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# Michael Servetus Unitarian Society

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## President's Letter

### Proposal to change the number of Board members from 9 to 7

If you attended last year's annual meeting on May 11th, you may remember the proposed change to our bylaws that was introduced to the congregation. If you did not attend, this proposal will be new to you and I want to make you aware of it. The proposal is to change the number of Trustees serving on the Board from 9 to 7.

The major advantage of the change is that it will free up two people to focus on other work necessary to achieve our vision. It is not uncommon for a congregation to have a seven member board.

A disadvantage might be that it would be harder to get all facets of membership represented on the board, however, people often wear more than one hat. It would also not make a significant difference in the number of people required for a meeting quorum. The difference in the number needed for a quorum would be one person less (from 5 currently to 4).

Both the Bylaws Committee and Leadership Development Committee have had input and endorsed the proposal.

In order for this proposal to be implemented, the bylaws need to be amended which requires approval by the congregation. This proposed change to the bylaws will be on the agenda at our annual meeting on May 17, 2017.

I want to bring this question to your attention now so that we can have discussions about it. If you have any questions or comments about this proposal, contact me or another Board member.

Laurie Young, President MSUS Board of Directors

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## Minister's Message

Our worship theme for the month of January is prophecy. One of our sources is Jewish and Christian teachings, yet we rarely speak about the prophets of the Older Testament or the Torah in significant ways. I know that I am more likely to site the source of the words and deeds of prophetic people both past and present. With an open Canon, these prophetic voices are not limited by age, gender, nationality, religious perspective, or vocation. Poets, politicians, educators, family members, philosophers, scientists, children, elders, and social action activist are among the few who comprise a chorus of prophetic voices.



In my Older Testament class at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities we learned that the main characteristics of the ancient prophets were that they were contemporaries who lived among the people, they were called to step forward, to take a risk, and engaged in prophetic truth telling. The prophets of the Torah resisted when they were initially called, they often replied with “why me?” Perhaps, you have felt called in small and big ways in your lifetime. Was there a time when you would have preferred to stay on the sidelines, doubted your own agency, would have preferred not engage and just remain in your own comfort zone? In our social justice oriented faith we are called to make a difference in this world. I know many of you have been instrumental in the creation of beloved community organizations, efforts that impact the environment, and involved in the democratic process. The Social Action Committee is creating a way for you to share what type of work you are doing in this congregation and beyond to support institutions and very real needs in the community. This will roll out sometime in the New Year.

Unitarian Universalist ministers are expected to be involved in social justice work as well. The Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) expects all candidates for ministry to develop competency in the area of Prophetic Outreach. This is described as: Those aspects of ministry that extend the Unitarian Universalist commitment to justice, peace, democratic process, and interdependence beyond the congregational or community-based setting. This work includes: public witness of the personal involvement with regard to community or world issues; social advocacy, the engagement with anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multicultural initiatives; and promotion of institutional inclusivity and commitment to Unitarian Universalist values.

Christmas week, I was called by Ashley Horan, the Executive Director of Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance (MUUSJA). She told me that she and a contact from the Unitarian Universalist Association are arranging support for the Bismarck-Mandan UU Congregation which has been the only church in that community supporting the action at Standing Rock. The congregants and their minister are weary. The previous months have taken a toll on their energy, capacity, and their daily lives in the community. Ashley mentioned that the minister, Karen Van Fossen, asked specifically if I would come for a week and provide support. The past few months I have chosen not to go to Standing Rock when prior clergy calls took place. I knew other clergy from larger churches and congregants with more time to spare were showing up. I felt the need to stay behind and be with all of you.

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## Minister's Message

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This is different. The Bismarck-Mandan congregation were involved with Standing Rock before most of us heard about it and have been a crucial link for people of faith who have been showing up for public witness and with supplies. MUSSJA and the UUA are arranging ministers and the UU Trauma team to spend time there. I see Karen and the Bismarck-Mandan congregation as providing a much needed prophetic voice of the faith community. Although the numbers of people on the Standing Rock land have decreased, the water protectors remain strong. The area is now closed to visitors, although I may be asked to help deliver supplies. I will provide pastoral care for congregants and be a support to Karen in any way I can. I will leave after services on Sunday, January 8 and stay through services on January 15th.

