



# FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

## *First Church News*

**September 2011**

**Worship and  
Religious  
Education  
for Children  
and Youth**

**Two services on  
Sunday mornings:  
9.30 and 11:30**



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## **Direct Experience**

There are six main sources for the Unitarian Universalist religion. This month our theme, in worship, education, celebration, and community involvement is: *direct experience*.

Of course there is a variety of intensity when it comes to experience: from an experience shared by a nation, to the still quiet voice within.

Some of us will recall Monday, July 21, 1969, when Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. I remember being a kid and seeing a picture of the earth from space. It forever changed how I thought about life on earth. It was a religious experience.

Almost all of us will remember Tuesday, September 11, 2001. I was 10 years younger and 25 pounds heavier than I am now, driving from my house in Connecticut to a UU minister's meeting at Mt. Kisco, NY. We ministers threw out our agenda to talk about what this would mean for our congregations. All of us had people who worked in Manhattan.

There are other more personal experiences shared by many— but at different times with different people. I vividly recall Earth Day (April 22) 1996. Bonnie and I, along with a physician were in a little room in a little town in Indiana. And the religious experience I had that day— as so many others have had, and will have— was to watch my daughter being born.

My call to ministry, the birth of my children, the experience of community created out of disaster, moments of grief and delight. These are all 'peak' experiences.

But more subtle religious experience is there too: a sudden halt to a hike, and looking up, up, up at the rooftop of trees in a moment of utter stillness— these are just some of the "varieties of religious experience" available to me.

I have come to realize that I do not need special drugs or rituals (although some ritual & music & silence is certainly useful) to have a religious experience. What I need to do is to slow down, to stop the 'monkey mind' and really be still and pay attention to what is all around me. Then, with a little focus and a little luck, religious experience is available for me, right then, right there.

What about you?

Rev. Daniel

## SERMON TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER

### September 4 - A Pink Cast, QTs and Precious Moments: Discovering the Divine at a Family Reunion

A journey with family held some unexpected meetings with the Mystery. Come and meet God on this direct experience of a road trip.

—Rev. Adam Robinson

### September 11 - What Is to Give Light—My Spiritual Journey

The UU religion has six sources. The first is: “Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.”

—Rev. Daniel O’Connell will reflect on some of his “direct experiences.”

### September 18 - Forces to Uphold my Life

When the chips were down, where did I turn?

—Natalie Browne, Director of Lifespan Development

### September 25 - Direct Experience

Many religions start with a creed, a sacred text, or a singular prophet. We start with you own religious experience. What moves our hearts to something beyond mere words? Is there something that changes our hearts from polite reactions to genuinely grateful actions? Can we find this and hold it when we need it to?

—Rev. Daniel O’Connell

## NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY

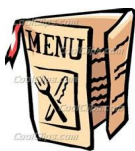
Rev. Adam Robinson, Assistant Minister

I’ve told this story to a few but not many. A few years ago I was very sick with pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP), an opportunistic infection caused by AIDS. Yes for those of you who do not yet know your assistant minister has AIDS. I know hearing that can be a bit weird and scary, so If any of you want to know more or talk about it just let me know.

So I was dying. My lungs were full of this micro-organism and fluid; the doctor saying that if the oxygen saturation in my blood didn’t rise by morning I would be placed in ICU. For me that was like signing my death certificate. I knew if I went to the ICU the likelihood of coming out alive was slim to none. I was really, really scared. After everyone left and I was alone in my little respiratory isolation room in the artificial twilight of the room’s glowing machines and dim light from the hallway, I spoke to the virus ravaging my body.

“This is my body, these are my lungs, I am not done with them yet! You cannot have them!” The next morning my doctor and about six young residents in training came by to talk to me about my options. Amazingly, during the night, my pulse oxygen level had risen by five points.

