



First Church Now

September 17 - September 24, 2017

The Contours of Compassion **Sunday, September 17** **Susan Yarbrough**

We've often heard that love makes the world go 'round. More likely, however, it is compassion — a deep stirring of the heart that leads to small and large actions to walk with others in their joys and sorrows. On Sunday, let's reflect together on the inner sources and outer expressions of our compassion as individuals and as a church body, the limits of compassion, and how to refill our own spiritual wells when compassion fatigue overtakes us. Susan Yarbrough will be in the pulpit.

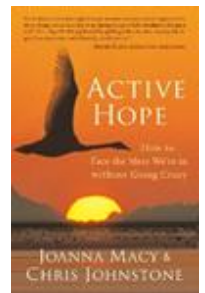


Welcome to First Church

After the service, join us for informal conversation in **Channing Hall** at the **Welcome Table**. Welcome Team members will be happy to answer your questions about our church while you enjoy a cup of coffee, some hot tea or lemonade. You may contact the Welcome Team at welcome@firstuu.org.

New Active Hope Group Sessions

In this group we explore hope, not as something we have, but as something we do. We will offer two Active Hope discussion groups this Fall. We highly recommend this book to those of us who are searching for a way to move forward feeling grounded, reflective, focused and ready to work for a better future. If you can read it and discuss it in a group, the ideas will better come to life. So, join us.... (okay to join one week late).



Sunday mornings: 9:00-10:30 am – 6 sessions - September 17 through October 22
Monday evenings: 7:00-8:45 pm – 6 sessions every other Monday-
September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 6 and 20

Young Adults Gather for Lunch **First and Third Sundays - September 3 and 17 - 12:45 p.m.**

All between 19 and 35 are invited to get together for social connection and spiritual growth. Join us on the **first and third Sunday of every month** as we head to a local restaurant for a good meal, great conversation and fun. **Gather in Channing Hall at 12:45 p.m.**, after the second service.



For information on our planned activities and to get on our email list sign up on the clipboard at the office on Sunday mornings or simply email YoungAdultCoordinators@firstuu.org.

The Board Seeks Your Input **Sunday, September 17 - 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m - Room 303**

Why is “Extending Unitarian Universalism” important to First Church and what needs to happen to achieve this End? The Board will explore these and other Powerful Questions during special Board Linkage sessions, scheduled on September 17, at all three campuses. Monthly linkage sessions, each one addressing one of our five ENDS, are YOUR opportunity to share your hopes, dreams, concerns and priorities with Board members. The Board will use your input to help monitor the performance of First Church.

Board Linkage Sessions will be held after services, and will last approximately one hour. If you cannot attend a linkage session, contact the Board for a copy of the monthly Powerful Questions worksheet so you can submit your input. Email - Board@firstuu.org

Healthy Communications Team



Team representatives are present at a listening table in Channing Hall after each service to hear concerns that you might have and assist you in finding the best avenues for resolutions. The team keeps a journal in which you may enter any comments, compliments and concerns. The team reports to Rev. Daniel on a weekly basis. If you are not here on a Sunday, you may e-mail the Healthy Communications Team at hct@firstuu.org.



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Doing the Work of Love **Sunday, September 24** **Rev. Dr. Daniel O'Connell**

For some of us, compassion has always come easy and it is a strength we use in moderation. Others of us suffer from "compassion fatigue" and find ourselves becoming more uncaring than we'd like. And how do we muster compassion for people who really, really don't "deserve" it? Rev. Dr. Daniel O'Connell preaching.

Social Justice at First Church

To sign up for Social Justice projects you may stop by the SJ table in Channing Hall on Sundays or go to the church web site, www.firstuu.org, select the Social Justice tab, and click on the "sign up online" box.



Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC): Ongoing - Museum District

Donate canned or dry food, toiletries, clothing, or other such items to the EAC to give to those in need. Leave your items in the basket outside the Museum District office.

Men's trousers are especially needed.

SAVE THE DATE - SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**



What's YOUR passion for social justice?

We have another great slate of social justice projects this year.

All will be on display for your review and sign-up on

September 24, after both services.

Put your passion into action!

Parent Group

Meets on 2nd and 4th Sundays



Looking for thoughtful parents who share your values and concerns? The Parent Group is a special Growth Group for discovering where and how our UU values apply to our lives as parents. Infants are welcome and Childcare is provided in the nursery for older children.

Contact Sue Steinhardt or Natalie Browne at:

ParentsGroupCoordinators@firstuu.org for additional information.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education



We will offer our OWL Kindergarten-2nd grade class this Fall, beginning with a Parent Meeting to learn more and decide if it's right for you and your child on Sunday, September 17, from 10:30-12:00. Child care available.

Parent & Child Orientation, Sunday, September 24, from 10:30-1:00, with activities for both children and parents. Eight OWL sessions on Sundays between services every week beginning Sunday, October 1 through Sunday, November 19. Contact Carol Burrus, Religious Educator, for more information or to register your child or grandchild. Carol@firstuu.org or (713) 526-5200