

Church Council First Unitarian Church

February 23, 2026

Notes Respectfully Submitted: Grace Munie

Present: Cathy Rauch Chairperson, Erin Milligan, Kathy Wilke, Kathy Wire, Fran Hoffmann, Rev. Sabrina Trupia, Tom Finan, Grace Munie

Absent: None

Check-In: All

Opening Words: Kathy Wire

Report from the board-Kathy Wilke

Canvas Update: Request to bring baked goods to Canvas Breakfast (Sunday by 9:30AM)
Emily Jaycox Chair/No CoChair Identified Yet

Field of Dreams fundraiser Very successful.

Interfaith Wash U: Students and Clergy discussion including Rev Kim.

Interfaith Council: Unitarian Minister Board Position Rotation of Area UU Ministers.

Update of ICE Policy: Sidney Watson Heading effort; March 8 will be member discussion after service.

Board Goals: March Discussion; April Select Goals for (2026-2027 church year)

Report from the Cluster Chairs

Stewardship Cluster Kathy Wire

Building Fundraiser Very Successful; Compliments for the Diversity of Activities and Food; Children in side room during event worked well.

Frequently asked Question brochure helped facilitate discussions.

Canvas

Kathy Wire will draft a FAQ Canvas brochure to be used to complement campaign

Emily Jaycox is Chair of Canvas (No co-chair has stepped up to date)

March 1 Canvas Kickoff Breakfast (Council asked to contribute breakfast items)

April 1 Draft Budget (Rev Sabrina salary will most likely come from Endowment this year)

Facilities Cluster Tom Finan

Furnaces (3) in RE building replacement is being discussed as most feasible solution rather than one furnace now and 2 more later.

CO2 meters replace, boiler inspections (get on schedule)

Library: Volunteers Painting, Ikea shelves

Back Hall: Painted

Maintenance List to Prioritize improvements and list of routine maintenance recommended schedule so nothing is missed

Growth and Engagement Cluster Erin Milligan

Makers Ministry 7-8 persons attending meetings

Wrapped in Love: 106 scarves handed out within one week

Making an afghan for O'Brien Family

Assisting with RE Quilt Project for O'Brien Family

Membership Committee Notecards (share with greeters, ushers, pews), UU101, Newcomer Chats

Signage to date acknowledged, Elevator Signage needed, Accessibility needs to make facility welcoming for all being explored.

Young Adults Mocktails (February, March Rev Kim and Rev Sabrina)

Outreach and Social Action Cluster Fran Hoffmann

April Call for next year's designated collections will go out

April 19 First Church Community Fund Bake sale

Social Justice:

Bridging social Justice MLK Vigil <ministers and members>

Weekly Vigil Kingshighway Tuesdays 4-5PM

No Kings Day March 28

Millcreek Exhibit tour at Missouri History Museum March 5

Tabernacle CDC:

Two volunteers are reviewing scholarship applications

Volunteers helping with Food Pantry

Attainable Housing Forum March 25 at First Unitarian Church

Construction Forum Hosting; Developers and Contractors Attending (100 RSVP to Date)

Members welcome and encouraged to attend (contact Tom Finan for additional info)

Programing Cluster Grace Munie

Worship Committee

Worship Workshop held half day workshop facilitated exercise by Rev Kim

Messaging how and how not to communicate with people

What can be done better in the future; new ideas to try

Upcoming April Workshop (2 day) for Summer Service Leaders

Religious Education Committee and Rev Sabrina

Diaper Drive for SouthSide Early Childhood Center (month of February)

Unfish Fry February 27 (15th Year)

Valentines Party

More kids have been attending Nursery, Teens, and K-8 bring sleepover friends

Gardening as spring approaches

Next Year: Looking at ideas to reach out into Neighborhood.

Family Activities

Parents Meeting Planned for discussion:

Alternate times for meeting

Other activities that families want

Positive comments made about watching the VLOG Conversation between Ministers.

Question regarding the number of views (Mo can monitor number distinct views)

Closing Words Kathy Wire