The skeptic in me knew that I was on massive doses of antibiotics and other medication but the mystic in me saw me taking charge of my own body and not allowing this terrorist virus to hold me hostage by destroying me from the inside out. On that magical night the universe set aside natural laws for a little while so I could experience a miracle. It was a direct example of divine grace, be it from God or from the pharmacist. That really doesn’t matter to me. These are still my lungs, this is still my body, and I am not done with them yet.



Everyone in their 20s and 30s is invited to join other young adults after the late worship service on **the first Sunday of each month** and head out to a local restaurant for a good meal, great conversation, fun and fellowship. **Join us on Sunday, September 4**, after the late church service, when we gather in the front courtyard.

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### SPANNING THE AGES

From Natalie Browne, Director of Lifespan Faith Development

#### Forces at Work

I was incredibly lonely and tired. For nine months I had been coming home to an empty house and using my two days off from work to do what my late husband had taken care of for both of us: bills, lawn, house, investments, groceries, meals, etc. I knew that the quality of my work had suffered but when my husband and my mother died within four months of each other and then a hurricane took out the electricity in the neighborhood for over three weeks, it was easy to understand why. It was not so easy to accept that perhaps it was time to quit the job that used to make me very happy and that paid the bills and covered my health insurance.

I lay in bed one night thinking about all this and wondering what kind of job I could find that would allow me to stay put instead of travel all over the country. I had looked online at a variety of possible avenues to pursue. My thoughts kept drifting back to the work I had done for several years within the Episcopalian denomination as a leader of religious education. I thought of the warmth of my community at First Church and of the depth of the Unitarian Universalist faith

understanding. I wished that I could go back to being a religious educator and that I could do it at First Church among “my peeps.”

Ten days later I was at a board meeting when our minister announced the resignation of the current Director of Religious Education. I could not believe my ears. The next day I made a trip to the church and asked to see Rev. Keyes. With my resume in hand, I asked for the job. His response was to tell me, “I am not in the habit of hiring active members out of their volunteer ministries within the church.” I recall looking at him and responding, “Would you be willing to listen to why, in this case, I think you should?” He did. I shared. He did some research. And I’ve been on staff since.

Some may call it an unexpected happy coincidence of circumstances. I am glad to agree with them. I must add though, that for me there is something of mystery and wonder about how all the pieces converged to bring us together in this way. To my way of seeing things, the forces that create and uphold my life worked for this church and for me. I am grateful.

#### **REGISTER AS A PARENT VOLUNTEER**

All parents whose children will be participating in a Religious Education class this fall are asked to sign up to volunteer during the 2011-2012 church year. There will be all kinds of opportunities to help make your child’s or youth’s program a success. You will be able to read the job descriptions and choose one or more that fit with your lifestyle and interest. The descriptions and sign-up table will be in Channing Hall after services on August 21. The sign up location on the following Sundays will be announced in a future *Rejoice* and other church publications.



## NEWS FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The focus of this month's Board meeting revolved around two main areas: 1. Given the two services, how will our church look, feel, smell, sound, and taste this year? 2. How well is the First Church Board of Trustees working together?

As I write this, I remain excited about the prospect of two services. This will allow me, personally more flexibility as I resume teaching 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders two Sundays a month during the second service while I am still able to attend the first service. I get real joy out of my time with our youth and love meeting the parents of the children. I am also thrilled about the continuation of monthly themes and the ideas that our Senior Minister shared to create a more personal worship experience for members. I am sure that you will hear more from Daniel about this during this coming month. I am also excited about the increased diversity in music, program offerings for adults and children, and the fact that there will be two opportunities to share food together – between the services and after the second service. You can't beat that!

Together, the board completed our evaluation document (now available on the church website). The board agrees unanimously on some areas. We are very aware of the mission, ends, vision, and values of the church and make thoughtful decisions with these in mind. The Board also recognizes that we receive consistent support from the staff as well as supporting documents (financial statements, etc) from teams and individuals who provide important information. Thank you to all those people who consistently generate quality reports on which we rely.

