flower donations are a great way not only to beautify our sanctuary for Sunday worship, but also to honor, celebrate or remember loved ones, life milestones, and our community intentions. The cost of a donation arrangement is \$30.00, and at the end of

the service, you get to take the flowers home. If interested, please contact [flowers@philauu.org](mailto:flowers@philauu.org).

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## Save the Date!

### May 3 -

Sanctuary, 11:00AM - Worship led by Rev. Rak  
Sanctuary & Parish Room, 12:00PM - 30th Annual Community Art Show  
Sanctuary & Parish Room, 12:00PM - Board Nominees Meet & Greet  
Shared Ministry Suite, 12:30PM - UU & YOU Chapel, 12:30PM - Board Info Session

### May 4 - Women's Book Club

### May 10 -

Sanctuary, 11:00 AM - Worship led by Rev. Rak  
Sanctuary, Post-service - Architectural Tour of First Church  
Sanctuary & Parish Room, 12:00PM - Board Nominees Meet & Greet

### May 16 - Griffin Hall, 6:30-9:30PM Old Country Benefit Auction

### May 17-

Sanctuary, 11:00AM - Worship led by Rev. Rak  
Parish Room, 12:15PM - Church Potluck  
Sanctuary, 12:30PM - Congregational Meeting  
Sanctuary & Parish Room, 5:00PM - Chestnut Street Singers 5th Anniversary Concert & Dinner

### May 24

Sanctuary, 11:00AM - Worship led by Rev. Rak

### May 27 - Parish Room, 8:00PM - Ren Martin-Doike Recital

### May 31 -

Sanctuary, 11:00 AM - Worship led by Rev. Rak & New Member Ceremony

## Looking to June

Submit June *Beacon* submissions to Julia at [Communications@PhilaUU.org](mailto:Communications@PhilaUU.org) by Friday, May 15. Please send E-Beacon & Announcements information by 9:00 AM on Wednesdays

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- announcements: 25
- church events: 50
- longer columns: 350

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Rev. Susan V. Rak                      Interim Minister  
Rev. Addae Ama Kraba              Affiliated Community Minister

**Executive Staff**

Norman Fouhy                      Acting Executive Director  
Matt Miceli                              Building Superintendent

**Program Staff**

Julia Wierski                          Communications Director  
Elizabeth Miller                      CRE Coordinator  
Lorrie Greenridge                    Nursery Director  
John B Hedges                        Music Director

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Debby Schultz

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