

Today's Music

Today we welcome back our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone.

Prelude:	<i>Over the River and Through the Woods</i> Traditional
Musical Meditation:	<i>In the Key of Gratitude</i> Hannah Waterstone
Offertory:	<i>Come Ye Thankful People, Come</i> George Elvey
Recessional:	<i>Sleigh Ride</i> Leroy Andersen

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator
Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

Today's Ushers: Jerry Williams Anita Jones
Today's Greeters: Sherry A Wells Deanna McGraw
Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the **Greeters** in the back of the church.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

November 29, 2015

"Thankings and Beginnings"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate
Kindness ~ Love
Courageously*

**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 #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
#355 *We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks*
#365 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

WELCOME – Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #349 *We Gather Together*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #224 *Let Christmas Come*
Benediction

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – November 29, 2015

Book Sale

Several different UU-related books will be available for sale after church for the immediate future. Books are \$5 or a donation, and funds will go to the Centennial Fund. Contact Nancy Owen Nelson with questions at nelnan@aol.com

December Vespers Cancelled

Considering everybody's busy holiday schedules (including the "Vesperator's") we've decided to skip this month. We'll start the New Year on the 4th Wednesday in January. Look for details soon. Al Acker

Membership Committee Meeting

December 2nd, 6:00 pm, there will be a Membership Committee Meeting at the Church. The specific place in the Church will be determined on the date of the meeting.

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, **12/13/15**, at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary, to vote on a slate to fill a Settled Minister Search Committee. An update to the budget will be presented at the meeting as well as the roll-out of the 2016 Strategic Plan. No vote is required on either the budget or the plan.

Membership Book Signing

The next Membership Book signing will be Sunday, **December 13th**, at the end of the Service, for all new and returning members of First UU. Potential members do not have to attend the "Intro to First UU" session to become members. Please contact Regina Weiss to ensure the Membership Committee has the correct personal information.

Membership Committee Announcements

January 2016-The Membership Committee will be kicking-off the "100-4-100" Campaign. More details to follow.

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EMEAC's Winter Blast Fundraiser

Please consider contributing to EMEAC's "Winter Blast Fundraiser" to support building operations this winter. The fundraiser will run through **January 31, 2016**: 100 Days – \$100 Dollars – 100 Donors. All donations are tax deductible. Donate your \$100 online at www.emeac.org or send donations to EMEAC, 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Sunday Sermons and Activities

- 12/6 11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "Entering Hannukah"
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Our Jewish friends are about to enter one of the most popular, if least important, of the Jewish holidays: Hannukah. What is this holiday, and how has it come to take on such prominence when it is, in fact, a minor holiday. What might message of Hannukah mean for those who appreciate the wisdom of Judaism from outside of its traditions?

Intro to First UU

Learn how to become a member of First Church, by attending the Intro to First UU session Sunday, **December 6th**, in the Church House. All those who are interested in finding out more information about Unitarian-Universalism are encouraged to attend.