There are other areas that need our time and attention. Currently, we lack an orientation process for new Board members to help them seamlessly enter our work. Another issue is that we are still in the process of defining our ends statements. As we complete the definitions this year, we will begin to monitor and evaluate our progress toward the ends that we have established. In addition, the board is also still getting comfortable with and learning to work under policy governance.

For the last year, you might have noticed that the Board has hosted a Listening Table so that church members could let us know their thoughts and concerns and to insure that we are visible within the church. Starting this Sunday, the Healthy Congregation team will host the Listening Table. This team, whose members include Jack Dixon, Bill Nelson, Lindley Doran, Trish Kolodney and chair Sheila Whitford, is charged with the task of acting as a liaison between members who have concerns and the appropriate ministers and/or staff members who will address them. The Board will still be visible to the congregation through other means.

On the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Board will meet and work to create specific plans that will address our deficits and build on our strengths. We have a great team and are committed individually and as a whole to the success of First Church.

—Lucy Anderson, President

### Wheel of Life



We bid farewell to **Gretchen Weis** as she relocates to Rochester, New York for two years of ministerial internship at the First Unitarian Church there.

**Luther Brown** is home from the hospital and would enjoy cards and phone calls from his friends at First Church.

Congratulations to **Sue Steinhardt** on her retirement after 19 years with the Harris County Department of Education.

We wish good luck to **Evan Burrus, Gray Crawford, Ian Druke, Matthew Michaelides** and **Douglas Tyte** as they leave for college this fall.

The following reports are available in full on the church website at [http://www.firstuu.org/treasurer\\_reports.php](http://www.firstuu.org/treasurer_reports.php).

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

August 17, 2011

### July 2011 results

Because of summer vacation schedules, July's financial results were not available in time to be considered for this report. We will report on July's results next month.

### Note on recent improvements to financial reporting

The new monthly financial charts, in particular the third one, labeled "Cash minus Liabilities and Allocable Prepaid Pledges" which showed a reading of negative \$23,000 for June 2011, spurred some discussion both at and subsequent to our last Board meeting. In order to clear up any misunderstandings, I would like to clarify what I think this chart does and doesn't signify.

First of all, it does not suggest a prospective budget deficit for this year. This doesn't change any with respect to the projections of a balanced budget.

It also doesn't suggest that we'll have a \$23,000 shortfall in cash flow – in the sense of being at negative \$23,000 in our bank accounts at any future point in the year. The chart shows that the same metric in June of last year was below negative \$60,000 and we did manage to scrape by that year (though it wasn't pretty). Our cash flow situation today is much better than it was last year.

For these reasons the chart doesn't suggest to me that we need to take any emergency measures to reduce expenses.

I see this chart as a tool for monitoring the general financial health of the church. We've discussed the need to permanently resolve our cash flow problems and build a healthy reserve fund over the coming months and years. As we do that, we will see the balance on this chart cross the zero line and turn positive, eventually turning strongly positive. If, on the other hand, we were to see the figure worsening over a sustained period of time, that would be an early warning that things are moving in the wrong direction and that we could be heading for cash flow problems again.

## Healthy Congregation Team

Your Healthy Congregation Team will be circulating in Channing Hall before and after church. We want you to get to know us. Although Reverend Daniel's door is always open, we are available to listen to concern that you might have and assist you in finding the best avenues for resolutions. Look for us to introduce ourselves to you. The team is comprised of **Jack Dixon, Lindley Doran, Trish Kolodney, Bill Nelson, and Sheila Whitford**. If you miss us and want to communicate with us outside of Channing Hall, our e-mail address is [hct@firstuu.org](mailto:hct@firstuu.org).

## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

Welcome to Lifespan Faith Development at First Church where we provide tools to help us grow spiritually, build stronger families, improve relationships and make the world a better place. A complete and detailed list of the July programs can be found at [www.firstuu.org/pdfs/LFD Current Offerings.pdf](http://www.firstuu.org/pdfs/LFD_Current_Offerings.pdf).



