First Unitarian-Universalist Church
February 4, 2018
“Roots and Wings”
Guest UU Minister

First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together* #1020 Woyaya
#153 Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

WELCOME Worship Leader, Sharon Mills

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #209 O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response #123 Spirit of Life (please sing along)
Message

RETURNING
Offering
New Member Signing
Closing Hymn* #290 Bring, O Past Your Honor
Recessional

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
FLOWER DONATIONS: Lencha Acker donated today’s flowers.

COFFEE HOUR: Today we’ll enjoy coffee, cookies, and conversation in the Social Hall. Please join us.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a “Visitors’ Table” and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour. The “Visitors’ Table” welcomes anyone who would like to know more about our church and our congregation. Please stop by. We’d like to get to know you better!

DETROIT REP OUTING: I have 19 tickets to the Detroit Rep play, Dolphin Island, a comedy about two displaced souls intertwined. The tickets will be for the 3:00PM matinee, Saturday, March 3. You’re also invited to join us for dinner afterward at Shangri La, across from UU church. Tickets are $15, with the church receiving $5 for every ticket sold. I will have tickets at coffee hour or call me, Margaret Beck at 313 882 7775 or email me at margaretbeck@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE! Former UU Detroiter Julie Brock will be ordained in our sanctuary on Sunday, April 22 @3:30 PM, followed by a catered reception.

VESPER LOCATION CHANGE: On Wednesday, February 28th, at 6:00PM, vespers will be held at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. Dr. Gloria House, also known by her African pen name Aneb Kgositsil, will read from her fourth poetry collection, Medicine: New and Selected Poems. She is a Detroit poet, human-rights activist, and educator. Anita Ruby Jones will read poems accompanied by musical selections. Please contact Dan Secrest at danielsecrest@gmail.com, or 313-580-7082, with any questions.

INTERACTIVE MEETING: On February 11 at 12:30 PM, you are invited to an interactive meeting with members of the UU Detroit Board of Trustees and Rev. Murray, to take place during the potluck after the service in the Social Hall. Bring your questions!

POTLUCK SUNDAY: Next Sunday, February 11, is Potluck Sunday. Bring your favorite dish to share (and label for allergies)!

TODAY, 2/4 11:00AM – Roots and Wings
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Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith, not a creedal one. We will explore the origins of our covenantal faith and how we might live into the promises we make to one another today.

2/11 11:00AM – The Legacy of Howard Thurman
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
During our recognition of Black History month, an important legacy to consider is that of Howard Thurman, former Dean of the Chapel at both Boston University and Howard University, and founding co-pastor of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, the first intentionally inter-racial church in the United States.

2/18 11:00AM – Mass Incarceration for Profit
Abayomi Azikiwe
There has always been a monetary basis underlying the character of correctional institutions in the United States. From slavery, reconstruction, post-reconstruction to the privatization of prisons, the criminalization of African Americans and other oppressed peoples is clearly linked to the maintenance of the social status quo. Movements for social justice in 21st century America must embrace the struggle to reform law-enforcement, the courts, and prisons by uprooting the racial and class character of the criminal justice hierarchy. Abayomi Azikiwe is the editor of the Pan-African News Wire and a co-founder of several Detroit-area organizations: The Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality, the Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice, the Moratorium NOW! Coalition to Stop Foreclosures, Evictions, and Utility Shut-offs.

2/25 11:00AM – The Womanist Movement
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
On this weekend that marks a transition from Black History Month to Women’s History Month, I think it is important to mark the rise of the womanist movement, which differentiates the priorities of black women from those of the feminist movement, which tends to focus on the issues of white women.