I know that if the time comes when we need to make a personal ask of colleagues they will come to us. It is what we do in this movement and in this faith. I will let you know if there is a need for supplies prior to my departure. I leave with the blessing of Laurie Young, the Board Chair, and hopefully yours as well. Together, we do the hard and holy work of justice making and amplifying the voices of those on the margins.

Blessed be.

Rev. Laura

## January Religious Education

**Jan 1st:** Bartholomew & the Oobleck – Leader & Reader: Katie Johnson

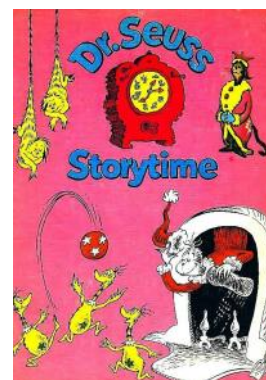
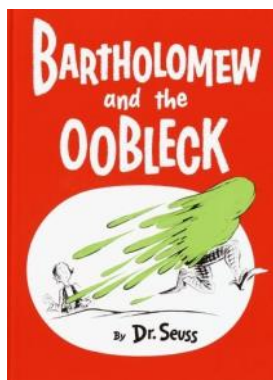
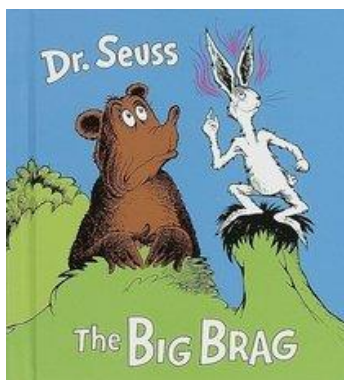
**Jan 8th:** Practice for RE Sunday - Adult volunteer needed

**Jan 15th:** RE Sunday: “Strong Is What We Make Each Other” – Adult volunteers needed

**Jan 22nd:** King Looie Katz – Leader: Deb Schneider, Reader: Needed

**Jan 29th:** The Big Brag – Leader: Katie Johnson, Reader: Needed

Sign up for these, or future, dates online here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eaeae2aabff2-religious>



# Religious Education

As we welcome the beginning of a new year, I am starting to look into some planning for religious education. There will be a meeting in the RE office on Thursday, January 19th, at 7:30 PM for all those interested in sharing ideas about what they would like to see happen in RE during the 2017-18 church year. Some of the topics I'd like to receive parent and congregant feedback on are the following:

- Splitting students into two classrooms & proposed curriculum for each group
- RE get-togethers/activities for children & youth outside of Sunday classes
- Budgeting & supplies
- Volunteer generation, retention, and recognition

As the purpose of this meeting is to produce ideas and provide feedback, attendance and sharing thoughts does not commit you to anything more. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to share your thoughts on any/all of the above topics, please feel free to visit me during my office hours on a Sunday (9 AM – 2 PM) or email me at [dre@msuu.org](mailto:dre@msuu.org).

As there has been a lot of interest expressed by parents to provide OWL for the large group of children we have in the 4th – 6th grade age group, I will be attending training at First Universalist in Minneapolis on January 6th – 8th. Since the church already owns the curriculum and parent guides for this age group, I look forward to doing my best to meet this expressed need next church year if at all possible.

January also brings the first of our RE Sundays for 2017. The service on the 15th is called “Strong Is What We Make Each Other,” and was written by Rev. Erika Hewitt, curator of the UUA’s Worship Web. The main lesson of the service is that living and working together in community is the greatest gift we have. All children and youth are invited to participate, and practice will be held the week before, on January 8th during the regular RE class time.