### FINDING YOUR WAY AT FIRST CHURCH

**Sundays, 10:40 a.m. and 12:40 p.m., after each service, lasting about 20 minutes. (11:40 Aug. 7 and 14)**

Come for an informal conversation after the service. The Meditation Room is between the Sanctuary and Channing Hall. It is a pleasant place where you can meet members who will answer your questions while you enjoy a cup of coffee. You'll still have time for lunch in Channing Hall if you wish.



### EXPLORING MINDFULNESS:

**Practicing Awareness in Our Everyday Lives**

**9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Facilitators: Carol Schwarten and Pam Perry**

We listen to guided meditations and talks on the topic. Everyone is welcome each week.

Weekly themes for September are:

Sept. 4: What Happens When We Meditate

Sept. 11: Working with Distractions - Thoughts and Feelings

Sept. 18: Working with Distractions - Sounds and Sensations

Sept. 25: Resting in Equanimity

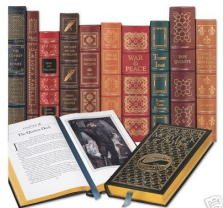


### FACILITATOR TRAINING

**Saturday, September 10, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 a.m.**

**Facilitators: Robert Barnett and Natalie Browne**

This workshop will provide you with the tools to propose a program at First Church, and get the support you need to make it happen. It will also enhance your capacity to facilitate through role play and tips on how to avoid common pitfalls. It is open to all members of the church and highly recommended for members who are currently facilitators and would like to hone their skills.



### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

**Sunday, September 11 (2nd Sunday), 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Grace Amborski [graceamborski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graceamborski@sbcglobal.net).**

September's selection is Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*.

## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH



### THE GREAT IDEAS GROUP

**Tuesdays, September 12 and 26 (second and fourth Tuesdays) at 7:00 p.m.**

The Great Ideas Group studies the great thinkers, great writers, great religions, and great ideas of the past and present. For more information contact Dan: [drdr2001@aol.com](mailto:drdr2001@aol.com), or Eric Botts: [ericbotts@prodigy.net](mailto:ericbotts@prodigy.net).

### TALKING ABOUT DEATH WON'T KILL YOU

Saturday, September 24 , 10:30 a.m.—12 noon

Rev. Adam Robinson will share some thoughts and experiences followed by small group sharing circles with experienced facilitators. This program is the first in a series being created by the new Living and Dying Well Team, which was created in response to requests from participants in the recent "Living and Dying Well -- Preparing for Incapacity and Death" Workshop, along with evaluating the needs of our church community. Please register for this workshop by signing up at church or by emailing [pamperry@hal-pc.org](mailto:pamperry@hal-pc.org). The registration list will be on the Information Table.

### OUR AMERICAN ROOTS; UU'ISM IN NORTH AMERICA

**Sundays, September 18, October 2, 9, 30, and November 6, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Liz Gilbert**

This five-part dvd and discussion series provides an excellent overview to North American Unitarian Universalist history. The accompanying study guide provides information and resources that spark discussion and reflection amongst participants. All are welcome: while you are encouraged to attend all the sessions, drop-ins are also welcome.

### UU ARTIST'S WAY GROUP

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Mondays beginning September 19th**

Facilitator: Greg Rea

Based on Julia Cameron's best-selling self-help book, *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*, this weekly "Discovery Group" will use the activities, insights, and suggestions from the book to explore and unleash our creativity. Artists and creators from all genres and media have a place here - poets, painters, composers and choreographers. If you create but could use a little boost, you're welcome to huddle with us. Because this group will be committed to completing Julia Cameron's 12-week "artistic recovery" course, this group will only be open for new members through October. Registration is required—please sign up at the Information Table. For more information, contact Greg Rea at [eastwood\\_rea@yahoo.com](mailto:eastwood_rea@yahoo.com).

### COLLAGING WORKSHOP

**Sunday, September 18, 12:45**

**Facilitator: Laura Michaelides**

Join others seeking companionship and meditative quiet as we work on collages.

