

Weekly e-UU Newsletter

Friday July 11, 2025

We acknowledge that our campus is located on traditional, unsurrendered and unceded Algonquin Anishinaabeg Territory; and that the work of reconciliation is a responsibility of our congregation, and of all Canadians.

Sunday, July 13, 2025

[Online](#) and In Person

Starts at 10:30am



The Tarot Cards: Considering Possibilities With Guest Speaker Calogero

There is a belief that the future is fixed and that the Tarot cards can foretell it. Guest speaker Calogero will address this notion of the fixedness of the future and then demystify what a Tarot card reading is by walking through the deck, and laying out the depth of meanings possible.

Sunday Service Announcements

If you would like an announcement made during the livestreamed Sunday Service, please email the Board of Directors at boardannouncements@firstunitarianottawa.ca by Friday at 10am. Do allow for time in case there are questions with regard to the announcement. Also note that announcements may need to be edited for length and that time-sensitive announcements may be prioritized.



Children's Religious Exploration

Here's what our UU Kids will be doing this SUMMER:

Starting July 6, our UU Kids will be meeting downstairs at 10am, every Sunday, for outdoor free play. Please remember to bring a water bottle and sun screen, and to wear weather-appropriate clothes, including a hat.

Caring Contact for July

[Janet Clayton](#) - 613-733-9566

Nonna MacKenzie - 613-596-1054

Caring Cards for June: Meghan D, John E, Ria H, Family of Tudy McLaine, Rev Eric, Elvis N, Landry N, Chuck S, Bill V I, Norma Y and the family of Norma Y.

We are all interconnected, interdependent and minister to each other in many ways. Our monthly Caring Contacts take your phone calls and emails when you wish to alert us to a need or a concern or have a joy to celebrate. We try to ensure no one is forgotten and that appropriate help is provided when requested.

Featured Volunteer Opportunity

Ushers and Greeters Wanted

Do you like running into old friends, and making new ones? We're looking for a few more people to act as Sunday morning greeters and ushers. You would need to be available one Sunday every several weeks, depending on numbers. The only skill needed is a welcoming smile. Childcare is available before the service if you need it.

[Email Barb if you'd like to be involved.](#)

-Chuck Shields, Volunteer Coordinator - volunteers@firstunitarianottawa.ca

Read All About It



Announcing FirstU's Little Free Libraries

Two Little Free Libraries - one for children and one for adults – are now available under the eaves by the bench outside the lower-level church door. Thanks to Andrew Drake, Eva Berringer and Mary Ella Keblusek for making this happen, and to the Ajashki youth for beautifully decorating our libraries! Come pick up some new-to-you books and read them!



Little Free Library Donations

Our Little Free Libraries welcome donations of recent books in good condition (no textbooks or encyclopedias). **Put them in the blue 'Little Free Library Donations' bin** located near the Little Free Libraries. Andrew Drake will manage the Libraries' content to ensure they each contain a diverse variety of books without being over-stuffed.



Fall Fair

Thinking Ahead: Fall Fair 2025 Donations

Many of you may be cleaning out closets and basements this summer, so please keep in mind setting aside items for the 2025 Fall Fair which will be November 15. We've recently updated the list of donated items we can (and cannot) accept, so please [check it out HERE](#).

Fall Fair Needs You!

Fall Fair - our biggest fundraiser, and the most fun event of the year – needs you! If you're new to the congregation, we'd love to have you volunteer either during the week of November 9th or on the big day, Saturday November 15. It's a great way to meet new people and build connections! Interested? [Contact ffvols@firstunitarianottawa.ca](mailto:ffvols@firstunitarianottawa.ca).



Recurring Event Topics and Updates

- * **Evening Reading for Growth** will host a "Bring Your Own Book" gathering on Sunday, July 27, at the home of one of the participants. [Contact Ken](#) for time and address.
- * **After-Service Discussions** will continue meeting on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.
- * The **Wednesday Evening Mindfulness Meditation Group** will continue meeting online, weekly, until **August 6**. Following a five-week break, they'll resume meeting on September 17.
- * [Visit our Make Friends Page](#) for a full list of our recurring events.

Upcoming Events

UU Pride Social Group - Sunday, July 13 - 7:00pm - On Zoom

The [UU Pride Social Group](#) is back! This is a chance to have fun and deepen connections. All 2SLGBTQIA+ folks connected to FirstU are welcome! Email diversity@firstunitarianottawa.ca to get the link.



For weekly, biweekly, and monthly recurring events, visit our Make Friends page:

<https://www.firstunitarianottawa.ca/make-friends.html#recurring>

Visit our calendar for more upcoming events:

<https://www.firstunitarianottawa.ca/calendar.html>

Save the Date

Pride Events at FirstU

Ottawa's Pride festival is coming up in August, and there are a lot of ways you can get involved with FirstU!

- **Sunday August 3**, after the Service: Training for volunteers tabling at the Capital Pride Festival
- **Sunday August 17: Annual Pride Service** followed by a t-shirt decorating and sign making party!
- **Saturday August 23 and Sunday, August 24:** FirstU Table at the Capital Pride festival on Bank street
- **Sunday August 24**, after Sunday service: **Annual Pride Parade** downtown - march or cheer us on!

Watch the eUU for updates! For information, or to volunteer at these events, email diversity@firstunitarianottawa.ca.



News from Our Friends

Unitarian House Accessories and Jewellery Sale - Thursday, July 31 - 11:00am to 4:00pm - 20 Cleary Ave - Cash Only

Drop by Unitarian House's Founder's Room to peruse a wide selection of quality, gently used accessories donated by friends of Unitarian House. All proceeds support the Unitarian House Residents' Association. Unsold items will be distributed among local charities. Soup and sandwiches will be available for purchase at mid-day.



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