All children, youth, and adults are also invited to attend January’s Spiritual Practice Saturday on the 28th, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM, which will focus on meditation. Many of us have heard there is a benefit to finding a regular moment of silence in our fast paced world, where we’re constantly battling a deluge of sensory input from all sides. How can we find the space and time to be silent? What are the benefits of doing so? How can you do so with children? Join us for discussion and a little practice!

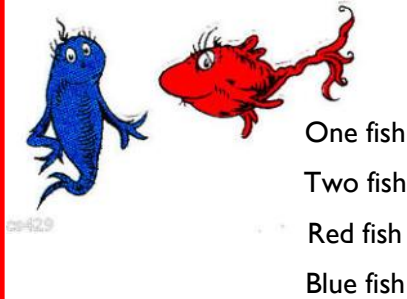
Another date to mark your calendar for is our annual RE “Souper Sunday” fundraiser. We invite you to join us following the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, January 29th, for a hearty lunch of filling soups. All free will donations will go to the youth fund.

Please see Page 3 for the January Religious Education Schedule. If you would like to sign up to help, please use the online sign up located at :

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eaeae2aabff2-religious>



# Service Auction 2017



Dr. Seuss

Hot dish  
Gourmet dish  
Make a dish  
Take a dish

Drive a car  
Walk (not very far)  
Raise the bar  
We're gonna go far!

By Service Auction Co-Chairs

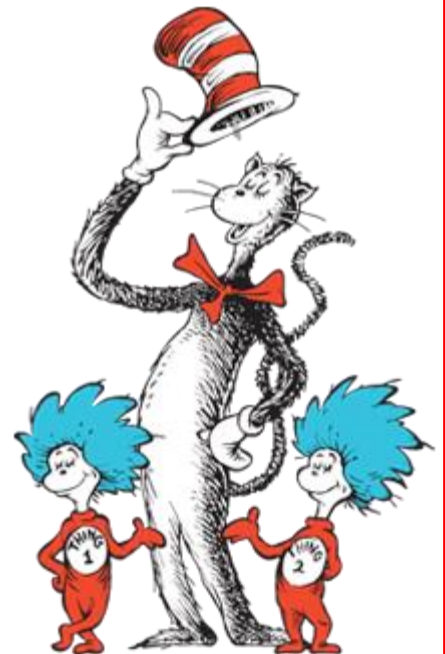
This year's Dr. Seuss-themed fundraising Service Auction is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>. It's not too soon to be thinking about what you can donate. Do you love to plan, cook, and serve meals? Meals are very popular - ethnic, home-cookin', brunches, luncheons. Handyman repair services are always in demand. Rides to the airport, housecleaning, babysitting, gardening, pies, and field trips are some of the items that have been offered in the past.

There are a variety of ways to donate services. Live auction, poster parties (events offered at a fixed price you can sign up for), a silent auction, and buy it now.

We also need volunteers to help make the evening a success. Set up, clean up, decorating, and food service are some of the services needed. Opportunities to sign up will be forthcoming.

One of the best things about the evening is how much fun it is! Lots of laughs, good natured competition, good food, and good times. Childcare provided.

If you have questions or comments, contact Laurie Young or Ben Withhart, this year's co-chairs.





# Inauguration Events

## National Women's March



<https://www.womensmarch.com>

### **Saturday, January 21, 2017, 10 am**

The starting point will be the intersection of Independence Avenue and Third Street SW, near the U.S. Capitol

**Unity Church-Unitarian has rented a bus and still has seats available.** If you are interested, you are encouraged to reserve a space/s **immediately**. Details on cost and hotel space is available at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=76262e>

**All UUs who are going to DC are encouraged to attend one of two planning sessions *Making More of the Women's March on Washington***

- Thursday, Jan. 5, 6-9 p.m. at First Universalist Church, 3400 DuPont Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55408
- Tuesday, January 10, 6-9 p.m. at Unity Church Unitarian, 733 Portland Avenue, St Paul, MN 55104  
Potluck at 6 p.m., meeting from 7-9 p.m.