Although some materials will be provided, bring whatever you think you might use or share with group members. Multi-age group and child care available by reservation (email [child-care@firstuu.org](mailto:child-care@firstuu.org), with names and ages of your children.)

## ONGOING LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUPS



**SUNDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP at 9:15**

**UU CHANGING WOMEN - Sundays at 9:15**



**MEN'S GROUP - Sunday at 9:30**



**SUNDAY DISCUSSION CIRCLE at 11:30**



**PARENTS GROUP (Fourth Sundays) at 11:00**



**MONDAY NIGHT YOGA FOR BEGINNERS at 7:00**



**TUESDAY NIGHT T'AI CHI at 6:15**

**FRIDAY MORNING POETRY GROUP at 10:00**



**SATURDAY MORNING YOGA at 9:00**



**SATURDAY MORNING T'AI CHI at 10:15**

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT  
(Second Saturday) 6:00**



## Thinking about Joining? Membership Enrollment Day is the First Sunday of Each Month



If you would like to join First Church, we ask that you complete the Enrollment Forms: New Member Information, Talents and Interests, Pledge Card and Skills Inventory. These forms are available in the office or from a Sunday Morning Hospitality Team member. Membership Enrollment is held the first Sunday of each month at the Welcome Table in Channing Hall after the worship service. **The next opportunity is Sunday, September 4.** You can turn in your enrollment forms at the Welcome Table in Channing Hall. We welcome the possibility of your joining us soon and hope that your relationship with First Church will be spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally rewarding.



## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER and AUCTION – *HARVEST MOON* Saturday, November 5

For those new to First Church our biggest party and only annual fundraising event is held the first Saturday in November each year. This year's event, with a *HARVEST MOON* theme, will be Saturday, November 5, so mark your calendars now if you haven't already.

Formerly known as the "Services Auction," in past years church members donated their "*services*" to a silent auction. These "*service*" items ranged from legal consultation to yoga sessions and from helping in someone's garden to hosting dinner parties in member's homes. Over the years the silent auction has grown to include donated gift items in addition to the services including restaurant gift certificates, theater tickets, collectibles and gift items, art work, tours, baked treats and jewelry. The variety adds to the excitement of the evening.

Last year we had over 350 "*services*" and "*gift items*" in the silent auction, a record number. We anticipate there will be even more this year. The 2011 Auction Team has reviewed data from the last 3 years and discovered that hosting a dinner in your home brings in the most number of bids and greatest amount of money. Knowing this we encourage as many as possible to consider hosting a dinner, wine tasting, fun event or games night for 8 to 10 folks for this year's silent auction.

The finale to the evening's fun is a live auction held in the sanctuary. We'll have 5 to 8 big ticket items this year, such as 2 round trip United Continental airline vouchers, a week's use of a resort home, or a special sermon by Rev. Daniel based on a theme from the highest bidder.

This year, the emphasis is on FUN with more surprises and participatory events than ever before. For more information about the Fall FUNdraiser and Auction, *HARVEST MOON*, stop by the Auction Team's table in Channing Hall on any Sunday. We'll provide a list of suggestions for silent and live auction entries, forms for your donations, vendor forms for your favorite restaurant or massage therapist, and a whole lot more. While this article is all about soliciting your donations, the 2011 Fall FUNdraiser and Auction Team wants everyone to know this event is foremost a REALLY great party and a terrific time to socialize with members and friends of First Church. Drop by and see us on Sundays to answer your questions or email us, [auction@firstuu.org](mailto:auction@firstuu.org).



**NEW U CLASS**  
**Saturday, September 17**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

While the New U Class is primarily a pathway to membership, everyone is welcome - both the curious and those who have already decided to join us. We will explore your spiritual journey and how UUs talk about religion. You'll meet several church members and staff who will do their best to answer your questions. A complimentary lunch will be provided as well as childcare for those who register their children prior to September 9, at [childcare@firstuu.org](mailto:childcare@firstuu.org). Sign up sheets are on the Information Table in Channing Hall on Sundays or you may call the church office at 713.526.5200 to enroll.



