

Announcements and Events — November 12, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Jody Wise donates today's flowers "just because!"

POT LUCK SUNDAY TODAY: Today we'll enjoy our monthly pot luck 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!

BOOK SIGNING SERVICE: Are you interested in becoming a member of UU Detroit? Have you loved us for a long time but not yet made the commitment? Or are you new to us, but know you're ready to take the plunge? Either way, we'd love to have you! If you're interested in becoming a member, please talk to Dessa Cosma, the Membership Committee Chair. We will be inviting new members to sign the book during the service on Sunday, Nov. 19th.

SINGING OPPORTUNITY: Anyone interested in singing is welcome to join us. Regular rehearsals are in the Church Sanctuary at 9:00-10:30, typically on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month. The choir performs music to complement the diverse services at 1st UU church, while dabbling in music theory, vocal technique, and clapping. For more information, feel free to contact your music director,

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, November 19, 2017, 12:30 PM, in the Social Hall, for a vote by the congregation to co-sponsor, with Community Unitarian Universalists of Brighton, the ordination of former UU Detroitier Julie Brock. See the November 2017 church newsletter for details.

DETROIT REPERTORY OUTING: I have 13 tickets for the Detroit Repertory Theater play, *Swimming Upstream*, a comedy about Jennifer, a marine biologist, spawning salmon, climate change, and love and a feisty widowed mother with an active libido who repeatedly quotes Ronald Reagan. The tickets will be for a matinee at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 25, 2017. Anyone who likes may join us for dinner at the Traffic Jam afterwards. The tickets are \$20 each, and the church will receive \$5 for every ticket sold. I will have the tickets at coffee hour, or you can call or

email Margaret Beck at 313 882 7775 or margretbeck@comcast.net. **I hope you can join us.**

NOVEMBER VESPERS: Due to the timing of the Thanksgiving holiday this November, we are rescheduling our Vespers poetry reading to the **5th Wednesday (November 29)**.

ESCALATING INEQUALITY TASK FORCE: The Escalating Inequality Task Force, a coalition of UU congregations, including UU Detroit, is hosting "67 Detroit: The Myth of the Model City" and "'67 Rebellion: A Memory Play." This will be a multimedia exploration of the events leading up to and through the 1967 Detroit uprising. It will be on Thursday, November 30, 2017, starting at 6:30 PM, at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, [23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, Michigan](#). Tickets are \$10 (Regular), \$25 (Sponsor), \$5 (Students) and may be purchased online via Eventbrite at [tinyurl.com/67Detroit](#) or during coffee hour. Please see Sharon Mills or Mary Lou Malone at the Ticket Table for additional information or a registration form.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 11/12: 11:00AM – Race in America

Reverend Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

A month ago, Stephen Henderson came to our church and delivered an important message about race in America. Following the service, eight members of our church asked me to do a sermon in response to Henderson. This is my response.

11/19: 11:00AM - How We Die

Reverend Ken Phifer, Guest Minister

The two most important themes human beings must deal with are Life and Death. Mostly we prefer, understandably, to deal with the former and avoid the latter until we are confronted with our own mortality or that of someone we care for. But in so many ways, the discussion of death and of how we die is as important as any topic of life itself. In this new age of remarkable medical technologies and pharmaceutical wonders, it matters greatly that we think about death and dying and how we want to confront these inevitable matters. My sermon will deal with some of these issues, based on more than 45 years of pastoral experience and 79 years of just living!

Ken Phifer was for 25 years the senior minister of the Ann Arbor UU Congregation.