**WHY:** Spiritual, Intellectual, & Physical Preparation for the Women's March on Washington.

**WHO:** Our hope is that every UU who is planning on going to the Women's March on Washington (or marching in Minnesota) will come to one or both of these pre-training events (Jan. 5 at First Universalist and Jan. 10 at Unity Unitarian) and theological debrief after the march. These pre-training sessions will offer context and breakout sessions on self-defense and de-escalation/interruption. The de-escalation and self-defense classes will prioritize space for the most targeted and vulnerable groups.

**COVENANT  
GROUP**

Covenant Group will meet on Saturday, February 25, 2016 at 8:30 AM. We will not meet on January 28, 2016.

Covenant Group meets at the Perkins Restaurant at University and Osborne Rd in Fridley, MN

We look forward to you joining us!

# Inauguration Events

## Local Women's March



<http://www.womensmarchmn.com/>

### **January 21, 2017, MN State Capitol, St Paul**

Gather at 10 am, March at 11 am, Rally at noon.

We will unite at the State Capitol in St. Paul for the Women's March. We march in solidarity with our sisters in Washington, D.C. We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families — recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.

## Multi-faith Worship Opportunities for Inauguration Weekend

### **Friday, January 20, Shir Tikvah Shabbat Service, 6:30 pm**

1360 West Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55419.

Rabbi Michael Latz invites people of all faith to join their congregation and attend Shabbat Services on the night of the inauguration. They held a vigil after the election and hundreds of people attended.

### **Sunday, January 22, Interfaith Worship Service, Time to be announced**

Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407

A service that will include music and a call to be engaged in the years to come. There will likely be conversation training focused on connecting across differences offered prior to the service. We will keep you posted with updated information.



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**PRESIDENTIAL  
INAUGURATION**

## Social Action Committee

### Take a Single Flame and Pass It On

Coming in January, we'll be asking you to share how you volunteer within and beyond our walls as we commemorate 50 years of MSUS. Watch for a chalice poster that will get filled with flames representing our light in the world. Details will be posted soon!

### Join Us for a Day of Service

The MSUS Social Action Committee is planning a Day of Service on Saturday, March 11, 2017. We are putting together a number of opportunities for MSUS members and friends of all ages to give back to the community beyond our walls. The Day of Service will include service projects both at MSUS and offsite at partner charities around the Fridley community. Projects will include:

- Hope 4 Youth
- Bridgeview
- Alexandra House
- Homeless Care Packages
- Butterfly Puddling Pools
- Filling up Little Free Libraries

Please be sure to mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, March 11.

### Special Collections

For December's Special Collection, MSUS donated \$610 to replenish the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This is a fund that Rev. Laura can use as needed to help members of our congregation in times of crisis. Thanks to you all for your generous donations.

The Social Action Committee also used leftover funds from November's Special Collection to provide 10 Christmas meals to Fridley families in need, via the Fridley school district.

Our January Special Collection will go to continue our church's support of Meals on Wheels in Fridley and the surrounding suburbs. A dedicated team of MSUS members led by Merle DeNuccio regularly delivers meals to our neighbors in need. Let Merle know if you are able to participate.





## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA

*Sunday morning music has always been a large part of the Michael Servetus Unitarian Society experience.*

*Do you know how many hymnals (versions) has MSUS had?*

*BONUS QUESTION! What color are the hymnals? And where did they come from?*

*ANOTHER BONUS QUESTION! What special needs hymnals are available?*



Answers Appear on Page 6

## Story Tellers in Services

Rev. Laura is looking for people who are interested in telling the Story for All Ages in services. Story tellers will sign up for times they are available and will be supported and trained by Rev. Laura using a resource from a local Unitarian Universalist story teller. We have committed to keeping stories at a five minute length or less. If you are feeling creative and want a fun way to share important messages to children, youth, and adults please contact Rev. Laura at [revlaura@msuu.org](mailto:revlaura@msuu.org) or 763-710-0435. We will plan a training time that works for those who are interested.



