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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. I Tuesday Closed Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Minister: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We are a Welcoming Congregation, a Green Sanctuary, and a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association: www.uua.org

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FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST **SOCIETY OF MARIETTA**



Open minds, helping hands, and loving hearts



The Reverend Kathryn Hawbaker, Minister



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Are you a newcomer today? Please pick up a nametag at the Welcome Table. You are invited to join us for refreshments and conversation in the Social Hall downstairs after the service.

We welcome all people.

We are guided by this philosophy of inclusion: "In keeping with our Unitarian Universalist principles, we strive to be a congregation that truly welcomes all persons and commit to structuring our congregational life in ways that empower and enhance everyone's participation. We strive to embody what we hope to see in the world, a just and loving humanity. We strive to create: a place where people are free to be themselves, fully and without fear. A community where no one is exiled, silenced or exploited because of age, racial or cultural identity or national origin, gender expression or identity, sexual or affectional orientation, familial structures or relationship status, range of physical and mental ability, education or socioeconomic status, religious background, or political perspective. We welcome all to share in the fellowship, worship, responsibilities, leadership, ministry, blessings and joys of our congregation's life."

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? Our Greeter/Host (or any of our members) will be happy to answer your questions about our congregation and the larger UU world. Pamphlets on Unitarian Universalism are available on the welcome table, along with copies of *The Confuence*, our monthly newsletter. To receive the newsletter by email and to sign up for our emailed Weekly Update, contact fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com. Newcomers, members and friends are invited to participate in all activities and programs. Learn more about us on our website (www.fuusm.org), and find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/FUUSM/) to see postings of interest.

Hearing Assistance Devices and Large Print Orders of Service are available. Please request either from a greeter if you need one.

Children and Parents... Children are always welcome and begin every Sunday morning in the worship service with their families. Unless the service is planned for ALL AGES, children and youth are invited to go to age-appropriate BRIDGES (**B**ringing Religion Into Daily Growth, Experience, and Service) activities after the worship opening. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available for the entire service.

Founded in 1855 LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1998 Certified Green Sanctuary since 2014

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles

that are part of who we are: The inherent worth and dignity of every person; Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; A free and responsible search for truth and meaning; The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large; The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Based on the seven Principles, FUUSM created our own congregational Affirmation: We, the members and friends of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta, Support the free and disciplined search for truth as the center of religious community and encourage an acceptance of pluralistic views; Recognize our Judeo-Christian heritage as well as other traditions, and seek lasting values and new insights; Affirm, defend and promote the equality, worth, and dignity of every person; Strive for a world community of love, justice and peace; Support the democratic process and mutual respect in all human relationships; Cherish the universe and its resources and recognize the unity of all life.

We explore our faith... *in Worship.* We gather in reverence and gratitude for our worship services and strive in these services to create opportunities for inspiration and contemplation, critical reflection, connection and celebration. Our ministers draw from many sources - the wisdom of the world religions, results of science, personal experience of life's mystery, and the words and deeds of those who exemplify compassion, justice, and the transforming power of love - to create a worship service of music, story, poetry, and meditation. We offer other opportunities for Adult Religious Exploration. Look for current offerings in the announcements, the Weekly Update, and the newsletter.

We live justice...We come together every month to prepare and serve a free meal open to all in the community. Our Social Justice groups work with others in the community to support our values.

We are a Green Sanctuary. Our congregation affirms the 7th Principle when we serve fair trade coffee during our social hour, compost food waste, recycle paper products, and reuse this order of service cover. Please help us by placing this cover in the designated bin as you exit.

Interested in becoming a member? We invite you to get to know us by participating at whatever level is right for you. Talk with our Greeter/Host or with Rev. Kat after the service.