**LAZARUS HOUSE**  
 A Center for Wellness

**SHARED OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Our shared offering partner for the month of September is **Lazarus House**. The **Lazarus House** is dedicated to helping the community of Houston successfully combat and manage *cachexia*, or disease related muscle loss. They teach life skills to the chronically ill, adolescents and adults alike, so they may learn how to enjoy a more productive and improved quality of life. *Cachexia* is the devastating cycle of malnutrition and muscle wasting that accompanies numerous chronic illnesses like cancer, HIV/AIDS, lupus, muscular dystrophy, and even situations like spinal cord trauma. It robs clients of their energy, sense of well being, ability to live independently, and ultimately quality of life.

**Come to Parents Group**  
**Sunday, September 25**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Are you looking for thoughtful parents who share your values and concerns? This would be a great time to join us. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month and childcare is provided. Email your request to [childcare@firstuu.org](mailto:childcare@firstuu.org). For more information email [steinhardts@earthlink.net](mailto:steinhardts@earthlink.net).



**FALL FOLLIES – FUN & GAMES, POT LUCK SUPPER, SING ALONG & DANCING**

**Saturday, October 8, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – All ages are invited - bring the family.**  
 Join the fun at an evening of Fall Follies. We'll have a pot luck supper, all sorts of games, a sing-a-long of popular favorites and some free form dancing with a fun copy-cat dancing game. Please sign up at the Information Table at church or email the Fall Follies organizers, Jon Naylor at [jnaylor56@gmail.com](mailto:jnaylor56@gmail.com) or Pam Perry at [pamperry@hal-pc.org](mailto:pamperry@hal-pc.org).

Visit our church website to see a detailed calendar of all upcoming and ongoing events: [www.firstuu.org](http://www.firstuu.org). The calendar link is on the left side of the home page.

### Meal Packs for the Homeless

Once again we are offering meal packs for the homeless that you may purchase to hand out yourselves to hungry people you see on the street or for donation to the **Emergency Aid Coalition** for distribution through their daily lunch program. You may place your orders at [www.firstuu.org](http://www.firstuu.org) by clicking the **online payments and donations** section or by filling out an order form on the information table in Channing Hall and handing it in, along with your payment, at the church office. The packs will be available in mid-November and cost \$5.00 each. This is a simple and easy way to help ease the pain of hunger and thirst that so many of our fellow Houstonians deal with everyday. **Thank you for your support of this project of sharing our gifts.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# of meals for you to personally distribute: \_\_\_\_\_

# of meals to go to the Emergency Aid Coalition: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid (\$5.00/meal) \_\_\_\_\_



## TRAVELER

*Saturday, October 15*

*Dinner at 6:00 p.m. / Concert at 7:15 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be purchased  
online at [www.firstuu.org](http://www.firstuu.org).*



### **The Sixth Annual Science at the Solstice Priestley Lecture December 4, 2011, at 2 p.m., in the Sanctuary**

**PRESENTER: DAVID EAGLEMAN, Ph.D.**

A neuroscientist at Baylor College of Medicine, David Eagleman studies the biological basis of human experience. As a writer, he is making profound contributions to our understanding of what it all means, in both his fiction about the afterlife and his nonfiction books on synesthesia and on the contradictions of consciousness. Mark your calendars now so that you won't miss this year's "Science at the Solstice" event.

Two of Dr. Eagleman's recent books, *Sum* and *Incognito*, will be available on Sundays from the Channing Book Cart. For more information on his writings and for media coverage, see [eagleman.com](http://eagleman.com); for his laboratory work, go to [eaglemanlab.net](http://eaglemanlab.net)

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***A Community of Love Beyond Belief:  
Transforming Ourselves, Houston and the World.***

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Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

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