## Third Thursdays: A daytime group for 60+

January 19, 2017 - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Join a daytime group of congregants for a one hour program and discussion followed by a simple lunch. Rev Laura will lead these monthly gatherings for those over the age of 60 that may find attending evening meetings challenging. The topic will vary month to month and the format includes small group conversation.

We will be meeting in the social hall. Please consider signing up to bring something in the social hall.



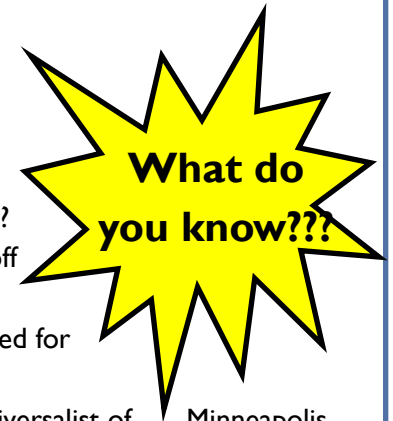
## 50th Anniversary Trivia Answers!!

### TRIVIA QUESTION!! ANSWERS

How many hymnals (versions) has MSUS had? Answer: 5

BONUS QUESTION! What color are the hymnals? And where did they come from?

- 1) Tan - Songs of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis Minnesota castoff from FUS.
- 2) Green - Songs of Faith in Man, second edition published in 1969, purchased for \$2 each in 1974 from a California Unitarian church.
- 3) Blue - Hymns for the Celebration of Life acquired from the Unitarian Universalist of Minneapolis.
- 4) Gray - Singing the Living Tradition our current gray hymnal originally purchased with Memorial funds in 1993 when it was first published by Beacon Press.
- 5) Teal - Singing the Journey our current teal book, acquired in 2005.



ANOTHER BONUS QUESTION! What special needs hymnals are available? Braille and Large Print located in the lobby or the music files.

## Sunday Night Book Club

On January 8th, Doug Root and Michele Wallace will host the book club meeting at their home. **Founding Brothers** by Joseph J. Ellis will be discussed along with other topics of interest. Marty Reckdahl will lead the discussion.

### About the Book

In this landmark work of history, the National Book Award—winning author of *American Sphinx* explores how a group of greatly gifted but deeply flawed individuals—Hamilton, Burr, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Adams, and Madison—confronted the overwhelming challenges before them to set the course for our nation. The United States was more a fragile hope than a reality in 1790. During the decade that followed, the Founding Fathers—re-examined here as Founding Brothers—combined the ideals of the Declaration of Independence with the content of the Constitution to create the practical workings of our government. Through an analysis of six fascinating episodes—Hamilton and Burr’s deadly duel, Washington’s precedent-setting Farewell Address, Adams’ administration and political partnership with his wife, the debate about where to place the capital, Franklin’s attempt to force Congress to confront the issue of slavery and Madison’s attempts to block him, and Jefferson and Adams’ famous correspondence—*Founding Brothers* brings to life the vital issues and personalities from the most important decade in our nation’s history.

### About the Author

Joseph J. Ellis is Ford Foundation Professor of History at Mount Holyoke and author of the National Book Award-winning *American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Founding Brothers*, and *The Passionate Sage* (Norton).

## MSUS Women's Book Group

The MSUS Women's Book Group is a gathering of female MSUS members and friends who meet the first Saturday of each month to discuss women-authored books. The group alternates between fiction and non fiction works recommended by one or more of the members. **Contact Lois Burnett to be added to the email list.** Meetings are 9:00 AM in the Club Room at 20 Windsor Lane.

