

“More than 3,279 Unitarian Universalists from 592 congregations in 48 states and 4 countries—Canada, France, Mexico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—participated in GA this year. There were 2,483 attendees on-site, as well as 143 children, according to UUA Secretary John Simmonds. ...[A]s ground-shaking world events unfolded around them, Unitarian Universalists showed what *meeting the moment* looks like in real time.”  
—Elaine McArdle, *UU World News*

**Welcome Song** “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” Words: adapted from Rumi;  
music: Lynn Adair Ungar

**Come, come, whoever you are,  
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.  
Ours is no caravan of despair, come, yet again come.**

**Welcome/Honoring Indigenous People** **Adeline Bailey**, worship leader  
**Prelude** *Impressions of the Wa-Wan Ceremony*, Op. 21, No. 3, “Song of Approach,”  
by Arthur Farwell; **Randall Kidder**, pianist

**Chalice Lighting** “I Breathe”  
by Craig Rowland

\*Please rise, as you are willing and able, and remain standing for our affirmation  
**\*Opening Hymn #123** “Spirit of Life” words and music: Carolyn McDade  
in *Singing the Living Tradition*

**Time for All Ages** *A Tale of Three Villages* by Renee Ruchotzke;  
illustrated by ChatPT as requested by Adeline Bailey

**Sending Song** “Go Now in Peace” Natalie Sleeth, words and music  
**Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the spirit of love surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

**Collection of Offerings**

**Offertory** *Impressions of the Wa-Wan Ceremony*, Op. 21, No. 6, “Invocation”  
by Arthur Farwell

**Reflection** *Meeting the Moment: Insights from General Assembly 2025*  
guest speaker **Donald Poole**

**\*Closing Hymn #1064** “Blue Boat Home” words: Peter Mayer;  
in *Singing the Journey* music: Roland Hugh Pritchard

**Postlude** *Impressions of the Wa-Wan Ceremony*, Op. 21, No. 7, “Song of Peace”  
by Arthur Farwell

**Announcements**

Facebook Live ends

**Joys and Sorrows** (Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

**Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice** “Here and Beyond These Walls”  
by Craig Rowland

\*\*\* Welcome! We’re glad you’re here! \*\*\*

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka** and **Lela Erb**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey** and **Ralph Olander**; our Design & Decoration team, **Martha McGovern** and **Stephanie “Squish” Rector**; today’s collection counter, **Stephanie “Squish” Rector**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **Adeline Bailey**, **Lori Fahn**, and **Susan Henderson**; today’s host, **Dawn Hewitt**, and greeters, **Stephanie “Squish” Rector** and **Joey Thomas**; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; and our worship leader, **Adeline Bailey**; and today’s guest speaker and FUUSM treasurer, **Donald Poole**.

If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today’s host, Dawn.

**Announcements**

**Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!**

Coffee Hour volunteers are urgently needed for the third Sunday of odd months (starting Sept. 21), the first Sunday of even months (starting Oct. 5), and the fourth Sunday of even months (starting Oct. 24). That’s a three-hour shift just six times per year! If you can help, please talk to, email ([fuusm.office@gmail.com](mailto:fuusm.office@gmail.com)), call (740-373-1238), or text (812-320-3449) Dawn, the church lady.

Sunday, September 14, 2025

# Meeting the Moment:

## Insights from General Assembly 2025



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### Card Shower for Squish and Joey!

To honor and celebrate the upcoming (Oct. 4) wedding of Stephanie “Squish” Rector and Joey Thomas, we will hold a card shower at 1 p.m. TODAY (immediately after Coffee Hour)! You’re invited!

### Can You Chip in for Purchase of Holiday Cards?

Holidays are coming! Please help us purchase holiday cards for our annual greeting card project, in which we send notes of holiday joy and encouragement to every resident of our local nursing homes and rehab facilities. A donation box is in the social hall. Thanks! —Membership Committee

### You're Invited to a Party!

Our Buildings & Ground Committee is planning a Work Party on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10–noon, and you're invited! No tools required—just two hours of your time and willingness to help.

### Today

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.
- 1 p.m. **Wedding Card Shower** for Stephanie “Squish” Rector and Joey Thomas.

### Tuesday, Sept. 16

- 2:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts in social hall.

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

- 6 p.m., **Men’s Group potluck**, social hall. Mike Lang and Allen Spader will host.

### Thursday, Sept. 18

- 10 a.m., social hall carpet to be cleaned.

### Friday, Sept. 19

- 11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., MOV Indivisible, social hall (Lori Flis)

### Saturday, Sept. 20

- 10:30 a.m., **Tai Chi reunion**, social hall.

### Sunday, Sept. 21

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary. *Jewish High Holy Days: New Year, New Spirit*, with Deborah Pires, guest speaker via Zoom
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.
- 12:30ish, **Green Sanctuary Committee** meeting, RE parlor.