### JANUARY MEETING: January 7, 2017

- Non Fiction - *Light of the World*, by Elizabeth Alexander
- Treats will be provided by: Marie Phillips

### FEBRUARY MEETING: February 4, 2017

- Fiction - *The Signature of All Things*, by Elizabeth Gilbert
- Treats will be provided by: Kathy Forbes and Melissa Winn



## Service Leader Training



We are hosting a Service Leader Training on Sunday, February 5 from 12:30-2:00 pm. We will be discussing the current role of Service Leaders, ask for your feedback on the role, and sharing plans for next year. Our plan is to enhance the role of the Service Leaders and creating a Worship Associate program for next fall. Worship Associates meet with the minister several weeks prior to the service, contribute readings and thoughts on the theme, and often speak their own words from the pulpit during a Call to Worship. This is a powerful way to bring the voice of congregants into the services. Anyone who has been a Service Leader or is interested in becoming a Service Leader is welcome to attend. Ideally, we will have a mix of ages, time in the congregation, gender, etc. RSVP in the Social Hall.

# January Calendar Events

The monthly calendar is located on the MSUS webpage. The calendar changes daily as committees, music and interest groups schedule meetings and the normal course of church business occurs.

To obtain the most up-to-date information on what is happening at the church, please click on this [MSUS church calendar](http://www.msus.org/services-events-calendar) link or go to <http://www.msus.org/services-events-calendar>.

## January Dates of Interest:

### Music Rehearsals:

Tuesday, String Band 7:30 PM  
 Wednesday, Choir 7:30 PM  
 Thursday, Chalice Singers 7:30 PM  
 Sunday, Band Practice 8:30 AM  
 (January 1, 15 and 29)  
 Sunday, Delphi Jazz 3:00 PM

**PLEASE NOTE:** Rehearsals may change at the discretion of the Director. Please contact Bruce for updated information.

### Building Use

Community Use, Tax Class  
 Jan. 2—7, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Jan. 9—14, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Jan. 16—17, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Jan. 21, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Jan. 24—27, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Jan. 30—31, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Member Rental, Sundays, Noon - 3:00 PM  
 Outside Rental, Jan. 5 & 6,  
 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
 Outside Rental, Jan. 7, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
 Outside Rental, Jan. 28, Noon—Midnight

Newsletter Deadline, Jan. 18, Noon

### Member Opportunities:

Spiritual Saturday, Jan. 28, 10:00 AM  
 Third Thursday, Jan. 19, 11:00 AM  
 RE Souper Sunday, Jan. 29, 11:30 AM

### Offsite MSUS Events:

Covenant Group, Jan. 7, 8:30 AM  
 Women's Book Group, Jan. 7, 9:00 AM  
 Sun. Night Book Group, Jan. 8, 7:15 PM  
 Committee on Ministry, Jan. 15, 7:30 PM

### Regular Meetings:

Green Sanctuary, Jan. 3, 7:00 PM  
 Social Action, Jan. 8, Noon - 1:30 PM  
 Restructuring Task Force, Jan. 10 & 26,  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
 Mom's Group, Jan. 8, Noon  
 Worship Committee, Jan. 12, 6:30 PM  
 L&F Meeting, Jan. 16, 7:30 PM  
 Music Committee, Jan. 19,  
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
 Committee on Religious Education (CORE)  
 Jan. 19, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
 Board of Trustees, Jan. 24, 7:00 PM



# January 2017 Services

## January Theme: Prophecy

### January 1, 2017

Speaker: Kendra Riemermann  
Service Leader: Marie Phillips

Special Music: Ali Champion-Anderson & Isabella Saldana-Haworth  
Cello & French horn duet  
Hospitality: Carlotta Stomberg's Team

### I Can't Do This....Yet

At the start of a new year, many people take advantage of this opportunity to make changes in their lives. But in a week or a month, the reality of life's challenges can start to feel overwhelming. Growth mindset is a way of thinking about our intelligence and abilities that helps us to understand that we can accomplish much more than we may realize. We just need to remember the power in the word "yet".

### January 8, 2016

Speaker: Rev. Laura Smidzik  
Service Leader: Leslie Vissage

### Prophets of Old and Prophets Today

Special Music: MSUS Choir  
Hospitality: Beth Strootman's Team

As Unitarian Universalists, we live out our Principles within a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves, are two of our sources. The Torah, or Older Testament, includes the story of Moses and other significant prophets. What was the role of the prophets? What messages did they deliver? Do we see contemporary prophets among us now?

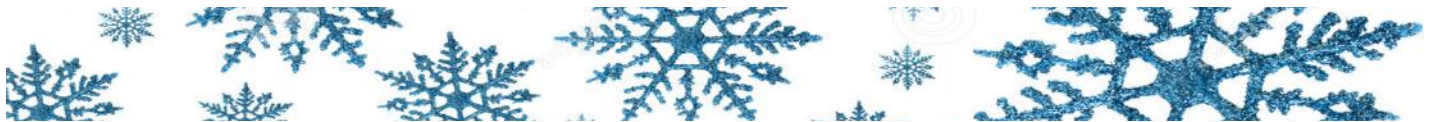
### January 15, 2016

Speaker: RE Children & Youth  
Service Leader: Anna Paquette

### Strong Is What We Make Each Other

Special Music: RE Children  
Hospitality: Laurie Young's Team

During this RE Sunday service, we will hear how Monkey and Hare develop a disagreement by blustering through a misunderstanding instead of sharing what is in their hearts. Hare offers Monkey a challenge, and is then stumped as to how to win it. Throughout the story, the congregation will sing, drum, and watch how Monkey and Hare compete to build the best hut. Through their conflict, we will see that living and working together in community is the greatest gift we have to give and receive.





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Submissions for the Newsletter need to be emailed to [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org). Deadline for February Newsletter is noon, January 18, 2017.

Announcements for Order of Service: need to be emailed to [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org) no later than Thursday evening; if a late breaking event causes you to miss the deadline, hand your legibly written announcement to the Service Leader no later than 10:15am.

MSUS is a vital and vibrant congregation where religious liberals of different religious, political and social beliefs can join in loving community to explore religious and ethical questions and serve the community beyond our walls.

### The mission of Michael Servetus Unitarian Society is to:

Promote Unitarian Universalist traditions of liberty and respect, justice and compassion, and the use of reason; empower our members in their search for meaning by fostering intellectual and spiritual growth; support our members in living ethical lives based on integrity and service; celebrate together and minister to one another in good times and bad; and work, as individuals and as a congregation, to improve the larger community and our natural environment

<b>2016—2017</b> <b>Board of Trustees</b>	President: Laures Young	Trustees: Christopher Greene
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		Santhi Muniandy
		Lynne Schuman
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Rev. Laura Smidzik [RevLaura@msuu.org](mailto:RevLaura@msuu.org)  
Office hours are flexible to meet the needs of the community.  
Please call or email 763-710-0435 to schedule an appointment.



#### Office Administrator / Bookkeeper:

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Office hours are most Weds 12 - 4 pm, Fri from 8 -11 am and Sun. from 8:30 - noon. If assistance is needed outside these hours, please email [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org). In emergencies, please call 763-334-3212 and immediate services will be provided.

#### Acting Director of Religious Education:

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#### Music Director:

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Please contact Bruce by email.

# January 2017 Services

## January 22, 2017

Speaker: Rev. Laura Smidzik  
Service Leader: Kathy Burek

## Gibran's Classic: The Prophet

Marty Phillips - vocal/guitar  
Hospitality: Marilyn Westman's Team

The classic book, The Prophet, written by Kahlil Gibran in 1923, has stood the test of time and been translated into more than 50 languages. We will explore the wisdom of Gibran's words and how they resonate in our current context.

## January 29, 2016

Speaker: Rev. Laura Smidzik  
Service Leader: Brock Ray

## What is our Prophetic Imperative?

Special Music: David Lauth - vocal  
Hospitality: Marie Phillips' Team

Our faith provides a prophetic imperative for us to engage in the work of social justice. How do we live into that call?